

ARE YOU PRACTISING DOUBLE STANDARDS?

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We, who are considered to be non-citizens in the country of our birth, are at present engaged in a painful struggle to attain our rightful place in the sporting life of this geographic entity called South Africa. All principled sportsmen and women have joined this fight. They realise that they have a free and democratic choice either to stand up like self-respecting South Africans and fight for what they consider to be rightfully theirs or to compromise their principles by accepting hurtful concessions or by becoming stooges in a desperate fight by White sportsmen and sports administrators to regain inter-national recognition.

This being so, we can see that those so-called sportsmen who believe in Multi-nationalism, who play under degrading permits and who allow themselves to become tools of those who are only interested in promoting the sport of their own kind, have made a free choice to do so. They must therefore, decide once and for all to stay on the side which they have voluntarily chosen. No player can, or must be allowed to hold dual and conflicting loyalties. He or she cannot be allowed to play racial sport in summer and then join the non-racial bodies in winter. How can one have winter principles which go counter to one's summer principles? How can you be non-racial in soccer but racial in cricket? How can one be so opportunistic to enjoy little concessions in one season and then share the fruits of our struggle in winter? A struggle which you are not prepared to share? It is time for every sportsman or woman to make a decision. You may say that the choice is a personal one but do not forget that the consequences will be far-reaching for the community you belong to. They are willing to struggle and sacrifice and your actions are militating against that struggle.

All non-racial bodies, starved as they are of decent facilities and sponsorship, must NOW decide to provide only for those who are prepared to share in the labour of attaining our aim which is true non-racial sport. Sportsmen who play Multi-national or racial sport and who enjoy "White" facilities for part of the year should be considered as being outcasts.

They are opportunists who only create confusion in our ranks. They want to reap benefits without working and fighting for them. They are guilty of practising double standards. They can no longer be harboured in our ranks whence they return periodically to become agents of Multi-nationalism racialism. They preach the doctrine of being grateful for concessions and gradualism. They are weak links in our armour and will be ready at any time to desert us when they are offered little concessions. They cannot be relied upon. No-one who realises the implications of our fight can blame us if we refer to them as renegades, traitors and defectors.

We strongly urge non-racial clubs, associations, leagues, boards and federations to implement the following resolution of the South African Council on Sport:-

NO PERSONS, WHETHER HE IS A PLAYER, AN ADMINISTRATOR OR A SPECTATOR, COMMITTED TO THE NON-RACIAL PRINCIPLE IN SPORT, SHALL PARTICIPATE IN OR BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OTHER CODES OF SPORT WHICH PRACTISE, PERPETUATE OR CONDONONE RACIALISM OR MULTI-NATIONALISM. PLAYERS AND/OR ADMINISTRATORS DISREGARDING THE ESSENCE OF THIS PRINCIPLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF PRACTISING DOUBLE STANDARDS, AND CANNOT THEREFORE, BE MEMBERS OF ANY ORGANISATION AFFILIATED TO SACOS.