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## 2019 PROVINCIAL INDIGENOUS GAMES

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in partnership with the Department of Education, School Indigenous Code Structures and Federations will host the 2019 Provincial Indigenous Games to celebrate indigenous sport codes that were previously neglected as a result of western influences on African civilization.

Participation in Indigenous Games emphasizes physical development, skills training and maintenance, reinforcement of values and interaction between communities. DSACR through its Community Sport Directorate has committed itself to promote these games from town level up to provincial level. All established and active clubs in Local Municipalities are afforded an opportunity to go through the elimination stage on the following codes:

- 1. Iintonga,**
- 2. Morabaraba,**
- 3. Jukskei,**
- 4. Dibeke,**
- 5. Ncuva,**
- 6. Khokho**
- 7. Diketo**
- 8. Kgati**
- 9. Drie Stokies.**

These Provincial Games will also be used as a platform to select outstanding players in all codes that will represent the Free State Province at the National Indigenous Games Festival to be held in Limpopo, Polokwane from the 21-27 September 2019. The 2019 Provincial Indigenous Games will take place as follows:

**Date: 31 August 2019**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

**Venue: Flavius Mareka Sport Centre, Sasolburg**

“Indigenous Games provide us with an opportunity to revisit and relearn aboriginal African values and pass them on to young generations. The games were neglected in historical and anthropological accounts of the indigenous people of South Africa. In general, African people and societies share similar values and norms despite their diversity. This is because Africans on the continent and in the diaspora have historically faced similar struggles. Western influences have a marked effect on the erosion and adaptation of the games and it is our commitment to revive them,” said MEC Limakatso Mahasa.

**Your media house is invited to attend this event.**

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