

REPORT

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TABLE TENNIS



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1. LOC Meetings

- I was requested by both SATTB and School Sports to attend the scheduled meetings on their behalf.
- I could not attend the first LOC Meeting due to late communication to confirm the venue and the time for the meeting, as a result I delegated a member of the Provincial Table Tennis Interim Structure to attend on my behalf (**unfortunately he did not attend the meeting also**).
- I attended the rest of the meetings as per the schedule, and the minutes/reports of those meetings has been sent to SATTB and School Sports Structure respectively.

1.1. Challenges:

- Meetings venue changes were not communicated on time, and it was frustrating to be traveling rushing to another venue.
- Feedback from the Joint National Task Team (**JNTT**) meetings was not provided to me for reporting on Table Tennis updates.

1.2. Suggestions:

- Whole package of JNTT and all relevant information need to be availed to the person attending LOC meetings for presentation of updates on Table Tennis code.

2. Tournament:

- SATTB requested for my assistance to do administrative work of capturing tournament results (**as replacement for Ms. Athi Mda**).
- On the 09th of December, I went to the venue to assist with offloading and unpacking of the playing equipment.



- Later on the day a meeting with the Technical Officials was held at Mapungubwe Hotel, in Marshall Town- Johannesburg CBD. **Mr. Moegamad Roesdien Isaacs** addressed them on the expectations from them, as officials at the championships.
- Tournament started well on the 10th of December 2018 at the University of Johannesburg Imbizo Hall (Soweto Campus).

2.1. Challenges:

- Playing equipment (**playing balls**) as per the request made, was not available on the first day of the tournament. We had to request SATTB to come to the rescue by providing tournament approved balls. The tournament started very late and players were requested to use their own playing balls, which is unacceptable.
- Stationery requested was not available on the first day of the tournament, we arranged for SATTB to provide.
- Technical Officials did not have transport to the venue on the first day of the tournament, hence I made a request for assistance from SATTB. Transport issues were only addressed and sorted out by the School Sports Secretary (**Mr. Gerald Neels**) due to frustrations they were going through.
- There was no internet connectivity to access emailing of the results, I had to use my personal resources.
- There was no transport for the Federation/Code Executives, and this posed a very serious challenge.

3. Administration- Control Table

- My duties as Result Coordinator included receiving the score cards and recording the scores submitted for matches. I worked with Mr. Moegamad Roesdien Isaacs (**Tournament Director**) and Mr. Rodrique Volkwyn (**Tournament Referee**) on the first day. On the following day we were joined by Ms. Cheryl Ann Volkwyn (**Deputy Tournament Director**) who later left the tournament.
- There was a need of continuous presence of both Mr. Volkwyn and Ms. Cheryl Ann Volkwyn, considering that I was exposed to the tournament software for the very first time and the huge amount of capturing was becoming a challenge.
- The assistance of both Mr. Wayne Cupido (School Sports Executive Member) and Mr. Kelvin Smith (WC) in verifying the results need to be commended and appreciated, they were very helpful and played a huge role in the success of the entire tournament.



4. General overview – Tournament:

- Tournament was well managed and all provinces (players and managers) conducted themselves in a very acceptable manner.
- There was a very great improvement with the officiating by all the selected Technical Officials (TO), and all credit should be given to the provinces for sending members who carried out their duties with due diligence.
- The collective involvement of both the School Sports Executive Members and the Federation Executive during the tournament is very appeasing and much appreciated, it contributed to the well run tournament without any glitches. The understanding and respect displayed by all members during the tournament was awesome.
- The expertise of Mr. Moegamad Roesdien Isaacs should be appreciated, his humbleness, calmness and willingness to get things done even under continuous pressure is unbelievable. He handled all challenges very well to make sure that the tournament was free from unnecessary stoppages or queries therefore.

4.1. Weaknesses:

- Failure to get the requested stationery from Sports & Recreation South Africa (**SRSA**) for the tournament had a negative impact on the first day. Poor transport arrangement also frustrated the Code Executive members on the very first day.
- Confirmation to use the venue was not submitted to the University Protection Personnel, hence access to the hall was not granted on the delivery of the equipment on the 09th of December 2018.
- A meeting with all Code Executives to address the roles and responsibilities was not held, this led to misunderstandings and inefficient performance to some members.
- A meeting with all Team Managers to explain the draws and the procedure of the tournament was not conducted, and this led to some provinces raising concerns regarding the sequence of play.



4.2. Strengths and recommendations:

- Teams were on time before the matches on daily basis (Managers were very cooperative).
- Ms. Athi Mda has done a great job in coordinating all activities during the entire tournament. She has been hands-on with all communications and addressing challenges with SRSA, and it was her involvement that assisted us to manage things under trying times from the beginning of the tournament.
- Good working relationship between SATTB and School Sports was evident and with continuous engagement, Table Tennis Code will benefit immensely in the development of young players around the country.
- The use of software to run the tournament proved very successful, and capacitating more members from different provinces would benefit the Table Tennis fraternity moving forward (**SATTB should nominate few individuals to be trained on the utilization of the software to run the tournaments**).

5. Conclusion:

- It has been an absolute pleasure to be given such a wonderful opportunity to be part of the 2018 School Sports Championships and I humble myself in appreciating the confidence shown in me, by both the SATTB and School Sports Executive. I have gained massive hands-on experience on the administrative aspects of running the tournament.
- I have herewith attached the **complete results for the 2018 School Sports Championship**

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Duly Signed

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