

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

The Sport and Recreation SA (SRSA) together with the Department of Basic Education (DBE) held the SA School Sports Championships at Wits University from the 9th – 14th December 2018.

There were 10 sporting codes involved which were Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball Football, Table Tennis, Goalball, Rugby, Swimming, Softball and Gymnastics. The games were played at various sporting fields at WITS, Marks Park, UJ, Ellis park Swimming Pool, Red Fox Kempton Park.

The Minister of Sport and Recreation SA, Ms Tokozile Xasa did the keynote address during the Opening ceremony and highlighted the importance of the collaboration with DBE by giving the athletes an opportunity to showcase their sporting talent:

“We signed this Memorandum knowing very well that schools sport is a critical priority and a bedrock for sport development in South Africa, it is the only place we can nurture and develop the character and talent of our learners. School sport has been shown to build on children’s early experiences by the development of physical and motor capabilities to lead active, healthy lives, providing learners to have fun and be active reinforcing the desire to make physical activity lifelong habit...”

There were 3825 athletes who participated in the various sporting codes. The 456 coaches, 360 managers, 570 Technical officials, 393 provincial officials and 20 Lovelife volunteers from the various provinces and sporting codes ensured that the games run smoothly.

The SA School Sports Championships enables government to deliver to its strategic objective of increasing participation of sport and recreation from grass roots level to national through a structured pathway for sport and development of South African youth. With 60% of South Africa’s population being youth, a platform wherein there is identifying, nurturing and grooming of future sporting stars of our country is gaining trajectory as government continues with its intent invest in sporting development.

The culmination of the games got to the ultimate winner and that was Gauteng province which won the trophy having 246 points across the board. Kwa-Zulu Natal came second with 155 points and Western Cape came third with 138 points.

The final results for the SA School Sports championships were as follows:

POSITIONS	PROVINCE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL MEDALS	FINAL SCORE
1	Gauteng	15	72	57	144	246
2	Kwa-Zulu Natal	14	38	37	89	155
3	Western cape	12	30	42	84	138
4	Mpumalanga	16	25	36	77	134
5	Free State	1	40	44	85	127
6	North West	6	23	16	45	80
7	Limpopo	2	16	12	30	50
8	Eastern Cape	4	8	12	24	40
9	NORTHEN CAPE	0	2	4	6	8

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