

Eight preparing for indoors event



Recent achievements on the indoor athletics tracks in Europe by powerhouse speedster from Tuks, Emile Erasmus, gave him a place in ASA's national Preparation Squad for the 2018 IAAF World Indoor Championships. Photo: Roger Sedres

Four local athletes from Pretoria were included in the national Preparation Squad.

Long jump world champion, Luvo Manyonga, spearheads an eight-member national Preparation Squad announced by Athletics South Africa for the 2018 IAAF World Indoor Championships.

Manyonga, who was named Sports Star of the Year at last week's SA Sports Awards, leads a powerful men's Long Jump trio which also includes World Championships bronze medallist Ruswahl Samaai and former African champion Zarek Visser.

Former national 100m record holder Henricho Bruintjies, meanwhile, carries a strong sprint contingent which also features powerhouse speedster Emile Erasmus and joint SA women's 100m record holder Carina Horn.

The other members of the preparation squad are Shot Put giant, Orazio Cremona and US-based distance runner, Dominique Scott-Efurd.

"Well done to all athletes who have been named in the preparation squad, but the door is not closed yet for other athletes," said ASA president Aleck Skhosana.

"We are expecting to send a strong team to the IAAF World Indoor Championships, which will offer another opportunity for our nation's top athletes to prepare for the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia in August."

The 17th edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships will be held in Birmingham, England in the first week of March 2018.



Speedster Emile Erasmus is also part of ASA's national Preparation Squad for the 2018 IAAF World Indoor Championships.

