



# KWA-ZULU NATAL SQUASH UNION

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## **Lotto Progress Report : 1/2014**

### A) Background :

You will recall that during 2011/12 KZN Squash engaged with all Clubs regarding our proposed Lotto application. Based on the feedback that we obtained, we formulated our application and submitted to NLDTF. Our application for funding focused on Transformation and Development especially with regards to:

- Talent identification especially amongst the previously disadvantaged
- Providing training opportunities and coaching
- Marking and refereeing especially with regards taking the game to the masses
- Creating a Jarvis Cup D Section Development Team

During July 2013 the NLDTF engaged in discussions with KZN Squash, which eventually culminated in our application being approved during September 2013. All expenditure incurred has to be in alignment with the actual application and is subject to regular audit by NLDTF.

The purpose of this communication is to advise you of our current and proposed initiatives.

### B) Current Lottery Funded Initiatives :

#### 1. Jarvis Cup Development Team :

This team is not to be confused with the KZN Jarvis Cup Teams for the A, B and C sections. The individuals chosen are all young, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Division players. The objective is to introduce a Jarvis Cup "D" and to give these individuals intensive training for 6 months as well as senior, national-level and tournament exposure.

The team comprises of Bryce Allsopp, Shailen Maharaj, Matt Boote, Yeshkin Maharaj, Jason Higgs and Julian Subbiah. Commencing January 2014 they are attending intensive weekly training under the tutelage of Chris Hewitson at Kloof Squash Club. The training includes on the court and off the court training (video analysis, mentoring etc).

#### 2. Development Clinics :

As part of our commitment to introduce Squash to the previously disadvantaged communities we hold weekly development clinics at Berea Rovers and Chiltern Park. Most of the participants are first time participants and are trained by accredited coaches. We have children participating from Sydenham, Cato Manor, Clare Estate and Reservoir Hills and in order to ensure continuity and sustainability we have partnered with schools in



these areas. These programmes cannot be expanded currently due to the shortage of accredited coaches.

3. Coaching Courses for Coaches:

A number of Level 1 courses for coaches will be held, including coaches who will be working with junior and senior players in the previously disadvantaged communities. The first course will be held in April 2014 (already fully subscribed with 12 delegates) and invitations will be sent to KZN clubs to send applications for aspiring coaches to attend additional courses during the year.

4. Marking and Refereeing Courses (M&R)

M&R courses will be held at 3 central KZN venues during April 2014, to which all clubs will be invited to send delegates. The objective will be general club development and to improve the standard of marking and refereeing in leagues.

C) Proposed Lottery Funded Initiatives :

In order to be able to reach the masses we need to need to increase the number of coaches, markers and referees that we have on our database. We will therefore explore these options and will invite clubs to participate in these initiatives, with a view to training and developing individuals predominantly from the previously disadvantaged communities. This will be achieved through increased coaching at the designated coaching clinics.

It is also our intention to work with Correctional Services and with ACT especially with regards to extending the footprint of squash in KZN.

In summary over the next few months we will:

- Continue with existing development clinics and begin initiatives to expand the footprint in KZN.
- Host additional courses for coaches
- Host marking and referee workshops
- Print coaching manuals

In closing please note that KZN Squash will continue to send out progress updates on a regular basis to the wider squash community

Yours faithfully

Dave Stevens (Chairperson of KZN Squash)  
Suren Panday (Chairperson of Lotto Committee)

