



# Podium Post

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## TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE'S CHARITABLE GOLF DAY

Amidst the lush greens of Borrowdale Brooke, Triathlon Zimbabwe hosted a delightful fundraising golf day on February 9th. In a gesture of camaraderie, they graciously invited ZOC as a valued stakeholder to showcase our branding at this event. !

## BONAQUA AFRICA CUP MEDIA LAUNCH

In a grand affair preceding the Africa Cup in Troutbeck, Triathlon Zimbabwe hosted media launch. graced by the esteemed presence of President Thabani Gonye, who delivered an inspiring speech. Notably, the honorable Kirsty Coventry, a beacon of sports excellence, also graced the occasion with her presence.





## **STEVE COX SHINES BRIGHT: A GOLD MEDAL JOURNEY TO THE OLYMPICS**

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We're thrilled to announce that our Olympic-bound athlete, Steve Cox, is excelling in his preparations for the upcoming Games. Steve has been dominating in Australia, securing gold medals in both the elite quad and elite open single events at the Sydney Rowing Club. His outstanding performance reflects the success of his training camps.

## **ISAAC MPOFU: RACING TO GLORY FROM KAZUNGULA TO GHANA**

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We are thrilled to share the success story of Isaac Mpofo, who recently clinched victory at the Kazungula Marathon with a remarkable time of 2 hours and 14 minutes, supported by Nedbank Zimbabwe. Isaac's next challenge awaits at the African Games in Ghana on March 22nd, where he aims to continue his winning streak. His dedication and focus during training have positioned him as a strong contender on the track, inspiring athletes and spectators alike. We look forward to cheering him on as he continues to strive for excellence and pursue his Olympic dreams.





## SHAPING THE FUTURE: HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SPORTS GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

ZOC hosted a successful Sports Governance Workshop at Cresta Oasis Hotel. With 30 key sports officials, we covered constitutional principles and discussed the upcoming 2025 Zimbabwe Olympic Committee Board Election. The event was a hub of insightful discussions and collaborative learning.

## FUELING THE FUTURE: ASMC INTAKE 18 IGNITES SPORTS LEADERSHIP IN ZIMBABWE

Our diverse group of 23 students from various sport codes began their journey in the Advanced Sports Management Course - Intake 18 on the 17th of February. Proud to contribute to advancing the sports industry in Zimbabwe, we look forward to nurturing these future sports leaders.



## ZOC BACKS U14 TENNIS TEAM AT JUNIOR CHAMPS

CEO attended a press conference to support the U14 tennis team representing Zimbabwe at the Junior Championships in Togo. ZOC sponsored airfares for 7 athletes and their coach. This gesture showcases ZOC's commitment to nurturing talent and supporting young athletes to shine on the global stage.



## SPEED STARS SHINE: ZOC WATCHES THRILLING INTER SCHOOLS SPRINTS CHALLENGE

The Inter Schools Sprint Challenge at Prince Edward School showcased record-breaking sprints and fierce competition. Chisipite Senior School triumphed in the girls' division, while hosts Prince Edward secured victory in the boys' category. A team from ZOC attended, showing support for the young athletes and applauding their dedication and competitive spirit. The event highlighted the bright future of track and field in Zimbabwe, inspiring all with the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.



## TEAM ZIMBABWE EYES OLYMPIC EXPANSION AFTER AFRICAN GAMES

Team Zimbabwe is gearing up for the African Games in Accra, Ghana, from March 8 to 22. Out of the 10 sports codes, 6 are Olympic qualifiers: athletics, cycling, swimming, triathlon, tennis, and judo. In athletics, all athletes are close to qualification times. Benjamin Lock is the highest-ranked male tennis player at the ATP. In judo, Christi-Rose is ranked in the top 10 in Africa. All swimmers are close to Olympic qualifying standards. In triathlon, Kuipers is ranked 4th in Africa in the Elite Category, and in cycling, Skye Davidson is ranked 12th in Africa in road race. The CEO and President were invited by ANOCA to attend the games in support. Zimbabwe aims for success and Olympic qualification, with hopes of returning with a larger team for the Paris 2024.