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NJSA CHAIRMAN'S YEAR-END REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Another successful year has come to an end, and 2024 again did not disappoint.

Success at the external IPTs and having the pleasure of hosting a successful u 16 IPTs, along with hosting the Growthpoint Regional Tournaments made this a busy but productive one. We also had the privilege of sending 5 players to the Junior World Championships in Houston Texas.

High School and Primary School leagues were presented and through close recent collaboration with coaches, clubs and schools it was a very successful joint effort. We also thank the schools for their continued support in developing and nurturing our school players.

Thanks to the committee who participated in managing IPT teams, ensuring 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 administration and financials are and were in order.

2024 NJSA TOURNAMENTS

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

2024 Top events

- Bloemfontein Open 2024

Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2024 Girls u13	Chanel Leppan
Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2024 Boys u14	Déwan Borstlap
Winner: Bloemfontein Open 2024 Boys u19	Luhann Groenewald

- SA Top 10 No 1's

SA Top 10 Boys u14	Déwan Borstlap
SA Top 10 Girls u19	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg

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- Worlds

SA Team to Junior World Championships Girls u19	Chanté Leppan
SA Team to Junior World Championships Girls u19	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg
SA Team to Junior World Championships Boys u19	Luhann Groenewald
SA Team to Junior World Championships Boys u19	Judah Phillips
SA Team to Junior World Championships Boys u19	Jean-Corné Brand

- Growthpoint SA Nationals 2024

2024 Growthpoint SA Nationals Boys u17 Winner	Jean-Corné Brand
2024 Growthpoint SA Nationals Girls u17 Winner	Elzandri Janse van Rensburg
2024 Growthpoint SA Nationals Boys u19 Winner	Luhann Groenewald

JUNIOR IPT'S

Sending 17 teams, NJSA won 2 Golds, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze

- Winners Girls: u13A
- Winners Boys: u14A
- Second Place Girls: u16A
- Third Place Girls: u16B

PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The Primary Schools League was again competitive and exciting, and Boys A-Section was won by Midstream Ridge Primary and Girls A-Section by St Mary's DSG. The depth of 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

Top Schools Regional Winners

- Boys: Hoërskool Zwartkop
- Girls: Midstream College

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SA Top Schools Champions

- Boys: Hoërskool Zwartkop

SA SCHOOLS CONVENTION

The convention was held in Johannesburg/Pretoria 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 as well as to increase social media usage.

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

NJSA AWARDS FUNCTION

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

FINANCES

We have had good attendance at all tournaments and along with hosting an IPT and financially supporting our players with both overseas and local events. Turnover was up and we managed a small loss for the year after ploughing our efforts into the upliftment and support of our players. NJSA finances are in a very strong position to continue supporting our player's inclusivity and development and also continue hosting the best tournaments.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The NJSA Committee has been exceptional and knowing that all these people are volunteers, the effort is heartwarming.

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

2025

We have another exciting year ahead and we would like to further develop our players and ensure they all have the opportunity to play at the level they aspire to.

CONCLUSION

2024 was a great year and we did show our ability to be a top province if not the best organized in the country.

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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.

Etienne Badenhorst
NJSA Chairperson



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