



2015 BLOUBERG MAYORAL TOURNAMENT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

The Blouberg Mayoral Tournament (Off-Season games) is growing in leaps and bounds. Besides watching 21 teams battle it out for the top position as usual, the tournament introduced sporting codes like volleyball and chess.

The sleepy village of Eldorado was brought to life from the 28th–30th December 2015 as thousands of sport fanatics from all corners of Blouberg and elsewhere, converged at Eldorado Sport complex to support their teams in a three-day fun filled sporting event.

The 28th of December (Day 1 of the tournament) saw teams in volleyball, netball, soccer (ladies and men) and chess battle it out to advance to the next stage of the tournament.

There was a fair process to participation in the tournament as the participating teams were made up of the crème of the crop from ward level.

Giving a message of support, the Chairperson of the South African Football Association in the Capricorn Region Mr. Abel Rakoma indicated that the tournament plays a huge role in the development of football in Blouberg.

Kgoshikgolo Maleboho of the Bahananwa Tribal Authority applauded the municipality for the tournament saying it helped take the youth from the streets and identify talent.

Giving closing address the Mayor Blouberg Municipality Clir Sammy Selamolela indicated that the aim of the tournament was to develop world class athletes and identify potential talent. He said the municipality would conduct a post mortem on the games in order to identify and address the challenges encountered during the tournament.

He also indicated that the tournament was meant to attract tourists, serve as entertainment for Blouberg residents and those who resides outside the municipality due to work communication and boost, local economic development as well as promoting a healthy life style.

At stake were 21 males soccer teams that battled it out for a whopping R20 000, soccer kit, trophy and medals on the other hand there were also 21 ladies soccer teams who were vying for a staggering R5 000, a trophy and medals. 21 Netball teams were in it for R4, 000, Volleyball (R4, 000) and Chess for R1, 000 and a chess kit.

Ward 16 a ka Soain FC were crowned champions in the men soccer category beating Mazau FC and taking home R20 000, Medals, Trophy and soccer balls and kit.

OTHER WINNERS

Ladies Soccer: Ward 19 (R5, 000, trophy, medals, kit, balls)

Netball: Ward 12 (R4, 000, trophy, medals, balls, kit)

Volleyball: Ward 4 (4, 000, medals, trophy, kits, ball)

Chess: Ward 21 Chess Club (R1, 000, chess kit, Medals)

All the teams walked away with gifts in a form of soccer kits and balls for participating in the tournament. These games were hosted by Blouberg municipality in collaboration with Blouberg Local Football Association (BLFA) and South African Football Association (SAFA).

Blouberg off Seasons games were introduced in 2008 have since been running without fail.

