



Women and Sport Policy on Women and Sport Consultative Process:

“Gender equity is a human right and a fundamental principle of the Commonwealth/United Nations which is pertinent to the field of sport and recreation as well. Women’s participation in sport has a long history. It is a history marked by division and discrimination but also one filled with major accomplishments by female athletes and important advances for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls” (Department of Sport, Arts and Culture Draft Policy).

Following the initiative by the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture to develop a policy on Women and Sport, the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation will embark on a consultative process to formulate provincial inputs to the national policy. The purpose of the intended policy is, amongst others, to ensure:

- Strengthened participation of women in sport
- Improved service integration and collaboration
- Increased participation of women at professional sport level
- Greater access and participation opportunities at community and club level
- Equitable financial resource allocation for women in sport
- Reduction in women and girl abuse

The consultative policy process will unfold virtually in the five (5) districts of the Free State which will then culminate into a provincial consultative policy engagement as follows:

District	Date	Time	Contact Person	Contact Number
Xhariep District	16 September 2020	11:00	Ms Sibongile	066 474 7152
Lejweleputswa District	16 September 2020	14:00	Ms Thokozani	066 479 0723
Thabo Mofutsanyana District	17 September 2020	11:00	Ms Anna Mashinini:	066 479 1684
Fezile Dabi District	17 September	14:00	Ms Moipone Mahloko:	066 479 1778
Mangaung Metro Municipality	18 September 2020	11:00	Ms Nomahlubi Mavumengwana:	066 479 0249

The details of the provincial policy engagement will be announced in due course. The engagements will be streamlined on the Departmental and other Social Media platforms.

In reflecting on this historical process, the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Ms Limakatso Mahasa, asserted that, “the historical role that women have played in society in general and in sectors such as sport in particular has always been underrated. Through this policy process we are embarking on a quest to roll back the inequities and impediments that have been placed in the way of the development of women who are the backbone of societal development”.

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