

**PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT MANUAL
A PROGRAMME OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF SPORT ,
RECREATION,RECREATION,ARTS, CULTURE AND BASIC EDUCATION**

ABBREVIATIONS

1. ASA	Athletics South Africa
2. BSA	Basketball South Africa
3. CdM	Chef de Mission
4. CHESSA	Chess South Africa
5. CSA	Cricket South Africa
6. DEAFSA	
7. DSR	Department of Sports and Recreation
8. DBE	Department of Basic Education
9.	Hockey South Africa
10. LOC	Local Organizing Committee
11. NF	National Federation
12. NSA	Netball South Africa
13. PAS	Provincial Academies of Sport
14. PF	Provincial Federation
15. PTM	Provincial Team Management
16. SAGF	South African Gymnastics Federation
17. SAFA	South African Football Association
18. SAID	South African Institute for Drugs Free Sport
19. SASAII	South African Sport for the Intellectually Impaired
20. SARU	South African Rugby Union
21. SASAPD	South African Sports Association for Physical Disabled
22. SASCOC	South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee
23. SATTB	South African Table Tennis Board
24. SRSA	Sports and Recreation South Africa
25. TSA	Tennis South Africa
26. VSA	Volleyball South Africa
27. DSRAC	Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture

DEFINITIONS

1. **SA School Sport National Championship**, is a National multi-sports competition aimed at promoting school sport among learners within the school environment
2. **Host District / Local Municipality hosting Provincial Championship** for that year.
3. **Technical Official**, personnel designated to officiate during the **School Sport Provincial Championship**.
4. Provincial Organizing Committee, persons designated to ensure that organizational arrangements are met to ensure that the championship deliver the event as expected
5. **Tournament Director**, personnel designated to ensure that the respective code competitions partake within both the Provincial Federations and EC **School Sport Provincial Championship** Rules and Regulations.
6. **Technical Director**, personnel designated to ensure that the respective code technical requirements, in accordance with provincial / national standards are met and upheld.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION A: GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Abbreviations, acronyms and definitions

	Page No
Table of contents	
1. Introduction	6
2. Organization of Games	7
3. Complaints, protests, disputes, appeals and discipline	7
4. Organization of competition	9
5. Organization of sport event	10
6. Composition of Provincial Team	10
7. Selection and Presentation	11
8. Eligibility of Athlete	12

9.	Selection of Coaches	14
10.	Selection of Code Managers	14
11.	Engagement of Principals	15
12.	Prizes and Awards	15
13.	Quota for participation and miscellaneous excuses	16
14.	Sojourn Expenses	16
15.	Transport Expenses	16
16.	Local Transport	17
17.	Publications	17
18.	Medical Services	17
19.	Anti Doping Control	18
20.	SA Games Attaches	18
21.	Protocol	18
22.	Accreditation	19
23.	Sponsorship, Commercial and marketing and merchandising	20
24.	Sanctions	22
25.	Media	23
26.	Penalty for Defaulting	24

SECTION A: GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

The historic gathering of SCHOOLS LEARNERS for the Eastern Cape School Sport Provincial Championship to take place at the City of ----- on Date----- ----- to showcase their talent and skills marks a new era for South African Sport, the birth of the “future stars”

The EC School Sport Provincial Championship are presented as a sound mechanism geared towards maximizing efforts to produce world-class sports stars, and as a programme that is set to revive the fading sporting spirit and culture among young people. It is through these championships that aspiring school learners of Eastern Cape from all nine political districts are afforded an opportunity to participate in a multi-coded event and to showcase their talent and sporting skills.

In recognition of the need for a holistic, sustainable and integrated sport development programme that seeks to nurture talent, the Sport , Recreation ,Arts & Culture as the major funder in partnership with the Provincial Department of Basic Education, District Departments of Sport , Recreation, Arts & Culture, District departments of Basic Education, Provincial Sport Federations and Schools Sport Code Structures as well as the other public institutions and the private sector have therefore embarked on a process of ensuring proper development and implementation of the programme. Fundamental to the programme is the linkage and integration with programmes of the Provincial Academies of Sport. Furthermore the core to the development and implementation of the championship has been to ensure full integration of sports for athletes with disabilities and sports in general.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The organization of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship is awarded by the DSRAC to the host district and city.
- The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the EC Schools Sport Championship, which shall be responsible for the technical and material preparation and the organization of all sporting and cultural events on the programme of the championship, shall be created.
- The Headquarters of the LOC shall be located in the DSRAC/DOE offices
- The LOC shall take full responsibility of coordination for accommodation, meals, refreshments, facilities, equipment and all other related functions for athletes, coaches, managers and officials during the championship. **N.B. The Districts will be responsible for paying for their teams' accommodation during the championship and for transporting their teams to the championship.** This will be done in accordance with accreditation information.
- Accommodation will be reserved for competitors and their accompanying officials. The championship accommodation will be opened on the day of the opening ceremony of the championship. Teams will depart on the following day after the closing ceremony.

3. COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS, DISPUTES, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE

3.1. Operational Processes

- The spirit of the Olympic charter shall govern the organization of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship.
- The DRSAC shall by virtue of its being the Supreme Authority of the Games, be empowered to settle all non-technical disputes on close corporation with the POC/LOC.
- The Protests and Appeals Committee set up by the DSRA/DOE set up on its behalf for supervision of the conduct of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship may disqualify any competitor who violates the set rules and regulations and shall forfeit all the rights and prizes won earlier or even expel the sport code or the entire district team from the championship including the accommodation reserved for the sport code or district if their behavior is deemed to be putting the championship in danger/risks.
- Should the district team in which the competitor is a member be found guilty of connivance to such violation, the team represented by the competitor shall be disqualified from the sports in question
- A non refundable fee of R 1000 is payable by the complainant for lodging each complaint or protest. A non refundable fee of R 5000 is payable for all appeals. All appeals are to be submitted in writing, by Chef de Mission or Deputy Chef de Mission in writing to the Chairperson of the LOC/POC within one hour after the ruling on the complaint handled by the disciplinary committee.
- The Sports Protests Committee shall settle all disputes relating to Sports Rules.
- Each Provincial Sport Code Federation must submit in writing two months prior to the championship the names of members of the code Sport Protest (3 members) and Appeals (3 members) Committee to the LOC.
- EC School Sport Provincial Championship Appeals Committee (3 members appointed by the LOC), this committee shall settle all non-technical disputes relating to the Games.

- The EC School Sport Provincial Championship Appeals Committee (3 members appointed by the LOC) committee is the final authoritative body of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship.

3.2. Appeal procedures

An appeal may be heard only if there are sufficient grounds for appeal; these may be described as follows:

- The Sport committee was biased or perceived to be biased against the individual or team
- New information has become available since the original protest/interpretation decision which has a significant bearing on the decision
- The Sport Committee's decision was beyond its authority

3.3. Sitting of the Appeal Committee

The Appeals Committee will convene to review the notice of appeal and reason for the appeal and there from decide if there are sufficient grounds for an appeal. Should there be insufficient ground for appeal; the Committee will inform the Appellant in writing and stating the reasons. Should there be sufficient grounds for an appeal; a hearing shall be held in accordance with the following procedures:

- The Appellant and respondent shall be given written notice of the day, time and place of hearing.
- A representative may accompany both the appellant and respondent.
- The Committee may request that any other individuals participate and give evidence during the hearing.
- Not more than one (1) hour after the conclusion of the hearing, the protests and appeals committee shall have the authority to uphold the Sport's Protests and Appeals Committee's decision, to reverse the decision and to modify any of the Games results impacted by the decision.
- Athletes, coaches, managers and officials at the EC School Sport Provincial Championship will abide by the rules and regulations provided by the POC. District Team Management is responsible for athlete conduct and discipline.

4. ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

- 4.1. Competitions in the EC Schools Sport Provincial Championship for Sports events officially entered on the Programme shall be organized pursuant to the rules of the National Sports Federations and Provincial Federation concerned.
- 4.2. The technical organization of each sport shall be entrusted of the Provincial Federation concerned.
- 4.3. The Provincial Federation concerned shall appoint the technical officials. The minimum qualification requirements for officiating personnel (referees, umpires etc) shall be level 1 (one) or equivalent as per federation's clarification system.
- 4.4. The Provincial Federation concerned shall appoint a sport code representative to serve on the Local Organizing Committee. He/she is a resource person to the LOC and provides direction on:
 - Facility planning
 - Event scheduling
 - Results system
 - Competition protocol and procedures
 - Officials requirements and training
 - Facility requirements
 - Equipments needs
 - Final facility inspection and signing off
 - Sign-off of district standings

5. ORGANIZATION OF SPORT EVENT

- 5.1. An individual event may only be organized in a given sport on condition that at least six (6) competitors from six (6) different districts undertake to participate in the sport in question.
- 5.2. A team event may only be organized in a given sport on condition that at least six (6) participating teams from six (6) different districts undertake to participate in the sport under consideration.
- 5.3. Should the number prescribed above not be met, the event in question may be organized outside official competition, on NON-SCORING BASIS.

6. COMPOSITION OF DISTRICT TEAMS

- 6.1 The guidelines for acceptable team composition and individual code representation shall be 50% participants from the historically disadvantaged sector (blacks). This guideline is applicable to athletes, coaches and team management. In addition, team management shall have fair representation of women and people with disabilities.
- 6.2 The names of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship ten (10) weeks prior to the commencement of the Games.
- 6.3 District team entries should include nine (9) General Team Management (GTM) for the following portfolios:

POSITION	NO OF PEOPLE	NOTES
Chef de Mission	1	Overall management responsibility of the TEAM
Deputy Chef de mission	1	
General Manager	1	Support service and all matters relating to provincial guest protocol
Medical Doctor	1	Team medical provision at the games
Physiotherapy	2	Provide service to team
Transport Coordinator	1	Oversee all transport logistics for the team
Accommodation Coordinator	1	Oversee all accommodation logistics for the team.
Meals and refreshments Coordinator	1	Oversee the coordination for all meals and refreshments for the team.
Sign Language Officers	2	Provide service to team on sign language {DEAFSA}
Physically Disable	6	Assist in the movement of SAPD

Assistant		athletes
Intellectually Impaired Assistant	6	Assist in the movement of SASAII athletes
TOTAL	23	

6.4 The 17 personnel serving as general team support will be treated as part of the district team contingent.

6.5 Either the Chef or the Deputy Chef must be female

6.6 Of the total 17 members of GTM members, 8 of them must be females

NB: failure to comply will disqualify your GTM team for accreditation

7. SELECTION OF DISTRICT PARTICIPATING TEAM

7.1 Each District team shall be selected at the competition agreed upon at the district forum. The selection process will start at the lowest level possible i.e. **Circuit level to regional and finally at district** level. Each district consists of one team per code.

7.2 All districts shall establish the District Forum. The District Forum shall be a consultation and coordinating body comprising of all relevant stakeholders as listed in the Technical rules and regulations. The forum shall establish a team selection committee as outlined in the Technical rules and regulations.

7.3 Each district shall establish a selection committee responsible for the overall monitoring and compliance with set rules.

7.4 The committee shall ensure that the selection committee responsible for the overall monitoring and compliance with the set rules.

7.5 The committee shall be responsible for managing all protests and appeals related to selection process within the province.

7.6 The committee shall be established in accordance with the above principle of representation.

7.7 The members of the committee shall be elected through the provincial forums.

7.8 The SPORT CODE selection committee shall comprise of:

- Two members from the District Government Department [DSRAC AND DBE].
 - One member nominated by the participating district federations.
 - One member nominated by the district school sport code
 - One member from each of the sport for athletes with disabilities provided they will participate in that particular sport code.
 - Any additional member as determined by and agreed upon by the district forum.
 - Representative from District Academy of Sports.
- 7.9 The District Department of Sport and Recreation responsible for the overall coordination, management and delivery of the team shall avail all the necessary resources and support for the selection, preparation and delivery of the teams.
- 7.10 The delivery of Sport District Federation shall provide all necessary services in preparing the teams
- 7.11 The official District colors must be worn. The Districts shall register their official colors with the DSRAC five (5) months prior the games. In the event that team uniform colors are similar and may cause confusion, the designated “home” team must be prepared to change into an alternate set of uniforms.

8. SELECTION OF COACHES

- 8.1 The school sport code structure within the provincial in consultation with the District Federation shall appoint the team coach from within the school sport structure
- 8.2 . Any staff listed as a coach on the official registration form must be full certified under the provincial federations regulations
- 8.3. The level of coaches for all codes for the championship is level 1

9. SELECTION OF CODE MANAGERS

- 9.1. The district school sport code structure shall appoint code managers who are trained and expected to take charge of the team management.
- 9.2. Managers who have managed teams or athletes at Provincial level are expected to mentor those selected in team management.
- 9.3. The level of team management for all codes for the championship is level 1

10. ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- 10.1. All the districts have through JPTT committed to participate in the competition of the EC School Sport provincial Championship
- 10.2. **Entry by Code** is the confirmation by a district to participate in a given sport and specific events for individual sports where applicable.
- 10.3. Entry forms for entry by code should reach the POC not later than -----
- 10.4. **Final entry by name** shall be the confirmation by the district to participate in a given sport accompanied by the final list with names of the competitors in the various events of the sport concerned by date-----
- 10.5. No new entry or any alternation shall be considered once the final entry has been deposited, unless case of illness or injury must be qualified by the medical certificate.

11. PRIZES AND AWARDS

11.1 The EC School Sport Provincial Championship shall award medals for winners as follows:

11.1.1 Individual Events

PLACES	MEDALS
1 ST	1 GOLD
2 ND	1 SILVER
3 RD	1 BRONZE

11.1.2 Team Events

- Each player or member of team shall be awarded the prizes referred to above according to placement of his / her team

11.1.3 Overall Winners Results

- The overall winning province will be awarded the floating trophy on the basis of total gold medals won.

- 11.2 Prizes shall be awarded after each final in a ceremony similar to the Olympic victory ceremony
- 11.3 Technical Officials who have participated in the game shall be awarded a championship gold officiating medal

12. ACCOMODATION FOR LOC, POC AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- THE POC shall be responsible for provision of all LOC, NOC and Technical Officials on duty during the Provincial Championship

13. TRANSPORT DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 13.1. Each District will be responsible to transport all POC and Technical Officials coming from that district to the EC School Sport Provincial Championship. The said officials will use the same transport as allocated to the team management of the district
- 13.2. Their respective districts shall defray travel for judges, referees who accompany their sports delegation in accordance with the rules of their respective Federations.
- 13.3. The Provincial School Sport Code Committees in consultation with the Provincial Federations must supply to the LOC eight weeks before the opening of the championship the list of technical officials, together with their exact addresses in order to make necessary travel arrangements

14. PUBLICATIONS

- 14.1. The LOC shall publish in English all documents necessary for the proper conduct of the Games:
- General rules and regulations
 - Technical rules
 - Programme
 - Participants' guide
 - Media guide
 - Medical guide

15. MEDICAL SERVICES

- 15.1. The Organizing Committee of the EC Schools Sport Provincial Championship shall provide free medical services during the period of the Games to members participating in the event.
- 15.2. For purposes of proper coordination, physicians of various delegations shall work in close cooperation with the LOC medical commission.

16. ANTI DOPING CONTROL

- 16.1 Test for banned substances shall be administered during the period of the championship. These control exercises shall be placed under the supervision of the SAIDS.
- 16.2 All participating athletes shall be subjected to scheduled and or unscheduled in and out of competition testing during the period leading to and during the championships.
- 16.3 The result therefore must be communicated to the parties concerned after ensuring that the appropriate procedures have been respected before briefing the media, if need be.

17. EC GAMES ATTACHES

- 17.1. For purpose of proper coordination and liaison with the EC Schools Sport Provincial Championship LOC, each district shall be allocated an attaché by the LOC.
- 17.2. The attaché shall study in cooperation with the EC School Sport Provincial Championship officials, all problems relating to overall organization and sport competitions on which the views or the effective participation of participating districts are required.

18. PROTOCOL

- 18.1 In order to facilitate the welcoming of delegations, each province shall communicate to LOC, (30) thirty days prior to departure, the following information.
 - The date, time of arrival

- Number of persons in the contingent
 - Name of the leader of the delegation and contact details
- 18.2 LOC shall publish for the benefit of delegations, a handbook on the opening and closing ceremonies of the championship.

18. ACCREDITATION

- 19.1. Accreditation shall be the official verification note by which the LOC recognizes a participant at the championship.
- 19.2. Various categories of accreditation shall be created which will afford certain access limitation and allowances in keeping with responsibilities that are to be performed by persons falling within different categories.
- 19.3. For that purpose, LOC shall provide person who fall under the categories below with accreditation cards, the colour of which will determine the rank and privilege of its bearer.

CATEGORY A

- i. Cabinet Minister
- ii. Members of the Provincial Portfolio Committee
- iii. Director General
- iv. MECs
- v. Members of the provincial legislature
- vi. Leaders of delegations (chef de mission)
- vii. Members of SASCO
- viii. Members of National Federations
- ix. Members of School Sport Structures
- x. Members of Extended JPTT
- xi. Other invited dignitaries
- xii. Executive Mayors
- xiii. Local Government Councilors
- xiv. Sponsors

CATEGORY B

- i. Accompanying persons of Cabinet Ministers and MEC's
- ii. Senior Government Officials

- iii. CEO's of National Federations
- iv. Presidents of Provincial Federations

CATEGORY C

- i. SA Games Attaches
- ii. LOC
- iii. National Federation Coordinators
- iv. Provincial Federation Coordinators
- v. Doctors and Medical Personnel
- vi. Members of the Technical Committee
- vii. Judges and Referees
- viii. Safety and Security Personnel

CATEGORY D

- i. Athletes
- ii. Coaches
- iii. Code Managers
- iv. General Team Managers
- v. Support Staff

CATEGORY E

- i. Media Professionals (Journalists, Photographers, Cameramen)

CATEGORY F

- i. Contractors and suppliers

19.4. Accreditation of personalities who fall under categories A and B below shall be the prerogative of JPTT

20. SPONSORSHIPS, COMMERCIAL MARKINGS AND MERCHANDISING

20.1. The DSRAC as the principal authority of the Championship through JPTT must be informed on the sponsorship deals entered into by the provinces to ensure that there is no conflict with Provincial sponsorship. The EC School Sport LOGO may only be used with the DSRAC/DOE approval.

- 20.2. Districts may source sponsorship for district activities and competitions but DSRAC through JPTT should give consent
- 20.3. Only manufacture's name or trademark is allowed on competitor's equipment uniform, bags and headgear, also applicable to officials.
- 20.4. Tobacco, brewers, distillers and pharmaceutical companies' sponsorship is not allowed.
- 20.5. Any kind of commercial mark (name or logo) on all items or equipment shall be in the same form as on products sold to the public.
- 20.6. Equipment at specific sport competition venues (hurdles, mats, etc) must conform to NF's rules. In general, the equipment may only bear the manufacture's marking.
- 20.7. The District team may place non-commercial marks on ceremonial uniforms. Non-commercial marks may take the form of the name of the district complete with the logo of EC School Sport and District emblem.
- 20.8. In addition the uniform may bear the name or logo, emblem or name of the garment manufacturer. All representatives from the respective district will be considered part of the District Team, i.e. coaches, managers, and athletes!
- 20.9. The district teams will be allowed to present two (2) corporate sponsors per Walk out uniform in addition to the emblem or name of the garment manufacturer. All representatives from the respective district will be considered part of the District Team, i.e. coaches, managers, and athletes!
- 20.10. Corporate sponsors and manufacture's trademarks will be allowed on both the jacket (top) and pants (bottom) of walk out uniform provided they don't exceed 60 mm².
- 20.11. All district team clothing shall have the EC School Sport LOGO on the left side of all official clothing for the championship.
- 20.12. District walk out uniforms must be in line to district colors.
- 20.13. The total surface area of all manufacturers and or district team markings (combines) shall not exceed 120mm².
- 20.14. District teams may negotiate up to two (2) non-conflicting sponsorship packages for team sport bags.
- 20.15. The total size of the sponsors' logo may not exceed a total of 200mm per team bag. Each cooperate name or trademark logo may not exceed 200mm².

- 20.16. Each bag may contain one (1) name or trademark logos or names of the manufacturer.
- 20.17. Competition headgear may only carry the trademark logos or names of the manufacturer
- 20.18. The DSRAC will be final authority in approving corporate sponsor name or logo's on equipment, team uniforms, hats and handbags. DSRAC, prior to finalizing any corporate sponsorship programs. The DSRAC will not unduly withhold such approval, and will grant written approval with two (2) weeks of receipt of the written request, provided no conflict exists between a corporate sponsor of the EC School Sport Provincial Championship and district sponsor.

21. SANCTIONS

- 21.1. Penalties for the violations of EC School Sport Provincial Championship Sponsorship policy will be in accordance with the Goals of EC School Sport. The following procedures will be followed at the Provincial Championship if violations are noted:
- (a) Officiating officials are to enforce the EC School Provincial Championship Marketing and Communication Director should an infraction take place.
 - (b) Should the infraction be prior to competition commencing, the athlete will be notified and given an opportunity of complying prior the commencement of competition.

22. MEDIA

- 22.1. Only the DSRA/DOE may pronounce or make public statements regarding the overall EC School Sport Provincial Championship Program.
- 22.2. Only the Host District and / City may make public statements regarding the organization (logistical preparation) of the championship either than the DSRAC/DOE.
- 22.3. Provincial Federations and School Sport Code may only make public statements comments and or pronouncements on their sport specific issues.
- 22.4. District Departments may only make statements comments and or pronouncements on their respective district activities and teams.

- 22.5. District Federations and the School Sport Structures may only make public statements, comments and or pronouncements on their respective district teams.
- 22.6. Cases not provided for in the General Rules and Regulations shall be settled by the DSRAC/DOE, JPTT and Chairperson of the LOC/POC.

23. PENALTY FOR DEFAULTING

- 23.1. Any District not adhering to the above participation conditions will have that particular code participants/sport code/entire district disqualified to participate at the championship.

24. ROLE OF DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

District departments are required to:

- 24.1. Provide elimination competitions that will lead to the selection of best performing school, i.e. present a district team as per technical guidelines.
- 24.2. Provide support for all team preparations, including training and departure camps
- 24.3. Take responsibility for Team presentation, e.g. competition and ceremonial attire.
- 24.4. Provide District teams transport to games, during games and return to districts
- 24.5. Provide District teams' accommodation during the Games.
- 24.6. Provide Technical officials transport to the games and return to districts
- 24.7. Ensure registration of all district teams representing the district at the championship including participants consent forms.
- 24.8. Adherence to all statutory safety requirements relating to sporting events, transport and related activities that will be undertaken.
- 24.9. Ensure that all participants have a signed parental consent form, to be submitted to the LOC.

25. ROLE OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The local organizing committee (LOC) shall:

25.1. Prepare all competition venues as prescribed by the Provincial Federation.

25.2. Ensure compliance with Safety at Sport and Recreation Acts prescripts are adhered to. In this regard;

- (a) **The LOC will ensure the establishment of a JOC and VOC.**
- (b) Ensure that all venues used for competitions have relevant public liability cover in place.
- (c) The LOC will ensure that medical personnel are on site at all sporting venues that are being used. In cases of emergencies, the medical team will determine the extent and refer individuals to nearby hospitals. An ambulance will be provided for this purpose by the LOC.
- (d) Participants that have medical aid services will / can be sent to nearby private hospitals.
- (e) Participants that do not have medical aid will be referred to a nearby public hospital.
- (f) Provide logistical support services such as, medical support, security services, and lunch meals during competition days etc

26. ROLE OF SPORT CODES

The programme is delivered as a partnership between school sport codes structures (provincially and district) and federations (provincially & district). In this regard, districts vary with regards to the strength or presence of either of these structures in respective districts, hence the need for a partnership.

26.1. Provincial Structures

- a. The Provincial structures are responsible for determining the strategic direction and purpose of the programme.
- b. The Provincial structures will therefore determine age categories, team sizes and technical rules and regulations that will govern the programme.

- c. The Provincial structures will interact with DSRAC and DBE (JPTT) regarding all technical aspects of the programme.
- d. The Provincial structures are responsible for the talent identification and development strategy of talented athletes identified through the programme at the Provincial Competition.

26.2. Structures within the District (circuit, regional and local structures)

- a. These structures are responsible for the implementation of the Provincial strategic directives.
- b. Team selection of athletes, managers and coaches, i.e. create competitions to select teams from teams participating in the local leagues so as to compete at district and provincial level where teams will be selected to represent district at provincial championship. The process includes selection of coaches and managers for the teams. Unless otherwise stated on the maximum numbers allocated or technical rules provided by the respective sport code.
- c. Selection of teams for athletes with disability (LSEN). All teams for athletes with disability are selected teams and NOT school teams.

27. TEAM APPAREL AND COLORS

- 27.1. All team apparel shall have the EC School Sport LOGO branded on the left side of all apparels
- 27.2. To ensure uniformity, teams will be awarded provincial colors for their ceremonial or walk out attire.
- 27.3. Competition wear shall be in accordance with Sport Code regulations. Teams must have at least 2 playing kits that have contrasting colors to avoid clashes in colors during competition (inverse dominant colors.)

- 27.4. The LOC will provide complementary attire to all technical officials as a sign of gratitude. Sport codes will inform technical officials of the officiating attire that must be used. For instructions on technical officials officiating attire, refer to the respective sport code section.
- 27.5. For any branding other than government coat of arms, sport code (federation or school sport code) all stakeholders must submit a written request to DSRAC for approval of that sponsorship and the associated branding on promotional material to ensure that there is no conflict of interest.

28. PERMISSIBLE VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS ARE:

- 28.1. Green identity document.
- 28.2. Passport (scholars that are not SA citizens are eligible to participate at the finals as long as they are full time scholars in RSA)
- 28.3. Original / certified digital copy of birth certificate plus and affidavit from SAPS signed by the school principal.
- 28.4. All officiating staff (technical officials, talent selectors, tournament administrators, etc) must be registered by the sport code. Registration forms for this purpose are available on the SRSA website.

SECTION B: CODE SECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

NO	HEADING	PAGE NUMBER
	Sport Code Technical Guide	
1	Athletics	
2	Basketball	
3	Chess	
4	Cricket	
5	Football	

6	Gymnastics	
7	Goal ball	
8	Hockey	
9	Jukskei	
10	Kgati	
11	Khokho	
12	Morabaraba	
13	Netball	
14	Rugby	
15	Swimming	
16	Tennis & Wheel chair tennis	
17	Table Tennis	
18	Volleyball	
19	Soft ball	
13	Exclusions	
14	Annexure 1: Summary of Team Sizes	

1. INTRODUCTION

The EC Schools League Finals are programme of Department of Basic Education and Sport , Recreation, Arts & Culture. The finals are a culmination of the province wide league programme that all schools are encouraged to participate in. The purpose of these leagues is to increase school sport participation, thereby increasing the pool of talented athletes that feed into provincial teams.

The Finals showcase individual schools sporting culture, excellence and ethos, and in doing so afford their athletes the opportunity to be selected by talent scouts.

2. LEAGUE MODEL

The league model emphasizes participation at a local level over a specified period of time. This period varies from sport code to sport code and is generally seasonal. At first all schools are encouraged to register their interest in one of the sport codes on the Programme. The following sporting codes are on the Programme:

- 2.1 Athletics
- 2.2 Basketball
- 2.3 Chess
- 2.4 Cricket
- 2.5 Football
- 2.6 Gymnastics
- 2.7 Netball
- 2.8 Rugby
- 2.9 Volleyball
- 2.10 Tennis & Wheelchair tennis
- 2.11 Table Tennis
- 2.12 Hockey
- 2.13 Softball
- 2.14 Goal ball
- 2.15 Swimming
- 2.16 Mrabaraba
- 2.17 Jukskei
- 2.18 Khokho
- 2.19 Kgati

Level	Phase	Qtr 1			Qtr 2			Qtr 3			Qtr 4		
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5	National Festival During the National Festivals, the provincial champions play against each other to determine the national champions.												5
4	Provincial Festival During the Provincial Festivals, the different District Champions play against each other, to determine the Provincial Champions.									4			
3	District Festivals During the District Festival, the different area champions play against each other to determine the District Champions.					3	3						
2	Areas Festivals During the Area Festival, different school teams within an area play against themselves in a log system to select the Area Champions to represent the Area at the District Festivals			2	2								
1	Intra-School During the Intra-School phase, different classes within a school play against themselves to select the school teams		1										

FIGURE 2.1. SCHOOL SPORT LEAGUE MODEL.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME