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To All members of TWIF:

Dear representatives,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of Mossel Bay, the South African Tug-of-War Federation and the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), your Tug of War Association/Federation is hereby invited to participate in the 2026 TWIF World Outdoor Tug of War Championships, and the 2026 TWIF Open Clubs Competition in Mossel Bay, South Africa.

The Closed Championships will take place on Friday 18 & Saturday 19 September 2026 and the TWIF Open Clubs competition will take place on Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 September 2026.

All member associations in good standing are invited to send their national teams as well as club teams to the World Outdoor Championships and Open Clubs competition respectively. The closing date for national team entries is **31 July, 2026** and for the open club entries **till 8 September 2026.**

Please note for the World Championships Mossel Bay: If there are not at least 4 confirmed entries in any weight class or category, that weight or category will not be an official World Championship. The status of the different weight classes will be confirmed in the beginning of August 2026.

Those participants needing personal or a special invitation for the purpose of obtaining Visa's should contact the Organizing Committee on the following email: wandajonck001@gmail.com

Updates on the Championships will come on the official WC website: www.satugofwar.co.za

All information about the World Championships and the booking of accommodation is mentioned in the official invitation letter of the Organizing Committee, which is attached to this letter/email. The Organizing Committee will take bookings for the accommodation until 31 July 2026.

Also remember that we only will do a weigh-in on Tuesday and one extra weigh-in session on Thursday (time to be confirmed with the weighmaster) and only if I receive a request from you as representative for the athlete at least 2 weeks ahead of the original weigh-in day (which is 15 September 2026). The reason we go back to a strict weigh-in session, is the following: the amount of requests for extra weigh-ins at every day (and time) of the Championships is increasing more and more and very difficult to handle, while we need all the officials during the competition days.

Good luck in the preparation for Mossel Bay!
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Maaïke Hornstra'.

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