

**GAUTENG THE OVERALL WINNER OF THE 2019 NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT  
ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMER GAMES**

SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS took place this past Wednesday to Saturday, 20 March - 23 March 2019 at the Nelson Mandela University Stadium, Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape). The event took place under the banner of the National School Sports Championship which is the bedrock of Sport Development which included main stream athletics and L.S.E.N. All provincial athletes descended to the Eastern Cape to take part in the event with the event attracting over 1500 athletes and over 2000 spectators for its duration. The event commenced with the official opening with various dignitaries in attendance to witness the athletes as they parade to the jubilation of parents who were also in attendance.

TRACK & FIELD participation activities included 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1 500 m, 3 000 m, 5000 m, 1 500m Steeple, 2,000 m Steeple, 3000 m Steeple, 90 m Hurdles, 100 m Hurdles, 110 m Hurdles, 300 m Hurdles, 400 m Hurdles.

Lerner athletes also participated in competition activities inclusive of Shot-put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Hammer, Pole-vault, Relay 4 x 100m, Medley Relay 100 / 200 / 300 / 400m, Relay 4 x 400m, Walk 5000 m, Walk 10 000 m

The event was also graced by the Minister of Sport and Recreation South Africa Minister Tokoxile Xasa who was also accompanied by the Athletics South Africa President, Mr Aleck Skhosana.

“I am excited to be part of this event which plays a tremendous role to the well-being and upkeep of our children, it further encourages them to remain physically active as a healthy mind, lives in a healthy body. This programme is also one of our flagship programmes as it remains the bedrock of sport development hence the support and attention based on our MOU with Department of Education is extremely important. You must also note that this platform is where talent once identified all those athletes which are hand-picked are therefore taken into sport focus schools and their talent gets monitored moving forward” – stated Minister Tokozile Xasa.

In his comment the President of ASA President Aleck Skhosana had this to say, “most of the athletes that participate in youth Championship and also in the preliminary rounds of Youth Olympics come from this competition. This platform remains the area where future athletes are identified and are nourished in preparation of battles ahead” – Alec Skhosana.

The event ended up with the Province of Gauteng being the overall winner of the competition by amassing a total of 148 medals (59 gold, 47 silver, 42 bronze) followed by both Western Cape 73 and North West Province 34 respectively. (See the rest of results spreadsheet below).

**Medals**

	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>
<b>GAU</b>	56	47	42	148
<b>WCP</b>	26	27	20	73
<b>NWP</b>	14	10	10	34
<b>FS</b>	11	10	19	40
<b>EC</b>	3	5	7	15
<b>MP</b>	2	11	6	19
<b>KZN</b>	2	3	7	12
<b>NC</b>	1	0	4	5
<b>LIM</b>	0	5	3	8