

## Sport Development and Coordination Talent Identification and Development

The Department creates an environment for our sporting organisations to function optimally, such that athletes, coaches, technical officials and sport administrators can represent this province at national as well as international level.

To this end, as part of the high performance programme, the Department supports seven priority codes, namely rugby, cricket, swimming, athletics, netball, boxing and football. This programme will be aligned to the strategy driven by the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).

Seminars are also held in conjunction with the Gauteng Coaches Commission. These seminars aim to inform coaches on new trends and strategies in coaching both nationally and internationally.

### Comrades Marathon

This programme helps economically disadvantaged runners to participate in the Comrades Marathon by providing sponsorship for transport, accommodation and food.

Recipients are selected on merit through Mass Participation Programme, in collaboration with local athletic clubs. Eligible athletes are chosen according to their finishing times from the Soweto Marathon.

### Learn-to-Swim Water Safety Programme

In response to high levels of drowning in Gauteng, the Department partnered with Swimming South Africa (SSA) and regional federations to establish this programme. The aim is to ensure Gauteng communities become water safe. The programme encompasses the following:

- Learn to swim
- Water safety education
- Club development programmes

### Federations and Club Development

This programme is designed to ensure that clubs are established and league structures are operational within Gauteng communities through training of coaches, technical officials and sport administrators.

Clubs are incubated for three years. The programme also incorporates life skills training for participants.

### Training and Development

Gauteng's motto is The Home of Champions, with the Department investing much effort and resource to ensure this becomes a reality.

To this end, the Department is embarking on a number of capacity-building programmes that focus on developing talent through training and empowering coaches, technical officials, sport administrators and athletes. The sport-specific training is facilitated through federations.

#### Spirit/Disability Games

These games are about the inclusion of people with disabilities and the acknowledgement of the diverse communities that we live in and serve.

The recreational games offer equal opportunity, encourage healthy living, and promote sustainable livelihoods for people with disability through sport, craft and art.

They also create long-lasting partnerships with organisations that work with people with disabilities.

#### Pool development

The game of pool is extremely popular among our South African youth but at present is largely available only in clubs and bars. However, the Department has partnered with the National Blackpod Federation to make pool tables available to communities across Gauteng.

#### Gauteng Sport Council

The Gauteng Sport Council (GSC) promotes, advances and supports the delivery of sport in Gauteng through the implementation of the Gauteng Sport Policy and the Gauteng Sport Act.

The council also deals with transformation issues in sport, dispute resolutions regarding sport bodies in the province, and sources funding for sport in the province from various entities.