



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The Zimbabwe Olympic Committee is proud to announce following board appointment by co-option by the ZOC President Mr. Thabani Gonye. This is in accordance with ARTICLE 18.3 of the ZOC CONSTITUTION “The Executive Board may co-opt additional members to address anomalies in representation including skills deficiency or representation of the gender lesser in number on the Executive Board or if the number of elected representatives of Olympic Sports NFs is not sufficient to ensure that they constitute a voting majority of the members of the Executive Board”.

This is in recognition and acknowledgement of the competencies and experience of the board member in their respective fields.

#### **Ms ABIGAIL MNIKWA – Chair Medical, Sports Science and Protection of Clean Athletes Commission**

- Abigail is a holder of BSc Hons Physiotherapy (UZ) and World Rugby Medical Trainer (London, 2018), Diploma in Physiotherapy, World Rugby Medical Educator, Advanced Immediate Care in Rugby (Dublin, 2013). She also completed her Advanced Sports Management Course (ASMC) in 2010 with the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee.
- Abigail a Board member of Zimbabwe Rugby Union is the current Zimbabwe Women’s Rugby Committee Chairperson. She is also in the leadership Training & Conferences Committee member. This is a sub-committee of the Women's Rugby Advisory Council for Rugby Africa. She is an accredited World Rugby Medical Trainer. Her duties in this role include facilitating First Aid in Rugby and Immediate Care in Rugby Level 2 programmes in Zimbabwe and Anglophone Africa and also train medical educators on behalf of World rugby. Abigail is the Vice Secretary Health Copin Trust, a non-profit organisation striving to empower women, youths in underserved communities.
- She has been an integral Member of the Zimbabwe Olympic Committee Medical Commission since 2017. She has served her country at the Youth Olympic Games, Zone VI Youth Games, Rugby and Cricket. Her most recent assignment was as Team Zimbabwe Physiotherapist and Covid Liaison Office at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- Her appointment brings the number of women on the ZOC Board to 6.

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