



"Schools' Leagues are a bedrock for Talent Identification and Sport Development"

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KZN SCHOOL SPORT CIRCULAR NO. 85 OF 2024-25

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOLS IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

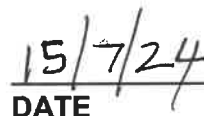
1. This communication serves to remind the schools management of the importance of the implementation of the content of the Circular No 17 of 2023 dated 10 February 2023 and signed by the Head of Department: DOE on the above subject, a copy of which is attached hereto for ease of reference.
2. In terms of the Memorandum of Agreement, herein after referred to as the MOA, both the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) has a responsibility of ensuring that regular participation in school sport programme takes place on an ongoing basis. In this regard, both DOE and DSAC have a responsibility on ensuring that implement the contents of the MOA and that each department fully adheres to its individual roles and responsibilities as well as joint responsibilities.
3. However, it has been noted that there is lack of proper implementation of the MOA with regards to regular participation and this is evidenced by lack or inconsistent full establishment of the cluster leagues. It must be pointed out and noted that the MOA stipulates as follows with regards to cluster leagues:

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- i. **Roles and responsibilities for DSAC:**
 - a) section 7.16 of the MOA stipulates that DSAC's role is, among others: ***"to monitor and support the implementation of cluster leagues and district competitions for selections"***; and
 - ii. **Roles and responsibilities for DOE:**
 - a) section 8.7 of the MOA stipulates that DOE's role, among others: ***"the facilitation of the formation of cluster leagues for participation of learners to promote active and healthy lifestyle, to identify talent and promote social cohesion"***.
4. It must also be noted that consideration for selection to participate in the National Championships is based on participating in the leagues, festivals, inter-matches and displays and schools whose learners who want to be considered for selection to participate in the National School Sport Championships must register accordingly. In this regard, it is important that schools must register sport codes that they will be participating regardless of whether it is a league, festival, inter-matches and displays as school registration is a pre-requisite. The registration form to that effect is attached hereto for registration purposes.
 5. Please note that these leagues are cardinal as they enable scouts/selectors to identify and select talented learners in different districts to create a pool of learners from which the final Team KZN would be selected to represent the province in various championships. This system provides for fair selection and for identified learners to be subjected to further development in preparation for the provincial festival which will be used as a yardstick to select the final team.
 6. Your co-operation is always appreciated.



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