



The Department of Sport and Recreation (SRSA) derives its mandate from the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act Act 110 of 1998), which requires it to oversee the development and management of sport and recreation in South Africa. The Act also provides the framework for relationships between SRSA and its external clients. This includes the department's partnership with the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (Sascoc), which is key to improving South Africa's international ranking in selected sports. The Act also ensures that South Africa contributes to sport, physical education and social cohesion by legislating on sports participation as well as on sports infrastructure.

The SRSA strategic goals are to:

- increase citizens' access to sport and recreation activities
- oversee the transformation of the sport and recreation sector
- ensure that more athletes achieve international success
- develop enabling mechanisms to support sport and recreation
- ensure that sport and recreation are used as tools to support social cohesion and nation building.

Sport and Recreation South Africa

The SRSA is the national department responsible for sport in the country. Aligned with its vision of an active and winning nation, it primarily focuses on providing opportunities for all South Africans to participate in sport; manages the regulatory framework; and provides funding for different sporting codes.

The right to play and to participate in sport has been embodied in United Nations (UN) instruments such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. It is recognised as a right, which all governments should make available to their people.

In line with the constitutional imperatives, the SRSA has been assigned the powers and functions to develop and implement national policies and programmes regarding sport and recreation in the country.

The SRSA aims to maximise access, development and excellence at all levels of participation in sport and recreation to improve social cohesion, nation-building and the quality of life of all South Africans.

The SRSA's goals include:

- leading the process of sport transformation, asset development and equity in sport and recreation

Sport and Recreation

- ensuring that school sport is offered in all schools in South Africa
- ensuring that institutional mechanisms that provide equal access at all levels of participation in sport and recreation are in place
- contributing to social cohesion and employment opportunities through mass mobilisation in sport and recreation
- contributing to a healthy lifestyle through the provision of recreation programmes
- instituting a funding model to enable the effective implementation of sport and recreation programmes
- ensuring the availability of high-performance systems that will enable more athletes, coaches, technical officials and administrators to reach national and international standards that will contribute to an improvement in South Africa's international rankings
- improving governance and the delivery of sport and recreation through effective and efficient administrative support systems; and adequate resources
- supporting a well-governed sports community through the development of national policies and guidelines for sport and recreation in the country
- using the potential of sport and recreation to achieve government priorities through cooperation with identified international, national, provincial; and local government departments.

Legislation and policies

The National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act 110 of 1998) was amended extensively and promulgated in 2014.

In terms of the National Sport and Recreation Amendment Act, 2007 (Act 18 of 2007), the Minister of Sport and Recreation has the legislative powers to oversee the development and management of sport and recreation in South Africa. The key implementers of national policies for sport in the country are provinces and municipalities; as well as Sascoc, sports federations and other agencies.

The Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act of 2010 (Act 2 of 2010) was drafted as a result of the Ellis Park soccer tragedy and the subsequent findings of the Ngoepe Commission of Enquiry. *The White Paper on Sport and Recreation* was amended in 2011.

The department administers and controls the two public entities:

- Boxing South Africa, which was established in terms of the South African Boxing Act, 2001 (Act 11 of 2001).
- The South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport

(SAIDS), which was established in terms of the SAIDS Act 1997 (Act 14 of 1997) as amended. The Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 29 of 1999) guides all financial activities of the SRSA. The Public Service Act, 1994 (Act 103 of 1994) regulates the conduct of business in the Public Service.

Budget and funding

The total allocation for the SRSA stands at R988,5 million, having gone up by R18,1 million from the previous year's allocation of R970,4 million. This constitutes a 1,87% budget growth from the previous year.

The budget allocation per programme is as follows:

- R628,6 million to support the provision of mass participation opportunities in sport and recreation
- R133, 2 million to develop and maintain an integrated support system to enhance the delivery of sport and recreation
- R124,8 million for the provision of strategic leadership, management and support service to the department and the sector
- R92, 2 million to support the development of elite athletes
- R9,7 million towards the regulation and management of the provision of sport and recreation facilities.

Transformation in sport

The meeting of the Minister and Members of the Provincial Executive Councils (Minmec) took place on 28 March 2014, to consider among other things the report of the pilot study on the status of transformation in sport in South Africa.

The study focused on the top five national federations, namely rugby, cricket, football, athletics and netball, and will be expanded to include the 11 additional codes in 2014. The numbers will grow over the next few years until all provinces are covered.

The findings of the pilot project showed that little has been done in transforming sport especially the national and provincial teams. Grassroots structures are non-existent at school and club levels.

The report also revealed that the participation of black people in general and Africans in particular is declining tremendously. Sport in rural areas and townships are in a parlous state due to lack of facilities, poorly maintained sport infrastructure, and uneven access of facilities for all South Africans.

The report further revealed that there is a lack of willingness in implementing transformation, especially the enforcement of quotas and other

dimensions despite an agreement before and after the National Sport and Recreation Indaba. Minmec therefore resolved to:

- adopt the Eminent Person Commission (EPG) Report on Transformation in Sport
- use the report to draft a roadmap to aggressively implement the recommendations of the report and the resolutions of Minmec March 2014.

Minmec further resolved with immediate effect to:

- vigorously implement the quota system as instructed by the National Sports and Recreation Plan held in November 2011
- embark on a roadshow in all nine provinces and the piloted five federations to give instructions on the implementation of quotas and recommendations of the *EPG Report*
- increase the quota system from 50/50 to 40/60% representation and give effect to 60% black representation to both provincial and national teams
- demand development plans from Saru, Safa, CSA, ASA and Netball SA
- mandate all MECs of Sport and Recreation to meet with provincial teams and confederations to communicate the decisions of the Minmec and its impact on provinces
- mandate EPG and SRSA to enforce and monitor the implementation of the decisions.

In the interim, SRSA was instructed to develop guidelines on the distinction of roles and responsibilities of the sport stakeholders in the implementation of the recommendations of the pilot study on the status of reformation in sport in South Africa together with the resolutions of the Minister's meeting with the Minmec.

If there is resistance or any form of hostility to implement these resolutions and recommendations, government will have no option but to:

- withdraw any form of funding and support to federations and sport bodies that do not comply with transformation requirements
- withdraw the national colours to any federation(s) who are set on maintaining the status quo
- use bidding and hosting regulations to be illegal to bid without government approval
- bar sponsorship against any federation that does not and/or is hostile to transformation.

Role players

South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee

Sascoc is the controlling body for all high-performance sport in South Africa.

The SRSA and Sascoc cooperate closely on issues of mutual importance, and the SRSA

provides funding to Sascoc, for instance in the preparation of elite athletes for international events.

It is the national coordinating macro body for the promotion and development of high-performance sport in South Africa, including team presentation, and must consult with relevant sports bodies in this regard.

Sascoc represents South Africa for all multicoded sport participating in international games, such as the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games and All-Africa Games.

South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport

The SAIDS is the national anti-doping organisation, funded by the SRSA. Its mandate is to promote participation in sport, free from the use of prohibited substances or methods intended to artificially enhance performance, in the interest of the health and well-being of sports people.

The SAIDS is responsible for developing anti-doping policy and implementing a national antidoping programme across all sporting codes in South Africa.

The SAIDS is certified in terms of the International Organisation for Standardisation 9001: 2000 standards in compliance with the International Standard for Testing. This is the internationally recognised benchmark for quality assurance and excellence, and represents world best-practice in doping control in sport.

The SAIDS's key focus areas are:

- Doping control: The institute conducts a comprehensive, independent and effective national doping-control programme on South African athletes competing at regional, national and international levels. The SAIDS also conducts in- and out-of-competition doping controls on international athletes on behalf of international sports federations and other international anti-doping organisations.
- Education: The SAIDS provides education, information and awareness for athletes; coaches; parents; sports organisation; members of the medical, pharmaceutical and sports-science professions; tertiary-education institutions; and the public. Information on national and international antidoping issues can be accessed at www.drugfreesport.org.za.
- Research: The SAIDS conducts sociological research into the knowledge, attitude and use of performance-enhancing drugs among South African sportspeople, for the purpose of planning and implementing effective doping-control and education programmes.
- International collaboration: South Africa is

an active participant in the global effort to combat drugs in sport. The SAIDS collaborates closely with counterparts worldwide to achieve international harmonisation and the improvement of standards and practices in doping control. South Africa is a member of the International AntiDoping Arrangement and of the Executive Committee of the Association of National Anti-Doping Organisations.

Boxing South Africa

Boxing South Africa's intention is to ensure effective and efficient administration of professional boxing in South Africa; to create synergy between professional and amateur boxing and to promote interaction between associations of boxers, managers, promoters, trainers and officials, and Boxing South Africa.

It also considers applications for licences from all stakeholders in professional boxing. It sanctions fights; implements the relevant regulations; and trains boxers, promoters, ring officials, managers and trainers.

In July 2014, Andy Birkett managed to hold off Western Cape ace Graeme Solomon to claim his maiden Berg River Canoe Marathon title, while Abby Adie stormed to a convincing win in the ladies' race.

With the intention of bettering his eighth place in the 2013 Berg River Canoe Marathon, 62-year-old grandmaster Lee McGregor had to settle for eighth place overall at the 2014 event.

Luke Stowman produced a fine display on the last day to not only claim the top spot in the under-23 category but ninth place overall too.

There was a strong performance from Thulani Mbanjwa, who powered his way to 10th place.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

The Africa Regional Office of the WADA was established in Cape Town in 2004 to coordinate the anti-doping activities of the agency throughout Africa.

This includes promoting and maintaining effective lines of communication between the WADA and all relevant stakeholders, governments and public authorities, the broad sports movement, national anti-doping agencies and laboratories.

South Africa continues to serve as the African representative on the Executive Committee of WADA.

National sport federations

The various sporting codes in South Africa are governed by their own federations and associations. These include:

- Aero Club of South Africa

- AFL South Africa
- Amateur Fencing Association of Southern Africa
- Anglers and Casting Federation of Southern Africa
- Archery South Africa
- Athletics South Africa
- Badminton South Africa
- Baseball Union of Southern Africa
- Basketball South Africa
- Bowls South Africa
- Boxing South Africa
- Bridge Federation of Southern Africa
- Canoeing South Africa
- Chess South Africa
- Clay Target Shooting Association of South Africa
- Confederation of Cue Sport South Africa
- Cricket South Africa
- Cycling South Africa
- Dance Sport Federation of Sport South Africa
- Darts South Africa
- Deaf Sports Federation of Southern Africa
- Federation Bocce
- Fitness Sport Aerobics Federation of Southern Africa
- Handball Federation of Southern Africa
- Judo South Africa
- Jukskei South Africa
- Karate South Africa
- Korfbal Federation of South Africa
- Lifesaving South Africa
- Majorette and Cheerleading Association South Africa
- Martial Arts and Games Committee of South Africa
- Masters Sports Association of Southern Africa
- Mind Sports South Africa
- Modern Pentathlon Association of South Africa
- Motorsport South Africa

In October 2014, the breeding, trading and racing of pigeons became illegal in South Africa. Activities including the importing, breeding, trading in and translocation of pigeons are listed as prohibited activities in terms of the Invasive and Alien Species List as published by the departments of water and environmental affairs. The prohibition included releasing of any specimen of a listed invasive species, which effectively meant that releasing pigeons to race or as homing pigeons was illegal. The NSPCA said the new legislation was published in the Government Gazette on 1 August. The National Pigeon Organisation of Southern Africa sought a meeting with the environmental affairs minister to discuss the implications. The new law, which had been in the pipeline since 2004, would do away with the 100-year-old sport of pigeon racing. Pigeon racing is a professional sport and an expensive sport. The National Pigeon Organisation of Southern Africa is a member of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee and has 5 000 members.

- National Amateur Bodybuilding Association of South Africa
- National Horseracing Authority
- National Pigeon Organisation of Southern Africa
- National Boxing Organisation of Southern Africa
- Netball South Africa
- Orienteering Federation of Southern Africa
- Parachute Association of South Africa
- Physically Disabled Association
- Powerlifting Federation of South Africa
- Powerboat South Africa
- Ringball South Africa
- Roller Sport South Africa
- Rowing South Africa
- Sascoc
- Scrabble South Africa
- Sheep Shearing Federation of Southern Africa
- Shooting Sport Federation of South Africa
- Snooker and Billiards South Africa
- Snow Sports South Africa
- Squash South Africa
- Soaring Society of South Africa
- Softball South Africa
- South African Amateur Fencing Association
- South African Bodyboarding Association
- South African Deep Sea Angling Association
- South African Figure Skating Association
- South African Fly Fishing Association
- South African Football Association
- South African Gold Panning Association
- South African Golf Association
- South African Gymnastics Federation
- South African Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- South African Hockey
- South African Ice Hockey Association
- South African National Archery Association
- South African National Equestrian Federation
- South African Polo Association
- South African Practical Shooting Association
- South African Rugby Union
- South African Sailing
- South African Shore Angling Association
- South African Sports Association for the Intellectually Impaired
- South African Tennis Association
- South African Underwater Sports Federation
- Surfing South Africa
- Swimming South Africa
- Table Tennis Board of Southern Africa
- Taekwondo Federation of South Africa
- Tenniquoits Board of South Africa
- Tenpin Bowling Association of South Africa
- Transplant Sports Association of South Africa
- Triathlon South Africa
- Tug of War Federation of South Africa

- University Sport South Africa
- Volleyball South Africa
- Water Ski Federation of Southern Africa
- Weightlifting Federation of Southern Africa
- Wrestling South Africa
- Wushu Federation of Southern Africa.

Programmes and projects National Sport and Recreation Plan (NSRP)

The five transversal issues which permeate every building block of the NSRP and that are considered non-negotiable imperatives are reflected in five strategic objectives, namely transformation, priority codes, ethical environment, geopolitical sports boundaries and amateur versus professional sport. These issues are pertinent as they traverse the entire NSRP.

While it is envisaged that the White Paper on Sport and Recreation will remain relevant until 2019, the NSRP will be closely monitored annually to identify any hindrances that may affect on implementation and will be reviewed in its totality in 2020.

A school sports bursary, which offers R100 000 towards covering the costs of education and support required by pupils; opened many opportunities for sports veterans and legends, and attracted retired sports people who had registered with the department to offer help as coaches, officials and sports administrators.

To implement the NSRP in full, an estimated budget of R10 billion a year is required over the next three years. Due to other competing priorities and pressures on National Treasury there was no space for additional funding in 2014. In line with the NSRP, a pilot transformation audit was conducted on the big five national federations, namely rugby, cricket, football, netball and athletics, and the results were published in 2014. Following this successful pilot, many national federations were subjected to a transformation review to monitor progress and another transformation barometer was published in March 2015, detailing the findings of this review. The federations that were assessed include all those that are identified as the school sport priority federations. This, to ensure that as financial assistance is directed at them, they also reciprocate with a transformed participation environment and governance.

School Sport Programme

The SA Schools League Programme is the main programme and culminates in the annual SA Schools National Championships.

The league programme starts in February and runs until June, with schools competing in intra-

school and interschool league competitions.

As this is the core of the programme, other deliverables support it with:

- the capacity development programme, which involves the training of educators and sport volunteers in sport-specific programmes.
- providing sport equipment and sport attire support to poor schools.
- the provision of cluster coordinators to aid the delivery and support of sport.
- the identification of sport focus schools where athletes are placed to further their sport development.
- the support to school sport structures at local, district, provincial and national levels.

There are about 24 000 schools in South Africa, with a combined number of about 12,2 million learners. Of these schools, 18 786 are registered to participate in the league system. The SRSA set aside 25% of its budget, which is approximately R400 million, for schools sport development.

For 2014/15, new sporting codes were included. Swimming and Goalball were added to the championships and a further addition has been on two new codes for indigenous games (Kho Kho and Kgati).

The SA Schools National Championships was held in December 2014, in Pretoria.

I Play Fair – Say NO! to Doping Campaign

The aim of this campaign is to show International Floorball Federation's (IFF) commitment to promoting education and awareness as a cornerstone in the fight against doping in sport. The goal is also to increase the awareness of floorball players in the world of the importance of playing clean, respecting the spirit of true sport and fair play. The campaign was launched in partnership with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The campaign was first launched during the 8th Men's World Floorball Championships 2010 in Finland when also the Finnish Anti-Doping Agency joined the campaign. The IFF is the fourth International Federation, along with the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), FIFA and the International Archery Federation (FITA), to join WADA's Say NO! to Doping Campaign. [www.floorball.org]

In November 2014, president of Sascoc, Gideon Sam, led the I Play Fair team for the 2014 Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge in Fourways, Johannesburg. Sam's debut for the I Play Fair, Say NO! To Doping campaign was at the 2014 Two Oceans half-marathon in Cape Town, where the 60-year-old completed his first half marathon.

Team I Play Fair cycled in the 2014 Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge and Mr Gideon Sam will be joined by, among others, SAIDS board members, Dr. Mzwake Qobose and Paralympian Natalie Du Toit.

The I Play Fair team also joined the Minister of Sport in Pretoria when he led a team cycling on behalf of Unite 4 Mandela Campaign in November 2014.

The SAIDS is encouraging all South African sportsmen and women, coaches and fans to take the 'I Play Fair – Say NO! To Doping' pledge by visiting www.drugfreesport.org.za, the mobi-site: m.drugfreesport.org.za, on the Facebook Page ([iplayfairZA](https://www.facebook.com/iplayfairZA)) or via Twitter (@iplayfairZA).

International Rugby Board (IRB) Keep Rugby Clean Campaign

The IRB JWC plays a leading role in preparing the future stars of the game for the rigours of test rugby and anti-doping education is an essential element in that process. The IRB operates a zero-tolerance policy to drug cheats in sport, in partnership with the WADA.

ThinkSport Journal Project

The ThinkSport Journal, a publication focusing on and encouraging high-quality discussions among various stakeholders in society, serves as a forum for constructive debates on issues affecting sport in South Africa and also contribute meaningfully towards the development of sport at all levels of participation and all spheres of government and society. The ThinkSport Journal also serves as a high quality reference centre for sport practitioners, students, academics, researchers and stakeholders for further education and training as well as for academic and research purposes. The theme for the 2014 edition was: "20 Years After Democracy"

Little Green Book Project

The *Little Green Book* profiles exceptional athletes, coaches, administrators and technical officials while they are still alive.

Qhubeka: bicycles for rural development

Through its partnership with South African non-profit organisation Qhubeka, Team MTN-Qhubeka helps rural African communities by giving bicycles to children in return for work done to improve their environment and their community: for every 100 trees grown to at least 30 cm, or for every tonne of waste collected, Qhubeka donates a bicycle.

Not an ordinary bicycle but a Qhubeka Buffalo Bicycle, engineered specifically for African terrain and load requirements, designed by

World Bicycle Relief in Chicago, United States of America (USA) and assembled and tested in South Africa.

Children in rural schools are particularly badly affected by a lack of mobility. In South Africa, of the 16 million school children, 12 million walk to school. Of these, 500 000 walk more than two hours each way, spending four hours getting to and from school each day.

Major events

Nelson Mandela Sports Day

On 22 November 2014, South Africans united and took to the streets of Tshwane in honour of the much-loved global icon, the late Nelson Mandela.

Spearheaded by the SRSA and the Department of Arts and Culture, the 2014 Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day was held to demonstrate the depth of South Africans' commitment to the late Nelson Mandela's vision of sports and culture as a nation builder and a unifying force for a cohesive society.

With its aim to mobilise the youth, the event called for all South African youth, as the generation charged with living the Mandela legacy, to unite in building a brighter future for all.

In partnership with Cycling SA and Athletics SA, two new sporting codes were announced as a focus for the 2014 Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day. The day's sporting events featured a cycling race, a road-running race, a run/walk race, and a fun walk.

The Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day was designed to bring together South Africans from all walks of life as the country celebrated 20 Years of Freedom and Democracy.

The 2014 Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day aimed to break records by combining two major sports on the streets of Tshwane: cycling and running.

In remembrance of the 67 years Mandela devoted to social activism, the 67 km cycling race started and finished at the Union Buildings, with the route passing by many historical landmarks and monuments.

The winners of the 67 km cycling road race as well as the 27 km road-running challenge received R100 000, while the charity of their choice received R50 000.

The distance of this race was in commemoration of the 27 years Mandela spent in prison.

The 9,4 km road running/walking events were in remembrance of the 95 years of Madiba's life. Winners from the running competition received R25 000, while the charity of their choice received R15 000. The 9,4 km walking event

winner received R15 000, with R7 000 going to charity of their choice.

Fina World Cup

At the Fina World Cup in Doha in December 2014, Chad Le Clos received swimming's highest honour after he was crowned the world's best for 2014 by the International Swimming Federation. Le Clos also became the first ever swimmer to go unbeaten throughout a World Cup series.

He made history on the final night of the Fina World Short-Course Championships when he became the first swimmer to win the 50 m, 100 m and 200 m butterfly.

Cameron van der Burgh won a silver medal in the men's 50 m breaststroke.

Commonwealth Games

At the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, South African athletes managed to claim a total of 40 medals across all sporting codes, 13 of those were gold, 10 silver and 17 bronze, placing the country seventh on the medal table. This was an improvement on the country's 2010 performance in Delhi, where athletes claimed 33 medals.

The track and field athletes finished with nine medals, three of which were gold. Khotso Mokoena took gold in the men's triple jump with a distance of 17,2 m; Cornel Fredericks shone in the 400 m hurdles, winning gold with a time of 48,5 ; and Fanie van der Merwe clocked 11,65 in a first place finish in the men's 100 m T37 final.

National 400 m sprint record holder, Wayde van Niekerk, and long jumpers, Zarck Visser and Ruswahl Samaai, impressed in their first Commonwealth Games appearances. Visser and Samaai won silver and bronze respectively, while Van Niekerk claimed silver for his efforts on the track. Sunette Viljoen won silver in the women's javelin.

The men's open triples lawn bowls team claimed top honours in a closely contested final against New Zealand, winning 13 – 11, while the women's fours downed Malaysia in the final, adding yet another gold to the tally.

South Africa's swimmers also impressed, with Chad le Clos bagging seven medals: two gold medals, one silver and four bronze. Cameron van der Burgh won gold in the 50 m breaststroke, silver in the 100m breaststroke and bronze in the 4x100 m medley relay, while veteran Roland Schoeman won silver in the 50 m butterfly and the 4x100 m freestyle relay.

The Cape Epic Mountain Bike Race covers 718 km in a week. It has 14 850 m of climbs and draws bikers from around the world.

On the rugby field, the Blitzbokke stunned a strong New Zealand team in a 17–12 victory to claim gold in the Rugby Sevens final.

South African Sports Awards

The South African Sports Awards were presented at a ceremony in November 2014 where the Minister of Sport and Recreation honoured the sporting heroes who had excelled in the last 12 months.

Portia Modise was the 2014 SA Sport Star of the Year.

Ashleigh Moolman Pasio was the Sportswoman of the Year.

Chad Le Clos was the Sportsman of the Year.

Sportswoman with Disability and Sportsman with Disability awards went to Justine Usher and Ernst Francois Van Dyk respectively.

The under 19 cricket team were named the Team of the Year.

Other winners included:

- Administrator of the Year – Nokuzola Patience Thamae
- Newcomer of the Year – Gezelle Magermann
- Coach of the Year – Ephraim Shakes Mashaba
- Volunteer of the Year – Sandile Mqadi
- Indigenous Games of the Year – Ncuva, Limpopo
- Recreation Body of the Year – Sport for Social Change Network
- Photographer of the Year – Reg Caldecott
- Journalist of the Year – Mathews Mpete
- School Team of the Year – Vorentoe High School
- Developing School Team of the Year – Oudtshoorn School of Skills
- Federation of the Year – Triathlon South Africa
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Andrew Mlangeni
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Senzo Meyiwa
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Marthinus Linee
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Mbulaeni Mulaudzi
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Phindile Mwelase

National indigenous games

The 2014 National Indigenous Games Festival, which is organised annually by the SRSA, took place at the Tshwane Events Centre in Pretoria from 21 to 24 September. Similar to other sport and recreation codes, indigenous games impact positively on socio-economic issues such as African identity; cultural diversity; education and training; accessibility of resources; international relations; and economic growth. The games played included Ncuva, Jukskei, Dibeke, Diketo,

lintonga, Morabaraba, Kho-kho, Drie Stokkies and Kgati.

The indigenous games serve as a vehicle to afford all South Africans an opportunity to be athletes, regardless of race, age or cultural background. The event also showcased unity through sport, as well as community participation. Students from tertiary institutions and school children from the surrounding areas participated in the event, including the street carnival.

Transnet Rural and Farm Schools Tournament

Established in QwaQwa in 2002, the Transnet Rural and Farm Schools programme is one of the flagship projects within the Transnet Foundation's sports portfolio.

The tournament was held in October 2014, at the Germiston Stadium in Gauteng. This sporting event begins every year with over 22 000 learners across the country competing in inter-house challenges, leaving just 2 000 of the best sporting champions to battle it out at this three-day-long national tournament.

The programme is about recognising and acknowledging achievement and celebrating success by all sportsmen and women. It is also concerned with shaping South Africa's youth, making dreams come true and initiating social change.

Over the past two days, tournaments for netball, football, athletics and chess took place. These games were played by girls and boys between the ages of 13 and 19, all of them coached by trained staff.

KwaZulu-Natal showed that they know what it takes to win by achieving best province overall, and winning the overall girls and overall soccer categories. Mpumalanga and North West tied for overall boys category.

National Sports Volunteer Corps (NSVC)

South Africa has produced an array of great players, athletes, coaches and administrators across different sporting codes, all of whom have contributed immensely towards South Africa being recognised as one of the best in the field of sport across the world. The South African past with all its contradictions and divisions has however not optimally tapped on these great players, athletes, coaches and administrators in addressing challenges of capacity and role modelling for young people.

Athletics

In 2014, Anaso Jobodwana broke South Africa's 200 m record, Steven Mokoka broke the 5 000

m record, and Annemie Smith improved her own South African record in the women's hammer throw. The athletes are testimony to the fact that preparations for Rio 2016 Olympics are well on track.

Biking, mountain biking, cycling

The year 2014 will be remembered as a year where local cyclists were finally given the recognition they deserved after Ashleigh Moolman Pasio, Ernst van Dyk and Justine Asher were among the big winners at the South African Sports Awards.

Pasio won a bronze medal in the women's road race, in her first appearance at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. She then headed the South African elite women's team at the UCI Road World Championships, where she finished in the top 20 of the women's road race. She also rode to a second place finish at the Le Samyn des Dames – a women's race in Belgium – and finished in the top 15 of the Giro d'Italia Internazionale Femminile (Giro Rosa), the toughest stage race in women's road cycling. She ended her season ranked among the world's top 30 in her category. Back on home soil, she finished second behind UCI World champion Marianne Vos at the Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge road race.

Ernst van Dyk was crowned the 2014 UCI World Champion in the road race.

Justine Asher was crowned UCI World Champion in the time trial and road race, also winning the UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup.

Daryl Impey was another top achiever this season, flying the South African flag while riding for UCI ProTeam Orica-GreenEDGE. Impey maintained his fine form by winning Canada's Tour of Alberta, a road race that features a prologue and five stages. He also won the third stage of the Bayern-Rundfahrt (Tour of Bavaria) in Germany. He was also crowned the national Time Trial champion ahead of Jay Thomson and Jaco Venter, who finished second and third respectively.

Nolan Hoffman continued to be the undisputed king of the local road race classics, winning his third Amashova Durban Classic title and his maiden Cape Argus Cycle Tour victory after 10 attempts. He also grabbed wins at the GoWest criterium series and the Herald Cycle Tour in Port Elizabeth. On the track, Hoffman was crowned the South African Omnium Champion, while Maroesjka Matthee took the women's title.

The Bonitas Pro Cycling team reigned supreme in the 2014 Engen cycle in the city series, winning all the men's races in the challenge. HB Kruger gave the team its win

in Pretoria, while Dylan Girdlestone took the honours in Cape Town and Durban.

The women's event was won by Lise Olivier, who won the Pretoria and Durban events, while Matthee won in Cape Town.

Herman Fouche bagged victories in the Campus2Campus Classique in Potchefstroom and claimed overall victory at the Badplaas Tour in Mpumalanga and an elusive victory at the Dis-Chem Ride for Sight.

Westvaal-BMC rider JC Nel claimed his maiden classic victory in the Jock Cycle Classique after securing the overall win in the 151 km race in three hours, 58 minutes and 41 seconds.

Nic Dougall claimed his second successive victory in the four-day Tour de Boland. He also claimed the overall honours in 9:53:03. Reynard Butler and Olivier were crowned new champions of the Tour Durban cycle race, while MTN Qhubeka's Jacques Janse van Rensburg was the overall winner of the Mzansi Tour.

On the mountain bike, Kevin Evans and Max Knox picked up the Sani2c mountain bike race title, while Johann Rabie and Gawie Combrinck claimed their maiden win in the nine-day JoBerg2c mountain bike race.

The Team Bulls pair of Simon Stiebhorn and Tim Bohme secured the overall title in the UCI ranked Cape Pioneer Trek international mountain bike stage race in October. The women's overall title went to Catherine Williamson and Alice Pirard.

Robyn de Groot won the Nissan Trailseeker mountain bike series title after winning all races in the five-event series.

When it came to national titles, MTN-Qhubeka rider Louis Meintjes claimed top honours in the elite men's race at the South African Road Cycling Championships. James Reid and De Groot claimed the elite men and women's national titles at the South African National MTB Marathon Championships.

Tiaan Odendaal claimed his third consecutive men's national title at the Downhill Championships held at the Thaba Trails in Gauteng.

Mariske Strauss and Rourke Croeser were crowned cross country champions, while Kyle Dodd and Maia Rawlins were crowned BMX national champions.

Strauss was also crowned African champ in the cross-country event at the African Continental championships, while Philip Buys claimed the men's title.

Andrew Neethling and Hayley-Ann Adamson came out tops at the African downhill championships.

South African Masters mountain biker Nedene Cahill took first prize at the UCI Mountain Bike

Masters World Championships in the Women's cross-country 30 – 34 age category in Norway.

Boxing

The SRSA wants boxing to be turned into a leading sporting code in South Africa by 2017.

Vision 2017 is a strategy to resuscitate and promote boxing in all the provinces. The plan will improve the administration and safeguard the health and general wellbeing of professional boxers. Authorities have also pledged to promote, market, and sanction quality boxing events and tournaments.

To achieve these objectives, BSA has to ensure that there is strong leadership, accountability and diversity across all business units and governing spheres.

The parties further agreed that BSA would introduce guiding principles for improved revenue streams and revenue collection.

Revenues would be generated from government grants, bequests, site fees, ticket sales, registration fees, tournament licensing fees, penalties, incomes from invested surplus, sponsorship and fund-raising, broadcast and advertising income.

Chris van Heerden captured the vacant IBF international Welterweight title by outpointing Cecil McCulla.

Xolani Ndogeni, the South African National and IBO International Lightweight champion outpointed Vusumzi Tyatyeka to win the overall PBL competition.

In Heavyweight: Ruan Visser moved into the third position after knocking out Quincy Taylor in the third round in a fight that took place in Houston.

In Featherweight: Aphiwe Mboyiya outpointed Lwando Molwana in the PBL event, which saw him exchanging positions with Paul Magxialani.

Former rated boxers, Lwando Molwana (Feather) and Cletus Mbele (Bantamweight) were added to Watchlist section.

Cricket

In 2014, SRSA recognised the outstanding achievement of the Proteas' cricket captain and the world's best batsman AB de Villiers.

In August 2014, the Proteas completed a comprehensive 3 – 0 series whitewash of Zimbabwe, winning by seven wickets with 136 balls to spare in the third one-day international in Bulawayo.

In February 2014, Cricket South Africa (CSA) announced an innovative ticketing system for cricket fans in the country. CSA was the first national sports federation in South Africa to introduce the new near-field communication

(NFC) technology already in use by various sporting codes in Europe and the USA. The technology allows supporters to buy match tickets, parking, food and beverages on their smart phone or PC, enhancing the stadium experience for fans so that they can enjoy convenience and actively support the Proteas and the franchise teams live at stadiums. CSA issued Love Cricket NFC cards, which brings numerous benefits to fans. [<http://businesstech.co.za>]

In April 2014, the men's and ladies' T20 cricket teams played in the semi-finals World Cup games in Bangladesh.

Canoeing, rowing

In 2014, South African rowers performed exceptionally well when John Smith and James Thompson were crowned world champions after setting a world-best time of 6:05.36 in Amsterdam.

Their victory came only months after making the transition from sweep-oar rowing to sculling and two years after tasting Olympic success.

Adding to the team's accomplishments at the World Rowing Championships in the Netherlands, Shaun Keeling and Vincent Breet claimed a bronze medal in their men's pair boat class.

The women's lightweight doubles sculls crew of Kirsten McCann and Ursula Grobler finished in fourth place.

The women's pair of Lee-Ann Persse and Naydene Smith finished sixth in their final, while the men's coxed pair of Lawrence Brittain and David Hunt, with Willie Morgan as coxswain, were fifth.

These successes came on the back of injuries which had denied the team continuity and depth and resulted in Olympic gold medallist Sizwe Ndlovu missing the world champs.

Ndlovu, however, added another accolade to the South African rowing community by being named as a representative for lightweight male rowers serving on the Athletes' Commission of the World Rowing Federation.

The World Rowing Federation (WRF) nominated Barrow as a finalist for the 2014 World Rowing Coach-of-the-Year award South African canoeing also experienced a stellar year on the water with Olympic bronze medallist Bridgitte Hartley and stalwart Hank McGregor flying the flag. Hartley made history when she won South Africa's first medal in an Olympic event at the Canoe World Sprint Championships in Moscow. She repeated her performance at the London Olympics by winning the bronze medal in the K1 500 m, finishing third at the world championships. McGregor cemented his status as a legend of South African canoe marathons, claiming his

fourth K1 gold medal at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships. He then teamed up with Jasper Mocke to clinch the K2 gold medal and became the first South African to win double gold at a world championship event.

Jenna Ward earned a bronze medal in the women's under-23 race. McGregor narrowly edged out Andy Birkett to win the Fish River Canoe Marathon while Abby Adie took the women's title.

Birkett won his fourth Dusi canoe marathon trophy, paired with Sbonela Zondi, in the K2 race. Robyn Kime lifted her fifth consecutive Dusi trophy in 2014. She successfully partnered with Abbey Ulansky for a second time, while it was Ulansky's (nee Miedema) record ninth women's Dusi title.

In July 2014, Andy Birkett managed to hold off Western Cape ace Graeme Solomon to claim his maiden Berg River Canoe Marathon title, while Abby Adie stormed to a convincing win in the ladies' race.

With the intention of bettering his eighth place in the 2013 Berg River Canoe Marathon, 62-year-old grandmaster Lee McGregor had to settle for eighth place overall at the 2014 event.

Luke Stowman produced a fine display on the last day to not only claim the top spot in the under-23 category but ninth place overall too.

There was a strong performance from Thulani Mbanjwa, who powered his way to 10th place.

Golf

The 2014 Sunshine Tour was the 15th season of professional golf tournament. The tour is based predominantly in South Africa with other events being held in neighbouring countries, including Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Zambia and Namibia. In February 2014, George Coetzee won the Joburg Open in Johannesburg, Gauteng and Thomas Aiken won the Africa Open in East London in the Eastern Cape. In March 2014, Trevor Fisher Jnr won the Investec Cup in Rustenburg, North West. In April 2014, Titch Moore won the Telkom Business PGA Championship in Johannesburg, Gauteng, Jbe' Kruger won the Golden Pilsener Zimbabwe Open in Zimbabwe. In May 2014, Danie van Tonder won the Investec Royal Swazi Open in Swaziland, Wallie Coetzee won the Mopani Copper Mines Zambia open in Zambia and Christiaan Basson won the Lombard Insurance Classic in Swaziland. In June 2014, Lyle Rowe won the Zambia Sugar Open in Zambia and Danie van Tonder won the Vodacom Origin of Golf in Limpopo. In July 2014, Dean Burmester won the Sun City Challenge in Sun City, North West, Jean Hugo won the Vodacom Origins of Golf (Arabella) in the Western Cape

and Keith Horne won the Vodacom Origins of Golf (St Francis) in the Eastern Cape. Colin Nel won the Wild Waves Golf Challenge held in KwaZulu-Natal, in August 2014. In September 2014, Louis de Jager won the Vodacom Origins of Golf (Wild Coast). In October 2014, PH McIntyre won the Vodacom Origins of Golf (Vaal de Grace) in Parys, Titch Moore won the Sun Boardwalk Golf Challenge in Port Elizabeth, Merrick Bremner won the BMG Classic in Johannesburg and Keith Horne won the Vodacom Origins of Golf Final in the Western Cape. In November 2014, Louis de Jager won the Nedbank Affinity Cup in North West and Jaco Ahlers won the Lion of Africa Cape Town Open. In December 2014, Branden Grace won the Alfred Dunhill Championship in Limpopo.

Justin Walters celebrated becoming the inaugural Challenge Tour graduate of the Year at Wentworth Club with a five under par 67 to take his place on the BMW PGA Championship leaderboard. The 33-year-old South African, holed a 50 foot putt on the final green.

Hockey

The South Africa teams finished in their best final positions since the inception of the Indoor Hockey World Cup (IHWC) at Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015 in Leipzig Arena, Germany.

The world number 18 Spar SA women's team beat Canada 4 – 2 after the score was 2 – 2 at half-time to end ninth in the IHWC women's event. The South African men, under captain Dale Isaac and head coach Ryan Hack of Durban were the mainstays in their team's success.

They beat Canada 2 – 1 to end 11th.

Ice hockey

The South African women's national ice hockey team has participated in International Ice Hockey Federation events since the 1999 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Women's World Championship.

Cape Town was selected as the host city for the 2015 Men's Division II Group B World Championships. South Africa played against the following national teams: China, Bulgaria, Mexico, New Zealand and Israel.

The tournament took place from 13 to 19 April 2015 at the Grand West Ice Station located at the Old Goodwood Showgrounds.

Motorsport

Mark Cronje and Robin Houghton dominated the Tour Natal Rally, the inaugural round of the 2015 South African Rally National Championship, and scored seven stage wins on their way to overall victory.

Cronje and Houghton came home in two hours

six minutes and one second – beating defending champions Leeroy Poulter/Elvéne Coetzee by 44,6 seconds.

Dakar hero, Giniel de Villiers and Carolyn Swan in the second Castrol Toyota Yaris did not take any risks to secure fourth place, while Japie van Niekerk and Gordon Noble had to work hard to regain fifth after they suffered a puncture in stage eight, costing them valuable seconds. In the end they beat Gugu Zulu and Pierre Arries, in his first outing in top-tier rallying for over a year, by only nine seconds – displacing them with one special stage still to run. [www.motorsport.co.za]

In May 2014, Sheldon van der Linde became the youngest driver to win an SA Saloon Car race at the VW Cup round in Port Elizabeth.

In July 2014, Kelvin van der Linde was awarded the Driver of the Year award for the 2014 International Automobile Federation's (FIA) Young Driver Excellence Academy at a graduation ceremony at the Paul Ricard circuit in France. The Young Driver Excellence Academy is an initiative of the FIA Institute for Motor Sport Safety and Sustainability. Van der Linde is the youngest to have won either of these titles. The Academy programme, which is aimed at developing and improving motor sport safety and sustainability and promotes excellence and achievement in all areas of motor sport.

Netball

Netball South Africa underlined its reputation as one of the fastest growing sports in the country as it scooped two categories at the 2014 SPAR Sport Awards.

SPAR Proteas netball star Lenize Potgieter, won the Up and Coming Athlete of the Year and Zanele Mdozana won the 2014 Style Star Award.

Rugby

Springbok flyhalf, Pat Lambie, landed a 52-metre penalty with a minute to go as South Africa ended New Zealand's 22-game unbeaten run with a 27 – 25 victory in their final Rugby Championship clash at Ellis Park in October 2014. South Africa became the first team to defeat the world champion All Blacks since England in late 2012.

The Blitzbokke won the Dubai edition of the IRB World Sevens series courtesy of a 33 – 7 victory over Australia in the cup final. Kwagga Smith enjoyed a day to remember, including a standout performances in both the semi-final victory over New Zealand as well as the final where he was first to cross the whitewash with a strong bust down the right.

At the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014, the Springbok Sevens defeated four times champions New Zealand 17 – 12 in front of a

capacity crowd at Ibrox Stadium, to win a historic gold medal.

South Africa wrestled the title away from New Zealand in a memorable final and in the process handed the Kiwis their first ever defeat at the Commonwealth Games. The Springbok Sevens' previous best attempts were two bronze medals.

Running

Endurance running is a popular sport in South Africa and is widely supported. It is highlighted by two ultra-marathons, namely the Comrades Marathon and the Two Oceans Marathon. Both events are world-renowned and attract large numbers of participants from across the globe.

The Comrades Marathon takes place in KwaZulu-Natal and the Two Oceans in the Western Cape. The 2014 Comrades Marathon was won by Bongmusa Mthembu, followed by Ludwick Mamabolo and Gift Kelehe – all of them South Africans.

Three-time Comrades winner, Zimbabwean Stephen Muzhingi, was fourth.

Eight of the top 10 runners in the 2014 Comrades Marathon men's race were South African.

In the women's race, Eleanor Greenwood from the United Kingdom took first place, with the Nurgalieva twins, Elena and Olesya, second and third respectively. Fourth was Irina Antropova. South African Olympic icon Zola Budd was number seven.

Soccer

The Durban Under-19 International Football Tournament, backed and jointly organised by KwaZulu-Natal, the City of Durban and the South African Football Association, will take place annually in Durban for at least the next three years. Durban hosted the first of these tournaments in June 2014. Youth development was the cornerstone of every successful footballing nation. The 2014 Durban Under-19 International Football Tournament could be a stepping-stone in the careers of players hoping to represent South Africa at the Fifa World Cup in Russia in 2018.

Surfing, surfski, sailing

An ecstatic Eastern Province team won the President's Cup at the 49th South African Surfing Championships for the second time in the history of the event, in September 2014.

The Association of Surfing Professionals announced the return of South Africa's Jeffreys Bay to the elite Samsung Galaxy ASP World Championship Tour (WCT) schedule for the 2014 season. Taking place from 10 to 20 July

2014, the J-Bay Open served as the sixth of 11 stops on the 2014 Samsung Galaxy ASP WCT schedule and signed a three-year agreement to host the world's best surfers from 2014 to 2016.

Durban's reputation as a global surfski mecca was strengthened in June 2014 as the nation's best ocean paddlers battled for national titles in the newly launched FNB Mazars Durban Downwind surfski race. The brand new event will not only become the permanent home of both the KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng Surfski champions annually, but the 2014 opening edition also doubled as the 2014 South African Surfski Championships. Starting at Marine Surf Lifesaving Club at Durban's Addington Beach, paddlers headed 26 km either north to La Mercy or south to Amanzimtoti – depending on the wind direction. The race seeks to become KwaZulu-Natal's premier downwind surfski event.

In June 2014, Fish Hoek's renowned Mocké clan capped off a sublime family weekend's effort in KwaZulu-Natal by winning three of the four SA S2 Surfski Championship titles up for grabs at Sunday's second day of the inaugural FNB Mazars Durban Downwind surfski race. With the national singles title already in his possession after a memorable paddle, Jasper Mocké teamed up with his older brother Dawid and the pair clinched their fourth national title together before Dawid's wife, evergreen competitor Nikki Mocké, and Olympic bronze medallist Bridgitte Hartley won the women's race.

Fresh from their promising performances on the 2014 ISAF World Cup circuit and the European Cup circuit, South African Olympians Roger Hudson and Asenathi Jim once again packed their bags, this time for Abu Dhabi, after receiving an invitation to the first ever ISAF World Cup final. Just 20 boats raced in each of the 10 Olympic classes in Abu Dhabi, meaning only the finest sailors in the world were competing there in November 2014. The top Asian and the top non-Asian teams at the last qualifying event of the 2014 season, raced in China later in November, together with the 18 already invited, made up the 20-team World Cup final in the men's 470 event. The South Africans' qualification for the World Cup final was based on their ISAF world rankings, which have ranged between 19 and 22. This ranking reflected a number of outstanding performances in major Olympic Class events in Europe. These included their historic gold medal at the 2014 European Cup event in Holland, the gold medal in the inaugural European Sailing Federation Cup raced over three events in Italy, Holland and Germany, and second place in the medal races of four of the events on the 2014 World Cup and

European Cup circuits.

South Africa's 49er sailors Graeme Willcox and Andrew Tarboton were thrilled with a breakthrough first-place finish in one of their races at the ISAF World Championships in Santander, Spain but recognised they had a way to go to achieve their dream of competing in the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Swimming

In March 2014, Dylan Bosch, broke the American 200 m butterfly record at a University of Michigan championship.

In August 2014, South Africa's endurance swimmer, Lewis Pugh, completed the fourth leg of his Seven Swims in the Seven Seas Campaign to highlight the need for, and importance of marine protected areas. He swam 10 km off the coast of Sile, a town outside Istanbul in Turkey. The Cape Long Distance Swimming Association is dedicated to offering information and news on open-water swimming around Cape Town, with particular focus on solo swims in the sea. Their aims are to:

- promote long distance open water swimming in general
- help coordinate, officiate and record all long distance open water solo swims in Cape waters
- promote Cape Town as an open water swimming destination
- assist those travelling to Cape Town for swims, by offering open water swimming information and advice, as well as travelling advice to optimise your Cape Town experience.

Long distance swimming, which is defined as any distance over 7 km, has a long history in South Africa. The first recorded swim was in 1909 when Henry Charteris Hooper swam from Robben Island to the old Cape Town harbour. Since then, more than 400 individuals have done the crossing from or to Robben Island as well as various other distance swims in South Africa.

Tennis

Kevin Anderson, South Africa's leading tennis player, started 2014 by reaching the fourth round of the Australian Open, before being knocked out in straight sets by Tomáš Berdych. He then reached the final at Delray Beach, before losing to Marin Čilić. At the Mexican Open held in Acapulco, he again reached the final, losing to Grigor Dimitrov in three sets. In the Indian Wells Masters, Anderson reached the quarterfinals, but lost to Roger Federer. At the 2014 Madrid Open, he beat Radek Štěpánek, before losing to Tomáš Berdych. He reached the fourth round in the French Open, before losing to fifth seed

David Ferrer. He then reached the quarterfinals of the AEGON Championships held at the Queen's Club, London, before losing to Radek Štěpánek. At the Wimbledon Championships he defeated Fabio Fognini to reach the fourth round, where he lost to Andy Murray. Anderson made it to the quarterfinals of the Masters 1000 event in Toronto after defeating Fognini and Stanislas Wawrinka. At the Cincinnati Masters, he had a disappointing first-round, straight-set exit at the hands of John Isner. He made it to the third round of the US Open, where he lost to eventual champion Marin Čilić. At the Paris Masters he again defeated Wawrinka to reach the quarterfinals, after which Tomas Berdych beat him. The South African ended the year at 16th place in the ATP year-end rankings.

Wheelchair Tennis is one of the fastest growing wheelchair sports in the world. The ITF considers South Africa one of the global success stories in introducing the sport, making Wheelchair Tennis South Africa (WTSA) one of the top wheelchair tennis structures and nations in the world. WTSA has sustainable sports programmes running in each of South Africa's nine provinces to introduce and offer wheelchair tennis to as many physically disabled individuals and communities as possible. Through these programmes, people with disabilities are given the opportunity to learn a new skill and excel at a sport. Players are continuously developed and discovered through these programmes from introduction to the game, to ultimately, representing South Africa internationally.

Chess

The Department of Basic Education encourages chess as a serious sport in schools.

South Africa intends to use chess as an educational tool, to enhance logic and lateral thinking for mathematics and sciences, which many people find difficult.

South Africa will count on the Local Organising Committee's commitment to supporting chess development programmes in underprivileged communities.

Speed skating

The South African Speed Skating Championships was held at the Mandela Village in Hammanskraal in March 2014. Roller Sport SA governs speed skating in South Africa. The organisation has 22 clubs that trained skaters and administrators to run clubs. Interest in speed skating had grown over the years, especially in areas such as Hammanskraal.

Dance World Cup 2014

In July 2014, South Africa scooped 14 medals and finished sixth overall, with some standout individual performances, at the Dance World Cup 2014 World Finals held in Portugal over the past week.

More than 3 000 competitors from 28 countries performed in over 1 400 routines in the weeklong competition in Algarve.

South Africans scooped a total of four gold, seven silver and three bronze medals at the global showpiece, which offers competition in eight different dance genres for children and young adults.