

19 November 2023

## NJSA CHAIRMAN'S YEAR END REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

2023 has come to an end and with it one of the most successful years in our history. With success in IPT's, hosting Growthpoint Regional Tournaments and also sending players to Worlds this has been a year to remember.

High School and Primary School leagues were presented and through close recent collaboration with schools in 2024 we aim to make the Schools league the competitive and premium schools sport event it should be once again.

Thanks to the committee who participated in managing IPT teams, ensure technology and communication were of a very high standard and events and tournaments were arranged as only Northerns can.

Special thanks to Gerda and Saartjie for ensuring our admin and financials are and were in order.

### 2023 NJSA TOURNAMENTS

- NJSA Start of Season
- NJSA Menlo60 Baseline Open Graded
- NJSA Open Round Robin
- NJSA Closed

### 2023 Top events

- Bloemfontein Open 2023

Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2022 Girls u11	Channel Leppan
Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2022 Girls u16	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg
Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2022 Boys u16	Juan-Corné Brand
Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2022 Boys u19	Luhann Groenewald

- SA Top 10 No 1's and World representatives

SA Top 10 Girls u16	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg
SA Top 10 Boys u16	Judah Phillips
SA Top 10 Boys u19	Luhann Groenewald

- Worlds

SA Team to Junior World Championships Girls u19	Jordin Phillips
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SA Team to Junior World Championships Boys u19	Luhann Groenewald
SA Schools Tour to Malaysia	Kiara Poole
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### Growthpoint SA Nationals 2023

2023 Growthpoint SA Nationals Boys u17 Winner	Judah Philips
2023 Growthpoint SA Nationals Girls u19 Winner	Awande Malinga
2023 Growthpoint SA Nationals Boys u19 Winner	Luhann Groenewald

### JUNIOR IPT'S

Sending 16 teams, NJSA's won an incredible 7 Golds

- Winners Girls: u14A, u16 A & B
- Winners Boys: u13A, u14 A, u16A & B

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The Primary Schools League was again competitive and exciting, and Boys A-Section was won by Midstream College and Girls A-Section by St Mary's DSG. The depth of the teams taking part was impressive and we thank specifically Maryna and Liz and their coaches for growing the primary school players.

### High Schools league

- Girls A-Section  
Winners Midstream College
- Boys A-Section  
Winners Hoërskool Zwartkop

Hoërskool Zwartkop crowned overall best performance across all leagues played.

Top Schools Regional Winners and also SA Top Schools Champions

Boys: Hoërskool Zwartkop

Girls: Midstream College

We would like to congratulate Hoërskool Zwartkop and Midstream College for an achievement not seen in 39 years for a school from Northens. Both schools can be proud and we are sure they will build further on this exceptional performance to take schools squash to another level.

### SA SCHOOLS CONVENTION

The convention was held in Paarl in August and was well attended by all provinces. Various discussions were held to progress and grow squash in the Country and to infuse technology into the tournaments for scoring and results updates and also to increase social media usage.

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Reinhardt Falk and I attended on behalf of NJSA and Gerda Dreyer as part of SA Schools committee and NJSA representative.

## **NJSA AWARDS FUNCTION**

NJSA awards function was held at Midstream College and we thank the school for their hosting of the event.

## **FINANCES**

We have had good attendance at all tournaments although turnover for the year was slightly lower due to not hosting an IPT, which we will be in the coming year. Profit was just over R1000 after investment interest was received.

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The NJSA Committee has been exceptional in a period of change and I would also like to thank Donald Weir for his tenure and for the support of Brett Cousins without which the handover would not have been seamless.

Our administrator, Gerda Dreyer, Financials Saartjie and tournament organizer Reinhardt make us stand out among the best managed provinces in SA.

We bid farewell to Donald Weir and two committee members. Thanks, Donald, for your contribution, and Tracy Randall who has been the backbone of support to many portfolios and assisting when Gerda was ill, and just an overall superb team player. We also say thanks to Eleazar Kapp.

We will finalize the new committee at the AGM on 20 November 2023

## **2024**

Many exciting events again and an old but new format for High Schools league. NJSA will host the u16 IPT event scheduled for Pretoria in 2024.

## **CONCLUSION**

2023 was phenomenal, with achievements we could only dream about a few years ago. Players grew both on and off the court and the game has grown too.

Squash back at the OLYMPICS, HOW BIG IS THAT!!

It has been my privilege to serve the Committee, Parents, NJSA and NSF.

To the parents and coaches, my gratitude and appreciation.

Enjoy the year-end break.

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