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## DSARC TO HOST THE 2023 PROVINCIAL RURAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FINALS

The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, in partnership with the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, Maluti A Phofung Local Municipality, Free State House of Traditional Leaders, Netball, Football and Athletics Federations will on the 14 October 2023, be hosting the annual Provincial Rural Sport Development Programme provincial finals in Phuthaditjhaba, Qwaqwa.

The Rural Sport Development programme (RSDP) is aimed at developing sport and providing a platform for the youth in rural areas to showcase their talents in various sporting codes such as netball and football. The programme is focused on areas that are under Traditional Leadership. This programme was launched nationally in 2016.

The programme currently has fifty-two U/13, fifty-four U/15 male football clubs and six female football clubs. The programme as has fourteen U/15 netball clubs, twelve U/19 clubs and eight athletics clubs.

All these clubs took part in leagues as per their streams which commenced in April 2023 and the two teams topping the log will be afforded an opportunity to represent their streams at the provincial finals scheduled to take place under the following arrangements:

**DATE:** 14 October 2023

**VENUE:** Bluegumbosch Stadium, Qwaqwa

**TIME:** 08:00 till late

Since the conceptualization of the programme in the year 2017. The programme has grown in leaps and bounds. Athletes, coaches, and technical officials have reaped the benefits of this programme through accredited coaches and technical officials' trainings.

Through the programme, talented players are afforded an opportunity to attend the trials at SAFA Transnet School of Excellence. The programme further prides itself

with qualified football coaches holding D-License (a course that allows the coach to train children and youth) and CAF C-license (a course that trains coaches and develops their basic techniques and skills in football). Netball also has level 1 coaches and umpires.

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