

## School Sport

The School Sport Mass Participation Programme (SSMPP) is a project running across the province that is jointly facilitated by the DSACR and the Department of Education. Our aim is to develop, sustain and promote sport in schools, and enhance the quality of life of learners.

This project coordinates the participation of learners at intra-school and inter-school level. It is anchored by the principle of mass participation of learners in school sport. SSMPP schools participate in the following codes, cricket, rugby, football, volley ball, netball, basketball, chess and athletics.

A School Sport Assistant is employed for each participating school to support project implementation

## Competitive School Sport

The Competitive School Sport programme coordinates the regional and provincial tournaments and champions within the school sport codes. This program is also responsible for the selection of Team Gauteng. Team Gauteng is then presented at the national schools championships.

Competitive School Sport also promotes high level of competition amongst learners and awards provincial honours. Events in this section include boys and girls as well as learners with disabilities. Competitive school sport has the following events; autumn codes, winter codes, spring codes and summer codes.

## Training and Development

This is capacity building which is provided to the School Sports Assistants, Cluster Coordinators and Educators and it ensures that the correct methodology and basic rules are taught to the learners' right at the base of their sporting lives. It also builds confidence and motivates the programme facilitators. Capacity building always brings in new ideas and is a platform for learning best practices from other practitioners.

## School Visits

These are monitoring and evaluation visits to schools by the SSMPP unit members. The purpose of the visits is to assess the progress that has been made, success stories and the challenges faced by the school. The visits also provide the opportunity for required support.

These visits provide a good platform for the planning process for both the school, the Department of Education and the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation. They are also a learning experience for the school as they get engaged on the findings and they make their own inputs. The visits also ensure that schools do play leagues and expose learners to various sporting codes.

## Equipment and Attire

The Department supplies equipment and sport attire to promote sport participation by learners and schools. This gives participants a sense of identity and belonging. It further gives the learners a chance to explore in different school sport codes. The equipment provided ensures that the learners are utilising proper tools to learn the basics of the sport. Equipment is provided as per the school sport codes.

### Lead Schools

This project supports identified schools which compete with established schools in a specific sporting code. The Department has identified Athletics and Netball as the two codes that need to be consciously promoted through the Lead Schools.

These schools are provided with the necessary equipment, attire and capacity building for coaches and learners to ensure that they excel in their chosen codes.

The intention is to make these schools centres of sporting excellence within their locality. Lead schools need to be catalysts on school sport. They have to develop and produce high calibre athletes who will represent the province at various championships.