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SASCOC GRIEVES DEATH OF NICO COETZEE

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) deeply mourns the sad and sudden loss of the head coach of the South African Wrestling Federation, Mr Nico Coetzee, who died of a heart attack on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

Fifty-six-year-old Nico Coetzee worked as the South African Junior National Coach from 2006 and the Senior National Coach from 2009. His athletes medalled numerous times at the Commonwealth Games, All African Games, African Championships and other international competitions.

SASCOC CEO Mr Ravi Govender conveyed his condolences on behalf of SASCOC, "We are deeply saddened by the death of a great sports administrator who contributed immensely to Wrestling and nurturing its athletes in South Africa. We are in no doubt that the legacy he leaves behind will be carried forward in similar fashion and that the country's youth are able to use his legacy as inspiration."

"May Nico's soul rest in peace and our thoughts are with his family during these extremely sad times," added Mr Govender.

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