

DURBAN HOSTS THE PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS WINTER GAMES

DIRECTORATE:

Private Bag X454, PIETERMARITZBURG, 3200 135 Pietermaritzburg Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 **Tel**: 033897 9400 Communication

101. 000001 0100

23 June 2023

MEDIA ALERT

ATT: ALL MEDIA

DURBAN HOSTS THE PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS WINTER GAMES

As part of efforts to revive sport at schools in the Province, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in collaboration with the Department of Education will host the annual Provincial School Sport Winter Games in Durban this weekend, 23-25 June.

The games will see top athletes from all KZN Districts competing for a place in the Provincial team that will participate in the National School Sport Winter Games next month. Codes that form part of the programme are netball, football, volleyball, rugby, chess, hockey and the indigenous games of juskei and khokho.

Various playing venues will be utilised, which are Hoy Park grounds for netball, volleyball and indigenous games; Royal Hotel for chess; UKZN Howard College Rugby fields for rugby; Cato Manor grounds for football and Queensmead Hockey stadium for hockey.

Sport, Arts and Culture MEC, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, has welcomed the hosting of the winter games as they will expose up and coming talent.



"We are excited to host the provincial school sport winter games this weekend. School sport is an important breeding ground for the identification and development of talent. These games are a culmination of competition that started at school level up to districts. The top talent from the province will be selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the national games. We look forward to the display of talent and we are hopeful that some of these athletes will rise up to professional level and represent our country in the different sport codes they are participating in," said MEC Mahlaba.

Members of the Media are invited to cover the games.

ENDS

ISSUED BY THE KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENTOF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE.

Enquiries: Mr Nathi Olifant, Media Liaison Officer (KZNDSAC) – 072 292 2502 email: <u>naolifant@gmail.com</u>

> Mr Thabo Mofokeng, Head of Communication – 082 731 7456 email: thabo.mofokeng@kzndsac.gov.za