

Media Statement  
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## PREMIER RAMATHUBA WISHES LIMPOPO ATHLETES WELL AHEAD OF THE 2026 COMRADES MARATHON

Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, has extended her best wishes to the 865 athletes from across the province who will participate in the 2026 Comrades Marathon taking place on Sunday, 14 June 2026.

The world-renowned ultramarathon will see thousands of runners take on the approximately 87-kilometre “Up Run” from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu-Natal. Limpopo will be proudly represented by athletes drawn from 60 running clubs out of over 100 across the province, reflecting the growing culture of road running and endurance sport in the province.

Among the clubs with strong representation are Polokwane Athletic Club, Pietersburg Road Runners, SAPS Limpopo, the University of Limpopo Athletics Club and Tzaneen Marathon Club, all of which have consistently contributed to the development of long-distance running and the promotion of healthy lifestyles in communities throughout Limpopo.

Premier Ramathuba paid special tribute to 84-year-old veteran runner, Johannes Mosehla of the Polokwane Athletic Club, who will once again line up at the starting point with the aim of breaking his own record as the oldest finisher in the history of the Comrades Marathon saying that he embodies the spirit of determination, resilience and excellence that defines the people of Limpopo.

“We stand firmly behind our athletes as they prepare to conquer one of the most demanding and prestigious ultramarathons in the world. We wish them strength, endurance and success. Their participation is a testament to the discipline, sacrifice and unwavering determination that sport instils. Regardless of where they finish, they have already made our province proud by carrying the Limpopo flag onto a global sporting stage,” said Premier Ramathuba.

The Limpopo Provincial Government wishes all participating athletes a safe and successful race and encourages them to continue serving as ambassadors for healthy living, perseverance and excellence.

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