



Annual Report
2024/25

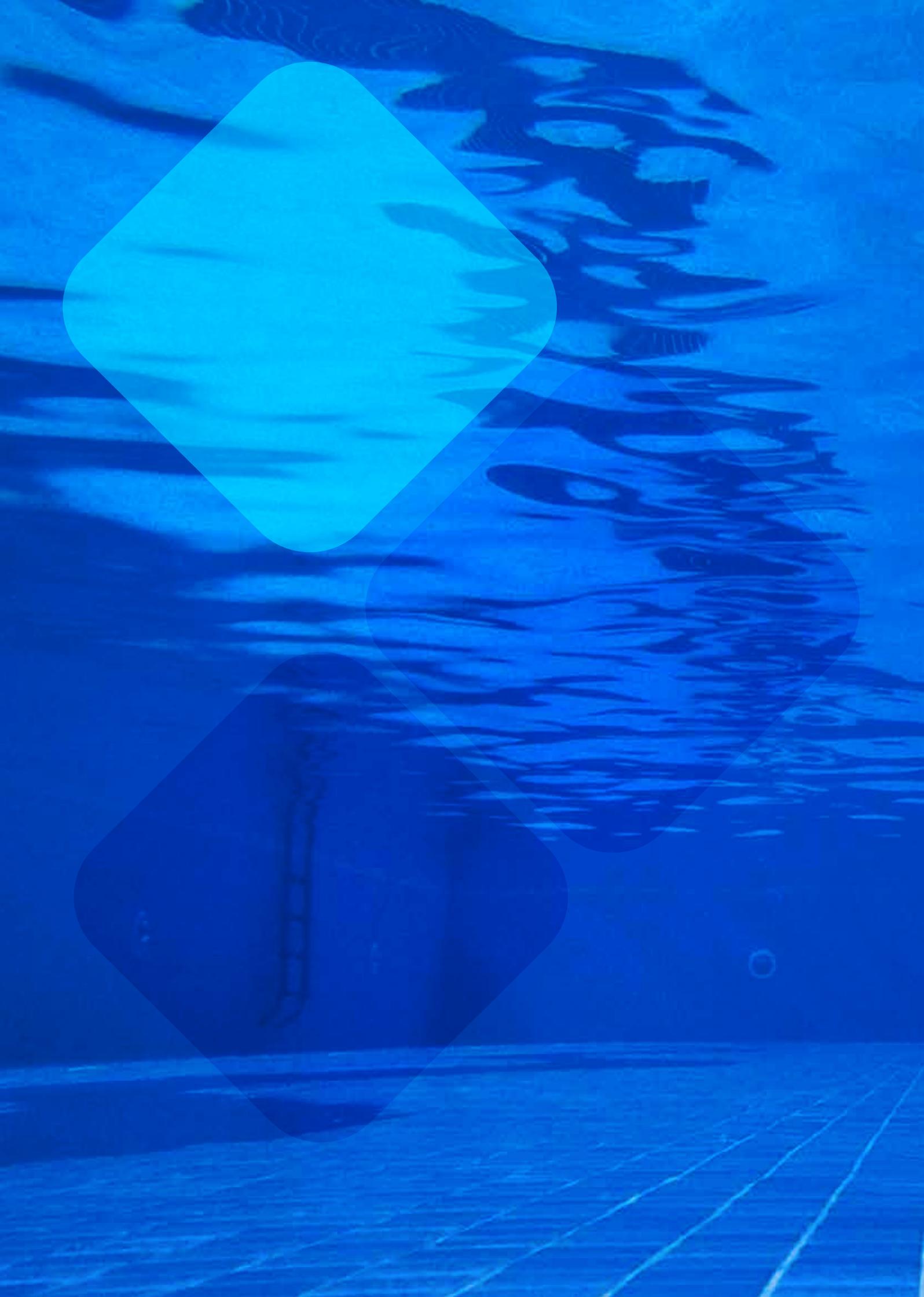


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Swimming South Africa General Council, Technical, Selection and Specialized Committees, the Executive Committee, Affiliate Presidents, and all members — a warm welcome to the Annual General Meeting of our federation.

Swimming South Africa (SSA) continues to raise the bar, inspiring our nation to achieve its goals, perform at the highest level, and teach the life skill of swimming nationwide. In doing so, we contribute meaningfully to reducing drownings nationwide. Our dream of becoming a top 10 aquatic nation is supported by our focus on building world-class facilities, implementing effective strategies, and maintaining our position as the leading South African federation regarding podium performances.

We consistently secure between 50% and 70% of the medals won by multi-coded South African teams competing internationally — an extraordinary achievement given our limited resources. This reinforces our status as a benchmark federation not only in South Africa and Africa, but globally.

However, the challenges ahead are clear. Government budgets for sport have been reduced, and further cuts are expected. Despite improved performances across the board, funding remains a critical obstacle. Our immediate

priority must be strengthening internal revenue streams, enhancing PR and media presence, and attracting new sponsors and donors.

The post-election formation of the Government of National Unity was expected to bring economic revival, improve safety, foster social cohesion, and address infrastructure challenges. Unfortunately, these hopes have not materialized, and the country continues to face crisis after crisis. In such a climate, the case for investing in sport — especially in high-performing federations like ours — is stronger than ever.

Our athletes have excelled at the Region 5 Games, African Championships, World Student Games, and the World Championships. The Commonwealth Games and the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics are now firmly in our sights, with a comprehensive review of our high-performance strategies already underway.

We are particularly proud of the support from Fila, our kit sponsor for the Singapore World Championships, and the Bombela Concession Company, which has joined us as a major partner. Alongside the National Lotteries Commission and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, they remain our biggest funders, and we extend our deepest gratitude.

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Over the past year, we have seen strong performances across all disciplines — artistic swimming, diving, water polo, open water, and masters swimming. However, water polo remains a particular challenge, requiring immediate professionalization through the appointment of a commercial director and full-time administrator. Diving has shown significant growth, especially at junior level, and is ready for further strategic support.

Our vision remains athlete-centred, with high-performance management as a strategic pillar. We aim to establish five Best-in-Class High Performance Centres nationwide, supported by 20 school-based High Performance Academies. While progress is being made, projects like the Franschoek Centre require resolution of funding and contractual issues. Partnerships with universities will be crucial for sports science and athlete development.

Swimming South Africa continues to advocate for the inclusion of swimming in the school curriculum. With high drowning rates and the growing impact of climate change, swimming as a life skill is more important than ever. In addition, the sport offers significant health benefits, supporting national goals for a healthier population.

The lack of functional facilities remains a major barrier across all aquatic disciplines. We must also strengthen relationships with the approximately 10,000 swimming schools nationwide, many of which operate outside our system, to ensure quality and safety standards.

Looking ahead, our focus must remain on raising standards, integrating school sport into the high-performance pipeline, professionalising water polo, strengthening governance, and fostering international collaborations. Internal conflict and the undermining of federation structures cannot be tolerated — constructive debate is welcome, but it must serve to strengthen, not weaken, the organisation.

Finally, I extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, parents, coaches, officials, administrators, and supporters. Your commitment is the foundation of our success. To our funding partners — DSAC, the National Lotteries Commission, Fila, Bombela — and to our media partners — eNCA, SABC, SuperSport, and others — thank you for sharing our vision and helping us bring aquatic sport to every corner of South Africa.



Alan A Fritz
President
Swimming South Africa



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

MASS PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION

The Mass Participation and Education programmes saw increased activity from the previous year as the overall recovery of our activities continued.

COMPETITIONS & HIGH PERFORMANCE

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

Our domestic competition resumed to our normal calendar with all events hosted inclusive of Age Group and Senior National Competitions.

A key area for consideration going forward is a review the presentation of our National, Regional and Provincial Competitions to ensure a standardised, effective and attractive format for participants and spectators

CONTINENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The resumption of Major International events allowed our athletes to compete in regional events such as the CANA Zone IV Championships in Namibia as well as the continental Senior and Junior Africa Swimming Championships.

Our Swimming athletes made us proud with exceptional performances at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games with standout performances from Tatjana Smith and Pieter Coetzee.

GOVERNANCE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Governance and compliance are key pillar of the organisation, and it is important that all Committees and Affiliates ensure that they are compliant with the policies and procedures of the organisation and statutory requirements. This will ensure that we are able to provide accountable feedback to our primary stakeholders and access support from public agencies.

TRANSFORMATION

The feedback from the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) required us to review our targets and review the quality of data received from provinces for submission of our reports to the secretariat. There has been an improvement in our data received from affiliates with our next step to include target setting for provinces.

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It is important that all stakeholders collectively work on transformation and we encourage affiliates to engage with their districts and clubs to ensure we give effect to our objectives for transformation.

CONCLUSION

In the 2024 – 2025 year we have been fortunate to receive continued support from the National Lotteries Commission from the Ministry of Sport, Arts and Culture. In addition, we received support SASCOC and Arena, which have greatly assisted us to sustain our activities.

A special thank you to our general membership, our Affiliate Presidents, Committee Convenors, Staff, SSA Executive Committee and the SSA President whose support have ensured a successful year under difficult circumstances.



S. L. Adriaanse
Chief Executive Officer



I. MASS PARTICIPATION

The 2024/2025 financial year marked a period of significant expansion for Swimming South Africa's (SSA) Mass Participation and Development programs. Focused on water safety education, basic swimming skills, and community engagement, initiatives reached 6 provinces, directly impacting over 2,500 participants. Programs prioritized underserved communities, with key highlights including the Spring Launch (September 2024), December Holiday Programs, and specialized rural initiatives like the Uthukela Rural Splash. Partnerships with provincial aquatics bodies, schools, and government departments amplified reach and effectiveness.

SPRING LAUNCH (SEPTEMBER 2024)

Swimming South Africa (SSA), the national governing body for aquatic sports, prioritizes mass participation and drowning prevention. A key initiative in this mission is its annual Spring Holiday Programme. Held in September 2024, this programme targeted school children during the spring break, focusing on water safety, learn-to-swim skills, and promoting aquatic sports in underserved communities across selected districts. This report details the programme's implementation based on available information.

The core objectives of the SSA Spring Holiday Programme typically include:

- **Drowning Prevention:** Equipping children with essential water safety knowledge and basic survival skills.
- **Learn-to-Swim:** Providing accessible swimming lessons to children with limited prior access to formal instruction.
- **Talent Identification:** Scouting for potential athletes for SSA's development pathways.
- **Community Engagement:** Promoting healthy lifestyles and the benefits of aquatic activities within communities.
- **Infrastructure Utilization:** Activating underused community pools and facilities.

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SEPTEMBER 2024)

The programme was strategically deployed across four provinces, focusing on specific high-need districts and communities:

KWAZULU-NATAL

- **Districts:** Ethekwini Metropolitan Municipality (Durban and surrounds) & Ugu District Municipality (South Coast).
- **Focus:** Coastal areas with high drowning risks. Focus on beach and ocean safety alongside pool-based learn-to-swim skills. Utilized community pools and identified beach access points. Ugu's inclusion addressed needs in smaller coastal towns.

WESTERN CAPE

- **Districts:** City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality.
- **Areas:** Belville (Northern Suburbs) and Khayelitsha (Major Township).
- **Focus:** Addressing needs in densely populated areas with significant disparities in swimming access. Khayelitsha's inclusion is crucial for reaching historically disadvantaged youth. Programmes likely utilized municipal pools in Belville and potentially temporary or community facilities in Khayelitsha.

MPUMALANGA

- **District:** Ehlanzeni District Municipality (encompassing Nelspruit, White River, Hazyview, Bushbuckridge).
- **Focus:** Inland water safety (rivers, dams) and foundational swimming skills. Activation of community pools within this largely rural district, promoting aquatic activities beyond coastal regions.

GAUTENG

- **Areas:** Mamelodi East (Tshwane Metro) & East Rand (Ekurhuleni Metro - areas like Benoni, Springs, KwaThema).
- **Focus:** High-density township areas where access to formal swimming lessons is often limited. Utilized local community pools to provide essential water safety and learn-to-swim opportunities close to children's homes.



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

While specific daily schedules varied by location, the core activities offered typically included:

- **Water Safety Education:** Classroom or poolside sessions covering hazard recognition, safe entry/exit, buddy systems, and emergency procedures.
- **Basic Swimming Instruction:** Group lessons tailored to different ability levels, focusing on water confidence, floating, kicking, basic strokes (freestyle, backstroke), and treading water.
- **Survival Skills:** Techniques like safe entry into deep water, turning back to safety, and floating to conserve energy.
- **Introduction to Aquatic Disciplines:** Fun exposure to sports like water polo, diving, or artistic swimming where feasible and age-appropriate.
- **Health & Wellness:** Potential integration of basic messages about nutrition, hygiene, and physical activity.

PARTNERSHIPS & DELIVERY

Successful delivery relied on key partnerships:

- **Local Municipalities:** Providing access to pools (Ethekwini, Cape Town, Ekurhuleni, Tshwane, Ehlanzeni, Ugu) and logistical support.
- **Provincial Aquatics Federations:** KZNAquatics, Western Province Aquatics, Mpumalanga Aquatics,

Central Gauteng Aquatics - responsible for local coordination, coach deployment, and programme execution.

- **Community Organizations:** Local NGOs, schools, and community leaders assisted with participant recruitment and community mobilization.
- **Qualified Coaches & Instructors:** SSA and provincial accredited coaches delivered the instruction.

OUTCOMES & IMPACT (EXPECTED/ ANTICIPATED)

- **Increased Water Safety Awareness:** Hundreds, potentially thousands, of children gained crucial knowledge to reduce drowning risk in their specific environments (coastal, inland, urban pools).
- **Improved Swimming Competency:** Many participants developed foundational swimming skills, increasing their confidence and safety in water.
- **Enhanced Access:** Provided vital swimming opportunities in communities where formal lessons are often unaffordable or inaccessible.
- **Talent Pipeline:** Identified promising young swimmers for potential inclusion in club or provincial development squads.
- **Community Activation:** Brought life and purpose to community pool facilities.
- **Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles:** Encouraged physical activity and engagement in sport.

CHALLENGES & CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Resource Limitations:** Funding constraints likely impacted the scale (number of children reached, duration per site) and resources (equipment, coach ratios) at some venues.
- **Facility Constraints:** Some community pools may require maintenance or lack adequate changing facilities.
- **Weather:** Spring weather can be unpredictable, potentially affecting outdoor sessions.
- **Sustainability:** Converting programme participation into ongoing club membership or regular swimming practice remains a challenge.

SSA's Spring Holiday Programme 2024 represented a significant targeted effort to address drowning prevention and promote aquatic participation in key underserved areas of South Africa. By focusing on districts like Ethekewini, Ugu, Cape Town Metro (Belville, Khayelitsha), Ehlanzeni, and communities within Gauteng (Mamelodi East, East Rand), SSA took crucial steps towards making water safety and swimming skills more accessible. While detailed participant numbers and impact assessments require official SSA reports, the programme's structure and focus areas align clearly with SSA's vital mass participation and safety mandate. Continued investment and expansion of such initiatives are essential for building a safer and more aquatic-literate South Africa.

- Objective: Nationwide rollout of Learn-to-Swim (LTS) and water safety education.
- Key Locations:
 - **KZN:** Ethekewini & Ugu Districts
 - **Western Cape:** Cape Town Metro (Belville, Khayelitsha)
 - **Mpumalanga:** Ehlanzeni District
 - **Gauteng:** Mamelodi East & East Rand
- Impact: 800+ children trained in water safety and basic swimming techniques.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS (DEC 2024 – JAN 2025)

- **Objective:** Utilize school holidays for intensive water safety training.
- Key Programs:
 - **Limpopo:** Polokwane (10–16 Dec 2024)
 - **KZN:** Multi-district program (Ethekewini, Ugu, Ilembe, Umgungundlovu)

- **Western Cape:** Cape Town Metro (16 Dec 2024 – 6 Jan 2025)
- **Mpumalanga:** Ehlanzeni District (15–21 Dec 2024)
- **Gauteng:** Florida Park (13–15 Dec 2024)
- **Impact:** 1,200+ participants across all provinces.

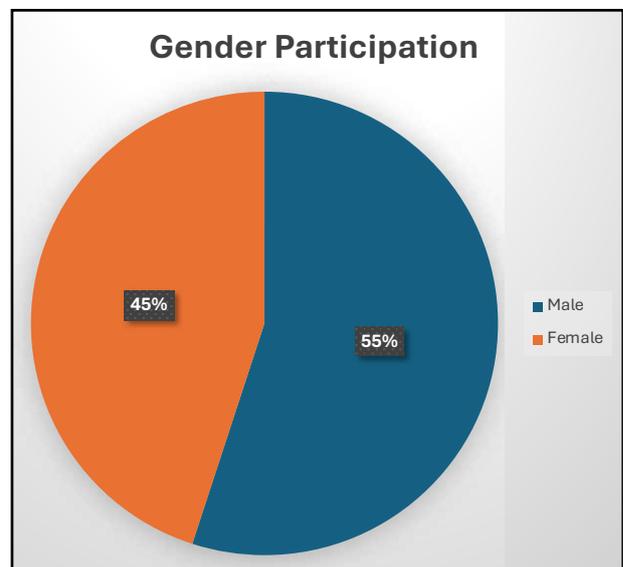
SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES

- Uthukela Rural Splash (15–16 Feb 2025):
 - **Location:** Woodstock Dam, Bergville (KZN)
 - **Focus:** Water safety in natural environments for rural communities.
- Western Cape Water Safety Talks (9–11 Oct 2024):
 - **Partnerships:** SSA, Cape Town Aquatics, Western Cape Aquatics, Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport.
 - **Venues:** Excelsior Primary (Bellville), Pellemor Primary (Atlantis), Sid G Rule Primary (Retreat).
 - **Attendance:** 270 learners from local primary schools.
 - **Activities:** Water safety talks, emergency drills (112), introduction to aquatic sports (swimming, water polo, diving).

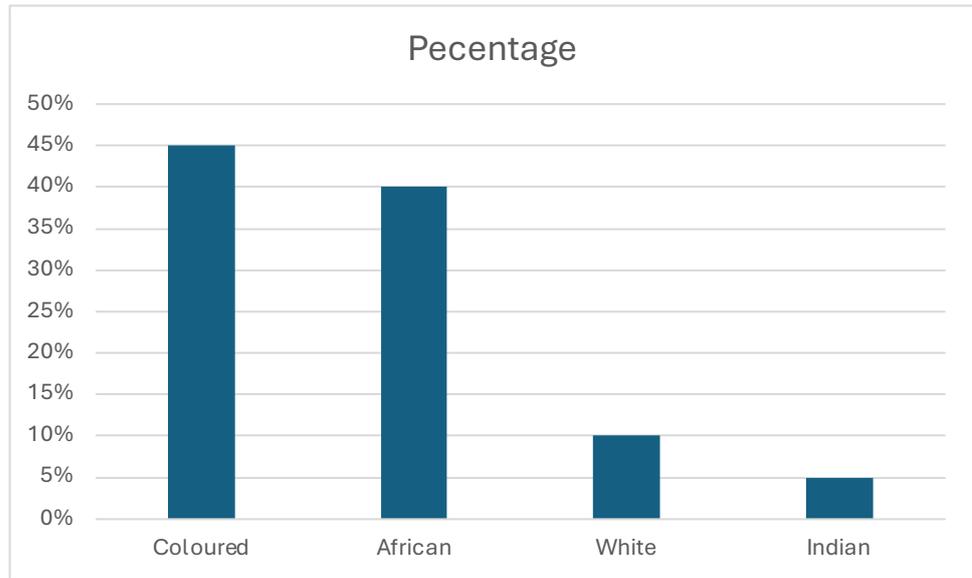
PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

KEY STATISTICS

- **Total Participants:** ~2,500
- **Age Range:** 3–54 years (majority: 7–15 years)
- **Gender:** 55% Male, 45% Female



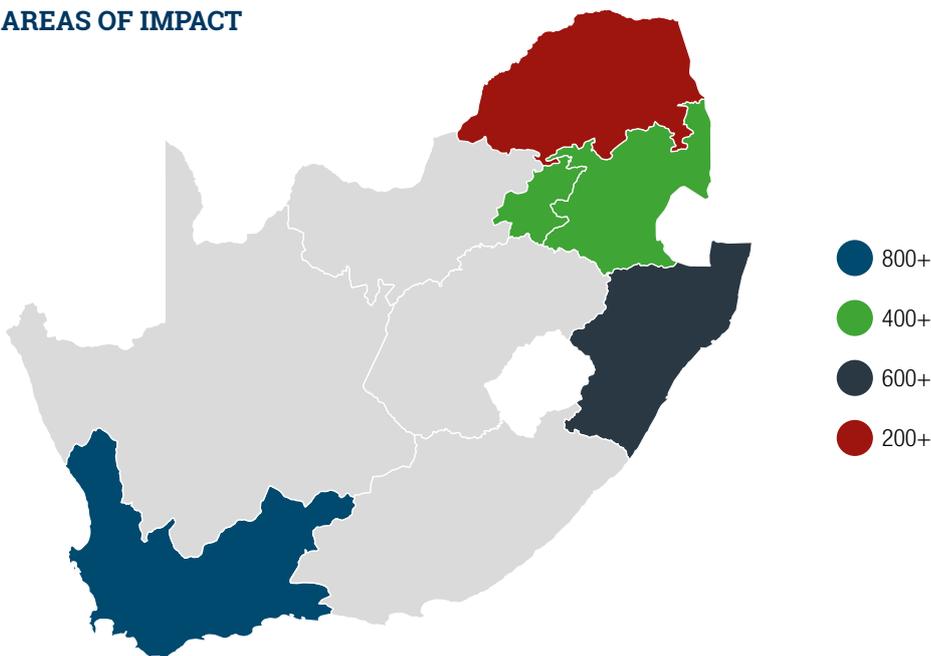
- Racial Diversity:
 - Coloured: 45%
 - African: 40%
 - White: 10%
 - Indian: 5%



PROVINCIAL REACH

PROVINCE	PARTICIPANTS	DISTRICTS COVERED
Western Cape	800+	Cape Town Metro, Atlantis
Gauteng	400+	Florida Park, Eastrand
Mpumalanga	300+	Ehlanzeni, Nkangala
KZN	600+	Ethekwini, Ugu, Ilembe
Limpopo	200+	Capricorn, Polokwane
Eastern Cape	100+	EDZ (Van Riebeeck Pool)

AREAS OF IMPACT



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

CORE COMPONENTS

1. WATER SAFETY EDUCATION:

- Risks in pools, rivers, dams, and oceans.
- Emergency protocols (dial 112).

2. LEARN-TO-SWIM (LTS):

- Safe pool entry, floating, basic strokes.

3. SPORT EXPOSURE:

- Splash polo, bodyboarding, and introductions to competitive aquatics (artistic swimming, diving).

SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Bellville South (Dec 2024):** 60 children achieved “Very Good” competency in water safety.
- **Hanover Park (Dec 2024):** 75 participants engaged in community-focused sessions, with hotdogs and goodie bags distributed.
- **Middelburg High School (Dec 2024):** 150+ children and adults trained, including families and teachers.
- **Rural Impact:** Uthukela Rural Splash brought water safety to dam-side communities in KZN.

COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

- 85% of participants rated “Good” to “Excellent” in water safety competency.
- 70% showed improved confidence in aquatic environments.

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

KEY CHALLENGES

1. Resource Limitations:

- Insufficient pool access in rural areas (e.g., Limpopo, Eastern Cape).

2. Educational Gaps:

- High demand for water safety talks in primary schools.

3. Infrastructure:

- Need for more mobile training units for dam/river-based communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Expand School Partnerships:

- Integrate water safety into school curricula.

2. Mobile Training Units:

- Deploy portable pools to water-scarce regions.

3. Community Ambassadors:

- Train local instructors (e.g., Bernice Cook in Hanover Park) for sustainability.

4. Government Collaboration:

- Leverage partnerships with Departments of Sport & Education for funding.

CONCLUSION

SSA's Mass Participation and Development programs have laid a robust foundation for nationwide water safety and swimming literacy in 2024/25. By engaging 2,500+ South Africans—with emphasis on children, rural communities, and marginalized groups—SSA has not only saved lives but also inspired future athletes. Moving forward, strategic partnerships and innovative solutions will drive deeper impact, ensuring every South African can access the lifesaving skills of swimming and water safety.



II. COMPETITIONS, DISCIPLINES & HIGH PERFORMANCE

DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

AGE GROUP

LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 2

All the Level competitions were well attended, except the KWAZULU-NATAL Level 3 and Level 2 which was held back-to-back in Richards Bay, due to the refurbishment of Kings Park. The other regions had to travel a long distance, e.g. Free State, North West Province, and Northern Cape, this may have contributed to the low number of participants.

The late withdrawal of CGA to host Level 2 was due to the Venue owners (St Stithians College) retracting their permission. Fortunately, EGA offered to host the event. This showed the vulnerability and risk of hosting National and Regional competitions, where reliance on venue owners to accommodate the SSA Competition Programme is necessary.

Congratulations to NTS and EGA for hosting Level 3 and Level 2 respectively, accommodating the large number of participants very successfully. Due to the escalating costs associated with organizing these events, the entry fee percentage sharing should be revised.

SA NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Western Cape hosted the Junior National Age Group Championships very successfully. It was held at the University of Western Cape. The venue with the restricted indoor space was a challenge due to the number of participants, this necessitated in some scheduling adjustments. The venue owner at the last moment imposed further safety and security requirements, which added to further additional expenses.

SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS– NEWTON PARK, GQEBERHA, 9 – 13 APRIL 2025

This was a ratified World Aquatics qualifying event for the 2025 World Championships to be held in Singapore. Once again EC and NMBA hosted a very successful championships, making every effort to accommodate the needs of all participants. The upgrading of the score board that had been promised by the municipality unfortunately did not materialize. Attached Competition Statistics compiled by Ms. Lizwi Mbonambi

SA NATIONAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 7 – 9 MARCH 2025

These Championships were hosted by NMBA at the Marina Martinique venue, in Jeffery's Bay. Once again, the organization was very efficient. The introduction of the 3km Knockout sprint was introduced, which was very successful, and this added to participant excitement.

SA NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 11 – 14 APRIL, THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE HELD IN DURBAN.

SA National Artistic Swimming Championships– The championships took place at the Rachel Finlayson Pool on the Durban Beach front, 3 - 6 April. This competition was well organized; however, the numbers remain low.

SA NATIONAL WATER POLO – MARCH

The Senior Championships and the u16 and u18 Championships were held in Buffalo City.

GRAND PRIX

The SSA Grand Prix consisted of two meets, Nelspruit and Gqeberha. Swimmers from the senior squad were invited to attend these competitions and selected swimmers received funding to participate.

The first one was held in Nelspruit, in conjunction with the annual training camp held there in the first week of January.

The second one was held in February at Newton Park.

Technical Officials – The education and mentoring of Technical Officials in all disciplines is ongoing. A concerted plan needs to be put in place, to ensure that the level of swimming officiating in all regions is enhanced. It was evident that some officials officiating at the National and Regional competitions needed training in correct protocols and interpreting the rules.

INTERNATIONAL & CONTINENTAL COMPETITIONS

CONTINENTAL MEETS

AFRICAN AQUATICS SWIMMING AND OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held in Luanda, Angola April/May 2024. The Egyptian Team proved to be too strong, and South Africa came 2nd overall, the female team came first. Ms. Lara van Niekerk achieved the highest World Aquatics performance points in the 50m Breaststroke event.



ZONE 4 SWIMMING AND OWS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held in Windhoek in December. South Africa had a good result.



AFRICA DEVELOPMENT WATER POLO TOURNAMENT – 10 – 14 APRIL 2025 HARARE, ZIMBABWE

The timeframe given to deliver six Water Polo Teams was totally unfair to all concerned. Communicating with 84 individuals was incredibly difficult. Most of whom were not registered members and then the scrutiny by most parents regarding the cost breakdown was very tiresome. The collection of Tour Fees from Water Polo Players is an ongoing struggle, this should become a finance function.



AFRICA JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 30 APRIL - 4 MAY 2025 – CAIRO, EGYPT

The South African Team won overall, with the Women's team winning and the Men's team second to Egypt. South Africa posted exceptional results, with a number of records broken.

INTERNATIONAL MEETS

XXXIII OLYMPIC GAMES – PARIS, 26 JULY – 11 AUGUST 2024

South Africa participated in in the Swimming and Diving events. The swimming consisted of eight swimmers, three male and five female, three swimmers achieved finals, Mrs. Tatjana Smith was the top performer achieving a Gold and a Silver in the 100 and 200 m Breaststroke events, respectively.

Ms. Julia Vincent achieved 11th place in the 3m Diving final.

WORLD AQUATICS JUNIOR OWS CHAMPIONSHIPS – ALGHERO, ITALY - SEPTEMBER 2023

A team of nine swimmers participated in the championships. It was a good development opportunity.

17TH WORLD AQUATICS SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 10 – 15 DECEMBER 2024

Four swimmers achieved finals, Ms. Rebecca Meder, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Ruard van Renen and Mr. Michael Houlie

HIGH PERFORMANCE

OLYMPICS 2024 PARIS

TEAM COMPOSITION

South Africa sent eight swimmers to Paris:

- Women (5): Mrs. Tatjana Smith, Ms. Kaylene Corbett, Ms. Aimee Canny, Ms. Erin Gallagher, and Ms. Rebecca Meder.
- Men (3): Mr. Pieter Coetze, Mr. Chad le Clos, and Mr. Matthew Sates

MEDAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Mrs. Tatjana Smith:

- Gold – 100m Breaststroke (29 July)
- Silver – 200m Breaststroke (1 August)
- Became South Africa's most decorated Olympic swimmer, surpassing Mr. Chad le Clos

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

- Finals reached: 5 events
- Medals won: 2 (1 Gold, 1 Silver)
- Records broken: Mr. Pieter Coetze set a new African record in 100m Backstroke
- Team size: Smaller than Tokyo 2020 (8 vs. 15), but more focused on elite performance

LEGACY & IMPACT

- Mrs. Tatjana Smith's double podium finish solidified her legacy as South Africa's top Olympic swimmer
- The team's success in breaststroke and backstroke events highlights strategic strengths
- South African swimmers led the charge in early Olympic sessions, boosting national morale

FINALISTS & STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

Athlete	Event(s)	Result / Highlight
Mrs. Tatjana Smith	100m & 200m Breaststroke	Gold & Silver; fastest qualifier in semis
Mr. Pieter Coetze	100m & 200m Backstroke	African record (52.63); reached both finals
Ms. Kaylene Corbett	200m Breaststroke	Finalist; 6th fastest in heats
Ms. Aimee Canny	200m Freestyle	12th overall in semis
Mr. Matthew Sates	Multiple events	Competed in 100m/200m Fly & 200m IM
Ms. Erin Gallagher	100m Butterfly	Participated; did not reach finals
Ms. Rebecca Meder	200m Individual Medley	Competed; strong showing in heats





SA SHORT COURSE

We had a very successful SA Short Course at the outdoor pool, Kings Park, Durban, with over 600 swimmers in attendance. Performance levels were substantially higher after giving swimmers and coaches an extra month of preparation.

Two teams from these championships were selected to attend upcoming events:

- World Short Course: Held in Budapest, Hungary, from December 10th. This team comprised A and B qualifiers.
- Salnikov Cup: Held in St. Petersburg, Russia. This team comprised 20 swimmers who just missed the Budapest team.

KWAZULU-NATAL HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

High Performance ran a highly successful workshop with the KwaZulu-Natal High Performance team:

- Wednesday, October 23rd: We had over 100 swimmers, parents, and coaches from the junior squad for a presentation and swimming assessment.
- Thursday, October 24th: We held the same workshop with the KwaZulu-Natal senior squad, receiving fantastic responses.
- Friday to Sunday: We ran a talent identification assessment in collaboration with coaches and clubs, focusing on KwaZulu-Natal swimmers. This event was extremely successful.

WORLD SHORT COURSE CHAMPS - BUDAPEST HUNGARY

We sent 17 swimmers, two coaches and one manager to Budapest to attend the World Short Course Champs.

This was a new and young team, but they did Swimming South Africa proud with the following achievements:

TOTAL RECORDS ACHIEVED:

- 9 SA records, including relays
- Eight African records, including relays one World Junior Records

TOP PERFORMANCES

- Ms. Rebecca Meder with four SA records and one African record
- Mr. Chris Smith with one World Junior record
- Ms. Caitlin de Lange with one SA and African record

SALNIKOV CUP - RUSSIA

South Africa sent 11 swimmers and coach / manager Mrs. Karin Hugo to the event. Swimmers making finals were:

- Mr. Righard Muller
- Ms. Keira van Heerden
- Ms. Morgan Cope

NELSPRUIT GRAND PRIX AND TRAINING CAMP

180 swimmers attended the camp and Grand Prix in Mbombela from 6 – 11 January 2025, including swimmers from Namibia, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

Accommodation and meals took place at the Premier Hotel The Winkler, with training at a beautiful, very clean 50m pool in Nelspruit. All thanks to the Council for their support.

We had six managers and 15 coaches on pool deck. The training went very well and was covered by SuperSport.

The Grand Prix was of a high standard with top swimmers in attendance.

Top performers included: Mr. Matthew Caldwell, Ms. Jessica Thompson, Mr. Jarden Eaton, Mr. Keller Jones

SA SENIOR NATIONALS - PORT ELIZABETH - 9-13 APRIL 2025

This competition worked really well. We had the ideal number of swimmers of 350. This allowed for enough recovery between heats and finals for top performance.

This is first year post Olympics, and we had a good group of swimmers achieving A and B qualifying times for Singapore World Champs.

RESULTS FROM SENIOR NATIONALS

TIER 1 SWIMMERS – ACHIEVING TOP 8 IN THE WORLD RANKINGS AS OF 22 APRIL 2025

- Erin Gallagher – 6th in fly, 16th in 100 fly
- Pieter Coetzee – 2nd in 50 back, 2nd in 100 back and 2nd in 200 back, 9th in 50 free and 10th in 100 free (At 2024 Olympics: 5th in final of 100 back and 7th in final of 200 back)
- Rebecca Meder – 2nd in 200 breast, 5th in 200 IM, 18th in 100 breast
- Kaylene Corbett – 9th in 200 breast, but were 7th in the final of the 200 breast at the 2024 Olympics.

TIER 2 SWIMMERS – TOP 16 IN THE WORLD RANKINGS AS OF 22 APRIL 2025

- Caitlin de Lange – 12th in 50 free
- Chris Smith – 3rd in 50 breast (not at Olympics)
- Dune Coetzee – 10th in 400 free, 13th in 800 free
- Matthew Sates – 11th in 200 IM, 15th in 200 free
- Michael Houlie – 4th in 50 breast (not at Olympics)

TIER 3 – TOP 5 RANKED SWIMMERS IN 100 AND 200 FREE – FOR POSSIBLE 4 X 100 AND 4 X 200 RELAYS

- 100 free – Erin Gallagher (1), Olivia Nel (2), Caitlin de Lange (3), Georgia Nel (4), Michaela de Villiers (5)
- 100 free – Pieter Coetzee (1), Ruard v Renen (2), Guy Brooks (3), Kris Mihaylov (4), Arno Kruger (5)
- 200 free – Matthew Sates (1), Kris Mihaylov (2), Righard Muller (3), Matthew Caldwell (4), Guy Brooks (5)
- 200 free – Dune Coetzee (1), Rebecca Meder (2), Aimee Canny (3), Hannah Robertson (4), Erin Gallagher (5)

SANJ - CAPE TOWN - 25-29 APRIL 2025

There were 830 swimmers at the competition and even though the LOC did an amazing job, it was too long and does not cater for elite performance. We need to limit numbers to around 650, and re-look at the schedule of events.

The 12-14 years age groups were very strong, but we need higher level of performance in the older age groups.

AFRICA JUNIOR CHAMPS – CAIRO, EGYPT - 30 APRIL 2025

South Africa won the overall competition with 29 gold medals to Egypt's 10 medals. Egypt won the men's section with 9 gold medals to South Africa's 6 gold medals.

South Africa was dominant in the women's section winning 17 gold to Egypt's 1.

Top performers were Jessica Thomson with 5 individual gold medals, Keira van Heerden with 4 gold medals and Scarlett le Roux with 4 gold medals.

On the men's side, both Adrian van Wyk and Matthew Goller won 2 gold medals each.



III. EDUCATION & TRAINING

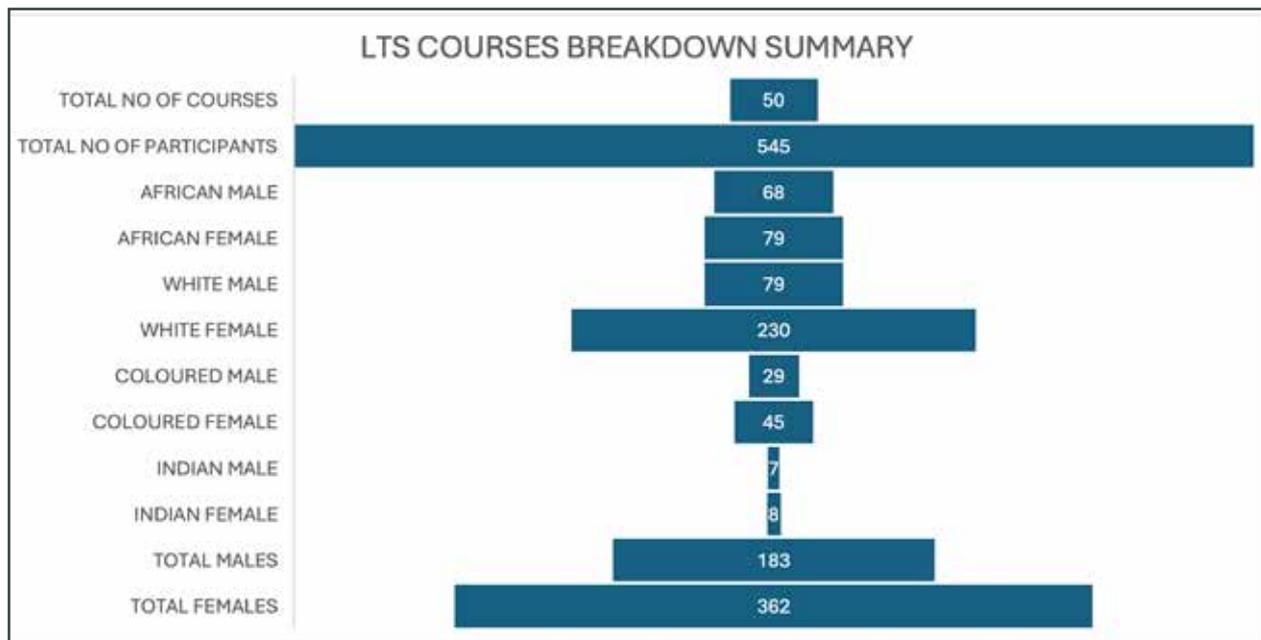
The Education and Training unit has made significant strides in enhancing online training across all disciplines and providing continuous professional development opportunities for the coaches and instructors. The creation of quality online courses has made a huge impact in qualifying swimming coaches and important at this day and age as it reaches a bigger audience. It is also accessible to South Africans, while also aiding with the neighbouring African countries.

Material review for courses has been both challenging and a fulfilling venture, which is important in elevating the quality of Swimming South Africa's coaches, instructors, and members. Revisiting the LTS course content will boost participants' motivation and commitment, as there has been an outcry to review the course. There is no doubt that education evolves, and a comprehensive review fosters a lifelong appreciation for aquatic activities and enhances overall standard of aquatics.

LEARN TO SWIM

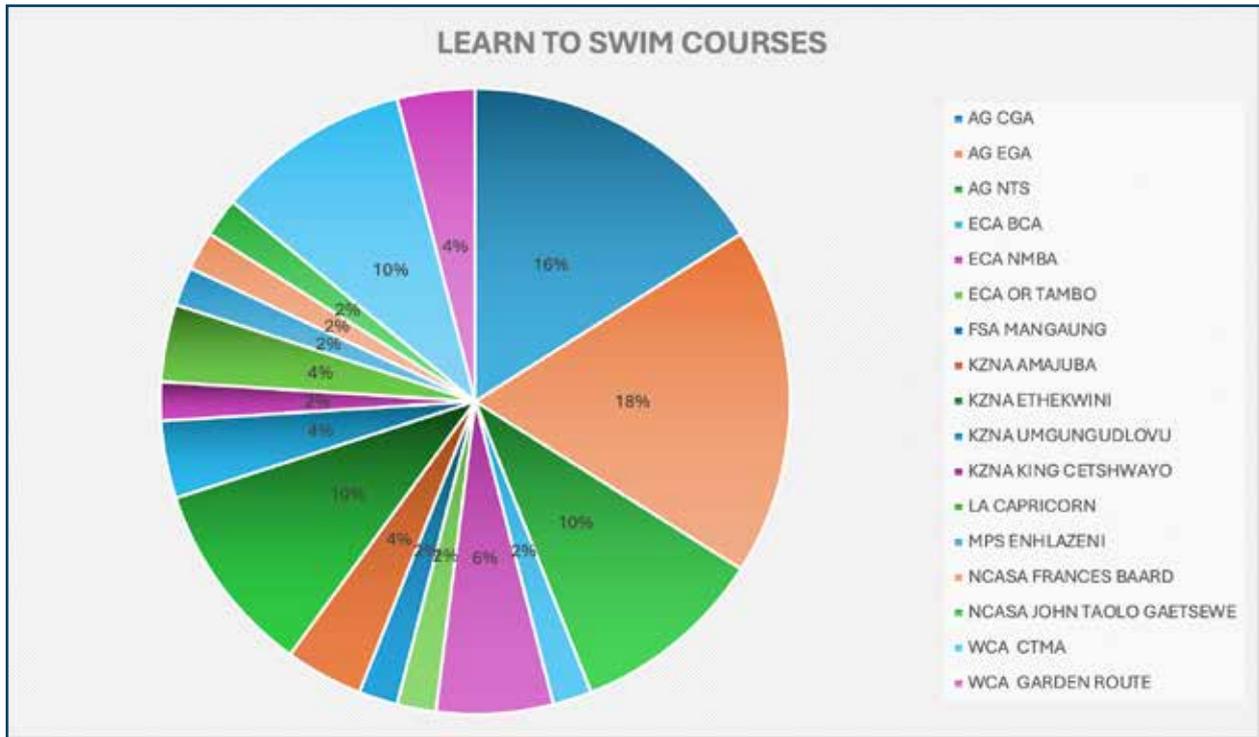
The Learn to Swim course is the highest in demand not only in South Africa and Africa, but it is also recognised internationally. It is important for SSA to offer a good quality course that is accessible but also inclusive to be able to make an impact at lower levels of the different communities. The LTS course is impactful in the following ways:

- Firstly, more courses mean greater accessibility for individuals and families, allowing more people to participate in swimming lessons regardless of their previous experience or skill level.
- This increase can lead to a higher number of children and adults learning vital swimming skills, enhancing overall water safety, and reducing drowning incidents.
- With the availability of more classes, the flexibility in scheduling can accommodate different people.
- The expansion will foster a culture of swimming to encourage physical activity and to promote health and fitness within SA.



The 50% increase in the number of learn to swim courses offered by Swimming South Africa compared to the last financial year signifies more people learning to swim but it is important to find ways to penetrate disadvantaged communities for a greater impact.

SSA affiliates are playing their role to ensure that LTS courses are coordinated timeously and professionally. Eight of the SSA affiliates coordinated a Learn to swim course which is commendable.



THE BRIDGING COURSE

The course was developed to create a pathway to coaching level 1 swimming for those members who do not have an LTS certificate and would like to follow the coaching pathway. It aims to provide an understanding of important skills that are crucial for competitive swimmers. Two affiliates started to pilot the course to get feedback from teachers, LTS instructors and other stakeholders involved in aquatics. The feedback was valuable in evaluating the effectiveness of the course and making informed decisions about necessary modifications.



LEVEL 1 COACHING

The graph below indicates that the face-to-face swimming level 1 courses are not inclusive, as they only happened in the three metropolitans. The unavailability of CATHSSETA registered assessors and moderators in other affiliates also poses a challenge as they are unable to meet all the quality assurance requirements. Affiliates that are prepared to go an extra mile need extra funding to cover traveling and accommodation to get assistance from other provinces.



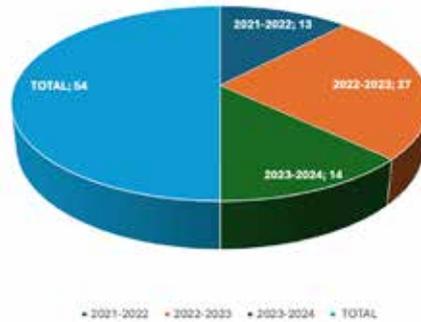
ONLINE STATS

The demand for online Level 1 Coaching has surged and it has become the preferred mode of learning.

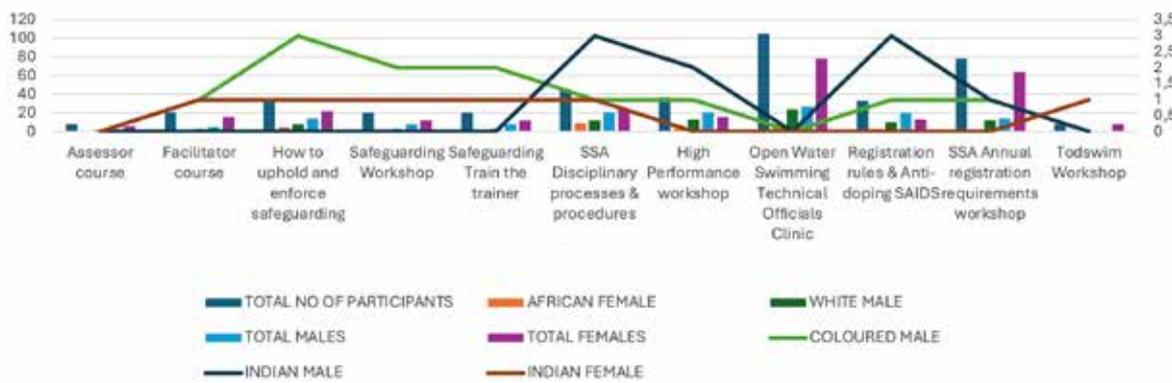
NATIONAL WORKSHOP

SSA has coordinated educational workshops featuring notable speakers for the development of instructors and coaches. It has taken time for some of the senior coaches to acknowledge the importance of their role as mentors for the junior coaches.

ONLINE DQS COACHING LEVEL 1

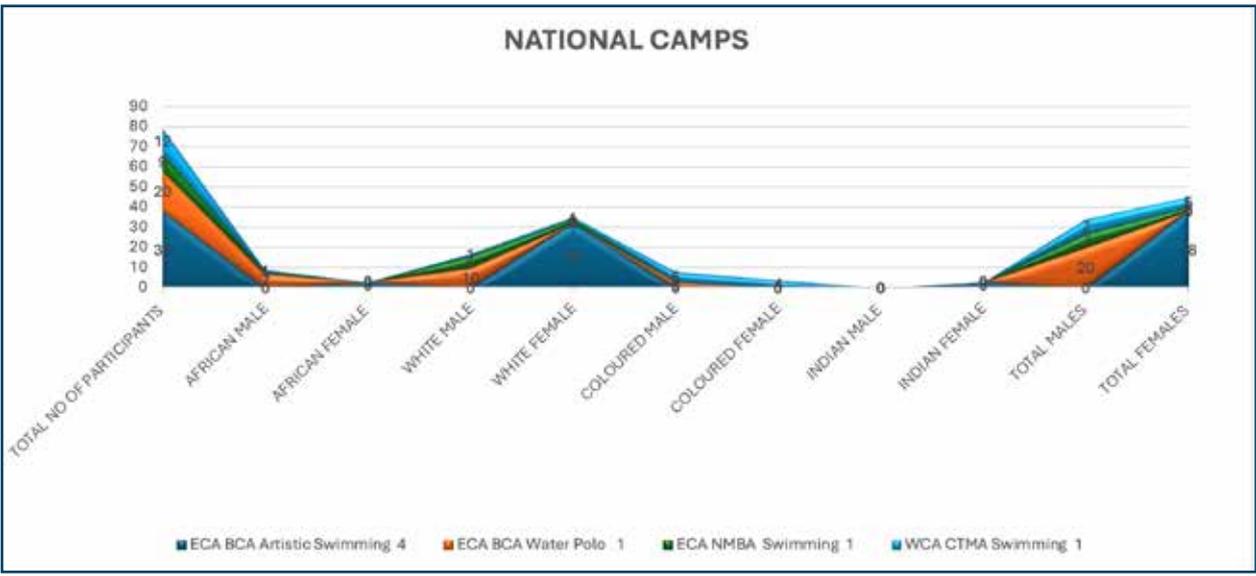
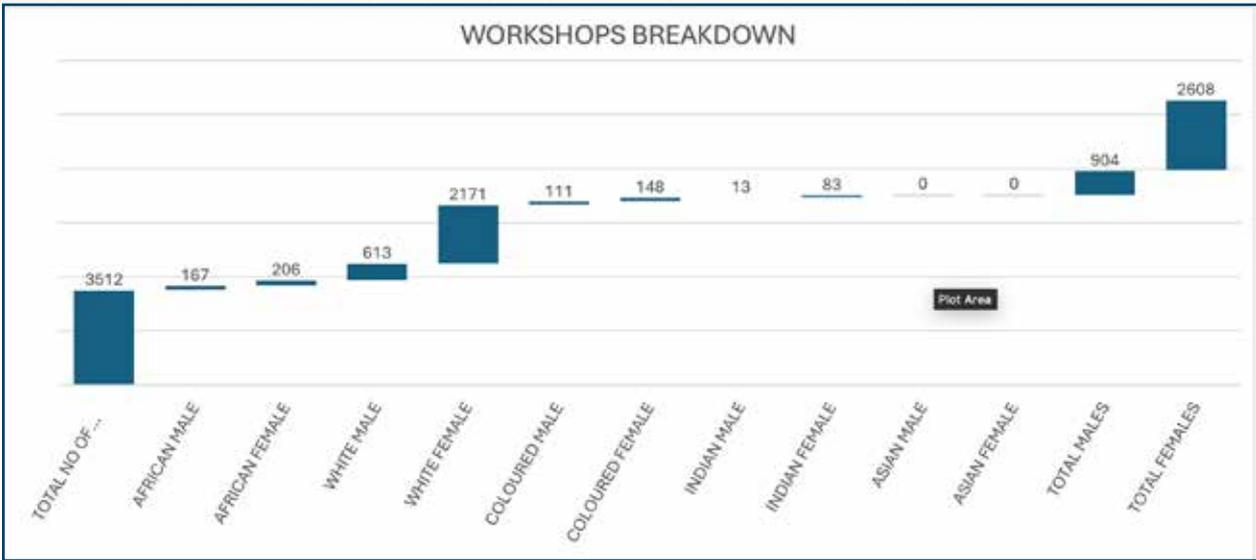
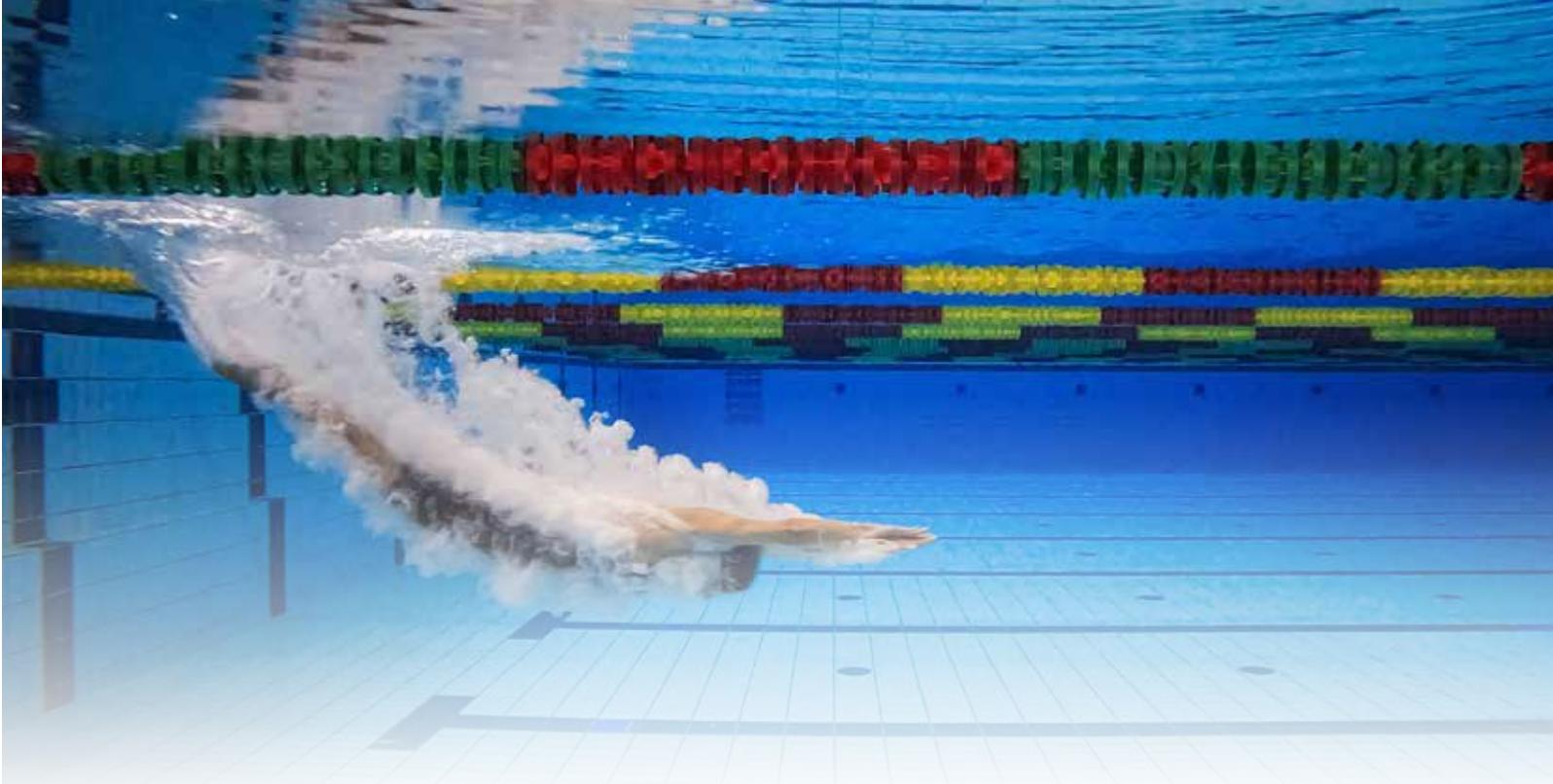


COURSES WORKSHOPS DONE BY SSA



Affiliates coordinated a total of 58 workshops that were in demand within their districts. SSA fully endorses continuous professional development and provides affiliates with the necessary support, guidance and mentoring to plan and coordinate their own workshops. SSA has set quality assurance guidelines to ensure that affiliate workshops are aligned with the high-performance strategy before approval.



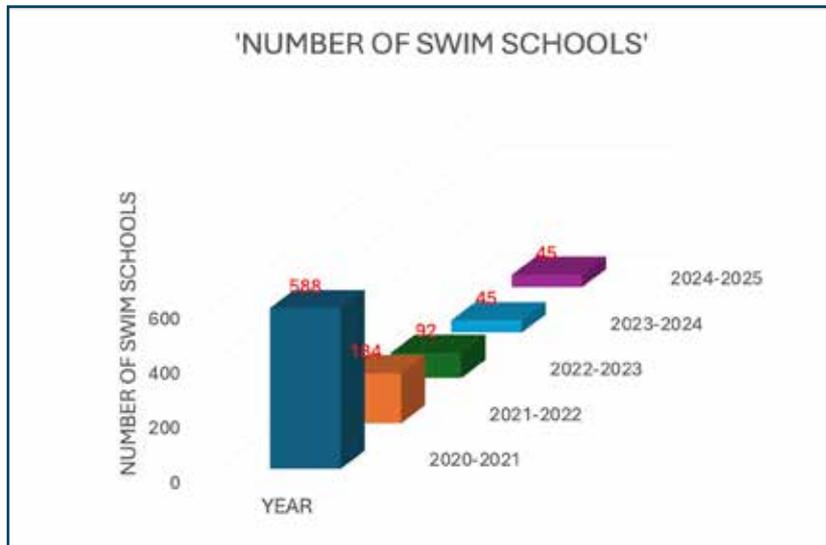


The National camps have been a progressive way to mentor, provide support and guidance to the young coaches.

The level of swim school accreditation has dropped drastically compared to the days of COVID-19 and it has been a struggle to motivate swim school owners to register annually.

SWIMMING LEVEL 2 COACHING COURSE

Progress is ongoing with the Level 2 swimming coaching material, and several meetings have been held to ensure that all quality assurance standards are met. It will be ready to pilot the next swimming season.

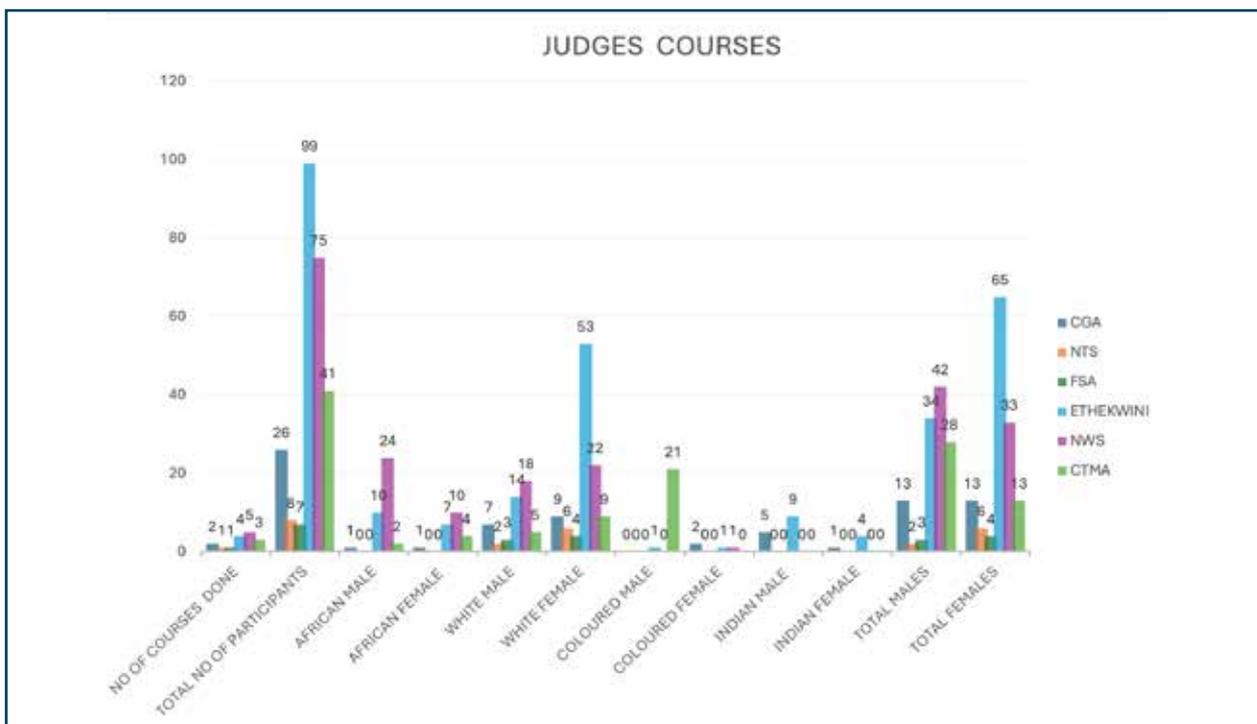
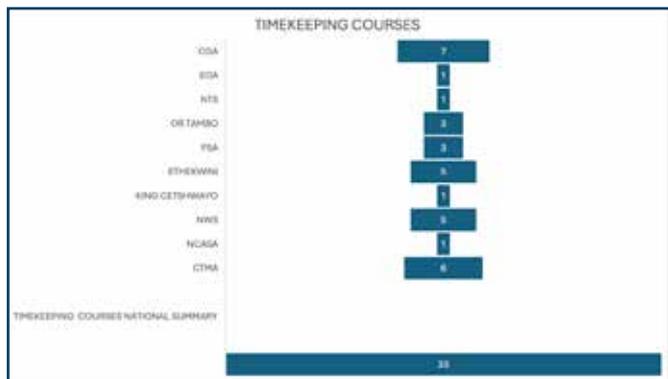


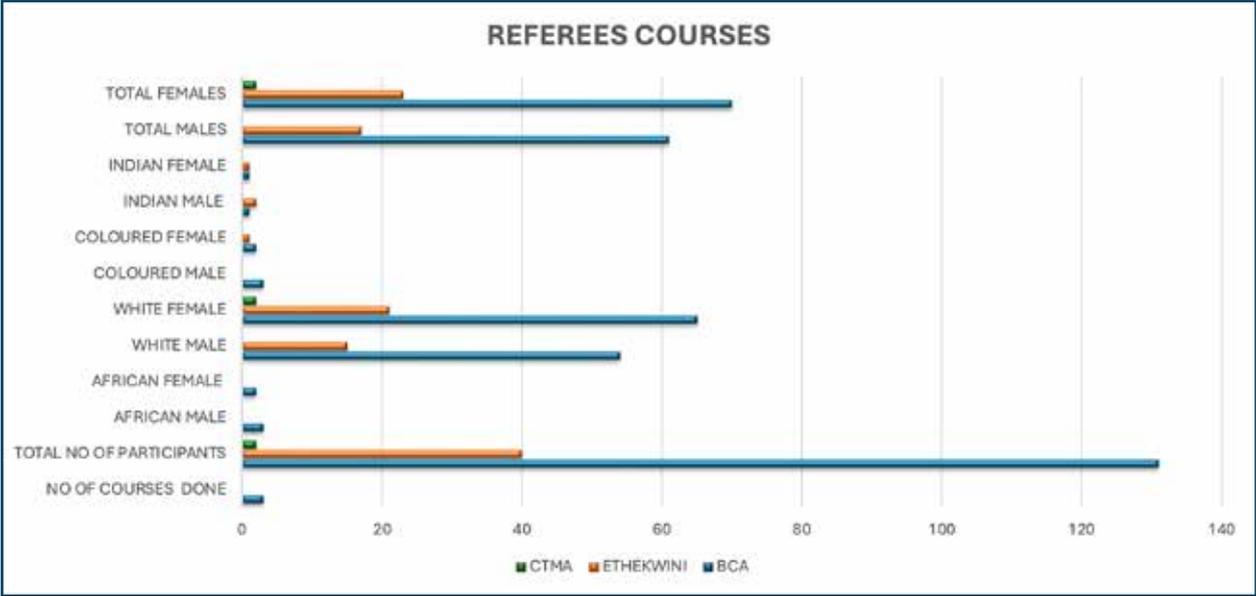
ARTISTIC SWIMMING LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

There is a need to capacitate more artistic swimming coaches to be trained as facilitators, assessors, and moderations for the growth of artistic swimming.

TECHNICAL OFFICIATING

SSA officiating courses are not standardised and that is impacting on the level of officiating nationally. There has been an urgent call for the federation to provide directive and to update officiating material. The competitions unit is working hard to ensure that the content is standardised, and top officials are identified to roll out the new content. The challenges have not stopped affiliates from coordinating officiating courses.





SAFEGUARDING

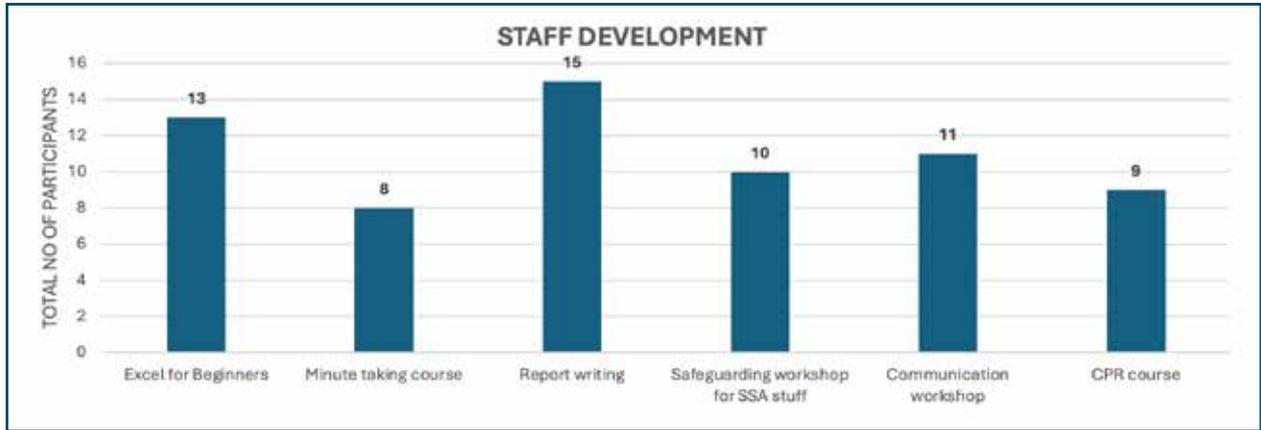
The implementation of the safeguarding awareness programme was approached as a trial-and-error mission which comprised of a team of 40 trainers and their mandate is to facilitate safeguarding awareness workshops that are accessible for all SSA members. All coaches and instructors were required to submit their safeguarding awareness certificates to be registered for the 2023-2024 season. SSA provided all the training material, pamphlets and pull up banners to ensure that affiliates provided quality workshops.



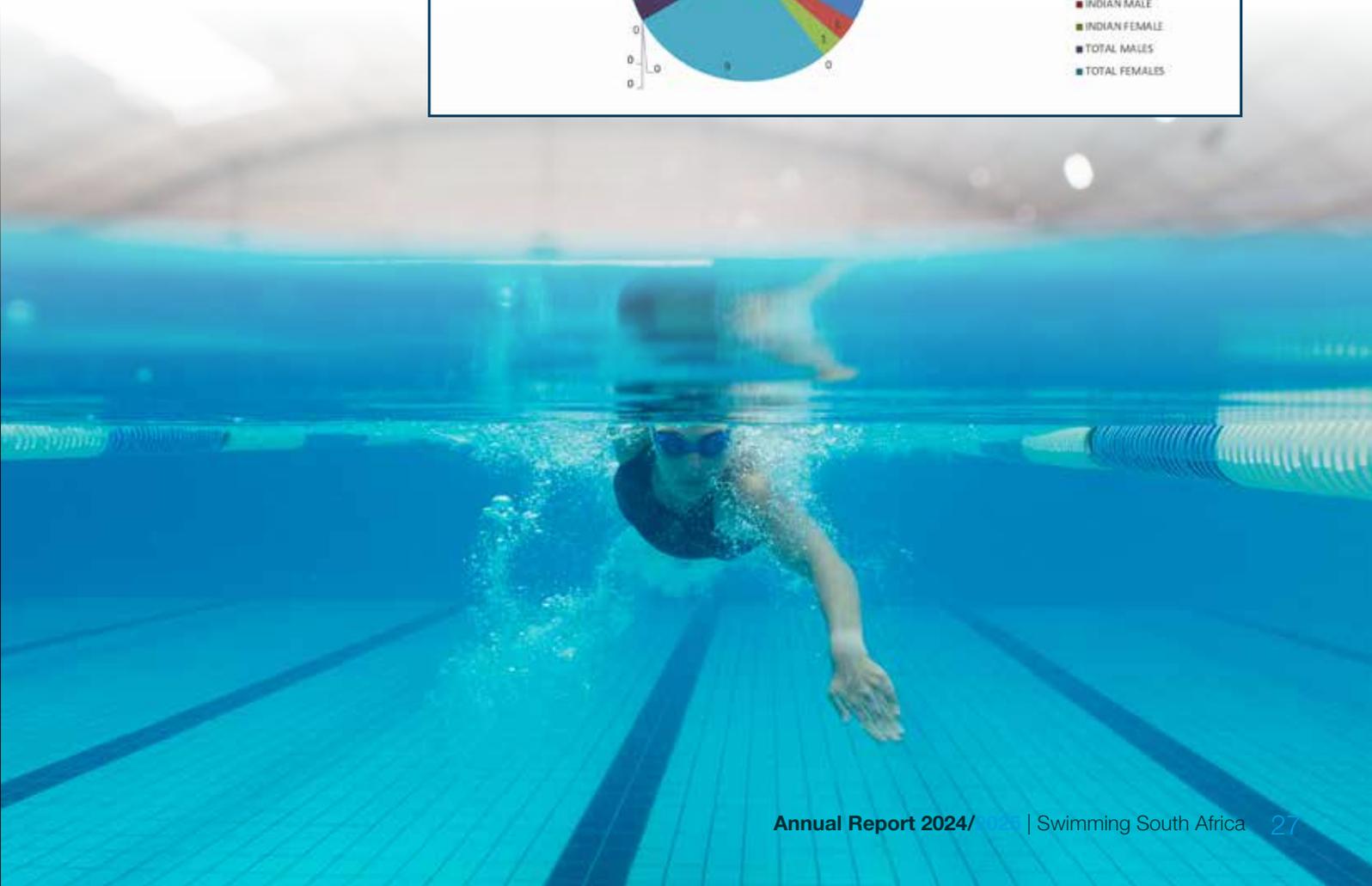
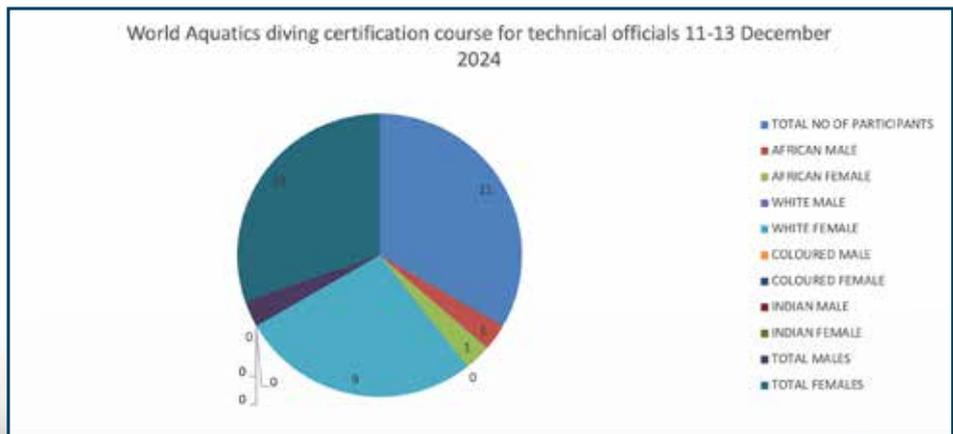


HUMAN RESOURCES

It is crucial that Swimming South Africa staff is continuously developed and equipped to do their jobs, and it is the responsibility of SSA to provide support and mentoring in this respect.

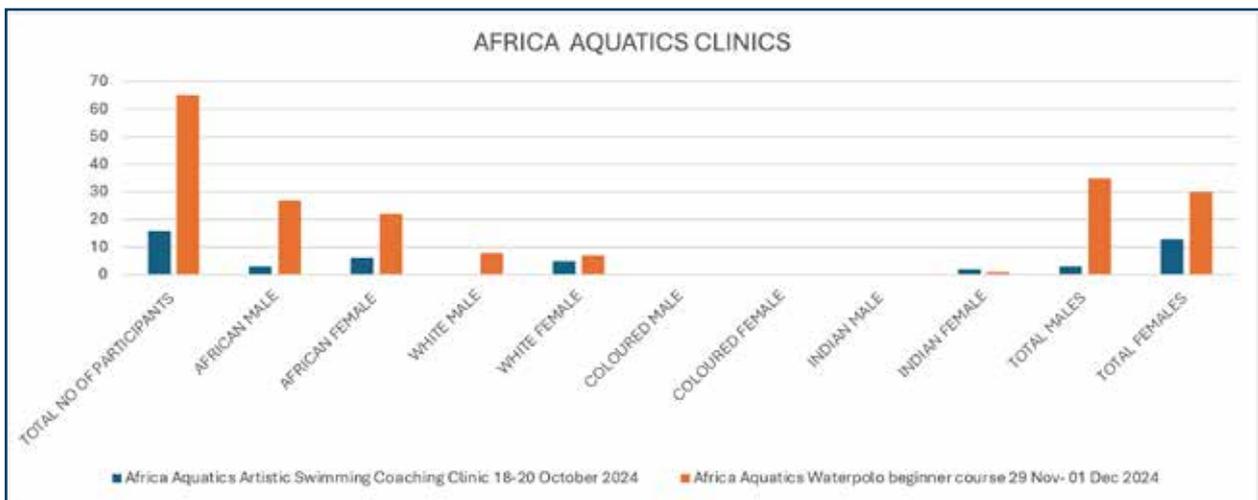


SSA was also afforded the opportunity to coordinate a technical officiating diving certification course, which was hosted at St Dominics Catholic School for girls in Boksburg.





SSA also hosted two Africa Aquatics the artistic swimming coach clinic to grow artistic swimming, and this was at OR Tambo Garden court hotel. SSA also coordinated the Waterpolo beginners' course virtually and it was well attended.



CONCLUSION

The Education and Training Unit will continue to strive towards delivering high-quality educational resources and maintaining a strong commitment to safeguarding practices. Together, we aim to foster a responsible and inclusive environment for all members and affiliates.



IV. DISCIPLINES



DIVING

This report has been compiled with some direct but mostly indirect information from the affiliates. As the Convenor of South African Diving, I can compile an overview of the season, but the information that relates to the affiliates is from my observation, alone, or from conversations with the people involved.

TRANSFORMATION DIVER DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic transformation continues at school level, both at primary and high schools, mostly in the Johannesburg area in private schools for girls. KwaZulu-Natal has increased the number of schools participating in their interschool league at both primary and high school levels. Western Province has some diving at two schools in Cape Town, and both were involved in a school event which took place in January/February 2025. They did not manage to put together a team for SA Schools 2024, as was hoped, but some of the teachers and coaches involved have been invited to the SA Schools AGM this year, and we are hopeful that this means they will participate at SA Schools 2025. This means that the SA Schools Diving Championship, continues to have a much-improved transformation profile.

A few public schools for girls participate in the Johannesburg high school league, but there are not many, and a few girls from co-ed primary public schools participate in the primary school league. As can be seen from Appendix B (fixtures), both the

primary and high school events run a thriving league. League fixtures run on a weekly basis, culminating in a final interschool event, at which all the 7-8 schools compete. Lightning still affects fixtures, but with the high school fixtures taking place on a Saturday morning, this is alleviated somewhat, as lightning seems to occur more frequently in the afternoon. Please see Appendix A for the results of the Interprimary event held in November 2024 and the Interhigh event held in March 2025.

In the weekly interschool leagues, which precede these two events there are more Black divers participating, as the numbers are obviously bigger at this level. The South African National Schools Championship for Diving was run in December 2024, and again the number of Black divers at this event is increasing, and more importantly, Black divers are still achieving places on merit – please see Appendix B for results.

The numbers of Black divers participating at club and provincial level is lower, as this relates to the fact that the number of White divers is correspondingly lower, as the required rate of commitment at those levels is always concomitantly higher. As can be seen at the SA National Age Group event and SA National results, the number of Black divers participating has increased, here too, and, again, are achieving places on merit. See Appendices C and D.

Disabled divers are not encouraged to participate in diving, as World Aquatics does not make provisions for them; the reasoning being that they could hurt themselves too easily.

EXECUTIVE DEMOGRAPHICS

The Technical Diving Committee consisted of Ms Loredana Raccanello (Aquatics Gauteng) as Convenor, Mrs. Kim Boustred (KwaZulu-Natal) with the portfolio of Education & Training and Ms Athi Diliza (Aquatics Gauteng) with the portfolio of Development & Transformation, as members. Ms Justine Heydra (Aquatics Gauteng) remained in her co-opted position as the National Competitions Secretary, and Ms Dominique Philippopoulos (Aquatics Gauteng) remained on the Committee as World Aquatics Representative. The remainder of the Committee consists of various co-opted members who have taken on the different portfolios – please see Appendix E for the full list.

The Selection Committee was made up of Ms Jane Davenport (Aquatics Gauteng) as Convenor and Ms Tristan Crawford (Northern Tigers) and Ms Debbie Cummings (KwaZulu-Natal) as members.

As of 2024, the diving technical committees still visibly active in the affiliates and sending divers to national events are Central Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. Kim Boustred (KZN) however, continues to struggle with diving training as her funding from the government has still not recovered to previous levels. This makes it difficult for her to pay the coaches and have money available for transport for the divers, who are all from previously disadvantaged (currently still disadvantaged) communities. Northern Tigers no longer offers diving, as the De Jong Diving Centre has been closed due to issues at the municipality level with keeping the pool running. The coach and divers have either retired or joined other clubs.

Free State is no longer even operating at a school level, as no schools continue to dive. The coach who was attempting to start a club, Ms Luzanne Swanepoel, has given up, as the municipal facility is completely not up to standard. Western Cape did not, again, register their diving club. Still, as already mentioned, we have invited some of them to attend the SA Schools AGM to see if we can assist them in setting up a Schools Committee so that trials can be held, and a team will attend the SA Schools Championships in December 2025. Imraan Mess is coaching about 6-8 divers, and after attending the August Camp in 2024 in Johannesburg, he brought four divers up for NAG in December 2024. Some progress was made, and we are hoping to make more this year.

The SA Schools Executive Diving Committee remained the same as not all the Committee was able to be at the Championships, which is where the AGM usually takes place. It was decided that the AGM would be held on Zoom as soon as possible. Due to holidays and various other incidents, this did not happen until July 2025. The new committee will take over directly after the AGM. Thus, Ms Athi Diliza (Gauteng) remained Chairman, Ms Colleen Kelling (Kwa-Zulu Natal) remained as the Secretary, and Ms Loredana Raccanello, Ms Kim Boustred and Ms Melanie Dunn retained their positions as members. Part of the Committee, along with the Gauteng LOC successfully ran SA Schools 2024 in Boksburg. Planning for the 2025 event in Durban, for the end of November, early December has begun but will be finalised by the incoming committee.

DEMOGRAPHICS: DIVERS, JUDGES AND TECHNICAL

PROVINCE	SCHOOLS		CLUB	AFFILIATE	
Central Gauteng	D	500	4	D	50
	J	25		J	20
	TO	27		TO	18
Northern Tigers	DISFUNCTIONAL, AS THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE FACILITES FROM WHICH TO OPERATE				
Western Cape	D	25	1	D	9
	J	6		J	3
	TO	5		TO	3
Eastern Cape	DISFUNCTIONAL, AS THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE FACILITES FROM WHICH TO OPERATE				
KwaZulu-Natal	D	70	2	D	10
	J	8		J	7
	TO	10		TO	6
Free State	DISFUNCTIONAL, AS THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE FACILITES FROM WHICH TO OPERATE				



2024/25 SEASON

The 2024/25 season ran well, with most stakeholders working hard to make it a success. The use of Zoom has continued, which has helped with increasing communication within the Committee and allowing for longer, more in-depth discussions, partly fulfilling two of the objectives that we had set ourselves.

- To continue to improve communication between all members of the Technical Committee and between the members of the Selection Committee, and then between the two committees and to make the decisions taken as transparent as possible, whilst trying to keep confidential information, confidential.
- To continue to improve and expedite communication between the diving community and SSA.
- To continue to encourage all members of the diving community to work towards a common goal.
- To continue to ensure that all events were run professionally with a minimum of unprofessional behaviour on the part of judges and technical officials.
- Selection of teams to various international events.
- Set a Selection Policy for 2021 – 2024 that everyone believed was for the betterment of SA Diving and would encourage support of divers in their endeavours to compete at the highest level.

In response to the above aims, we:

- We did our best to try and keep a balance between these aims, and it is still an ongoing process; it seems the diving community does not enjoy reading and will often simply not read emails. It has been decided that going forwards we will create a What's App group specifically to reinforce information that must be disseminated.
- Communication on selection criteria between the Selection Committee and the TDC was going well until an unfortunate incident early this year caused a rift; the Selection Convener resigned but was persuaded to stay on by SSA until such time as the teams for University Games and World Championships had been selected. Ms Davenport did so but has now recused herself completely. An unfortunate side effect is that the Junior and Senior National Squads were not selected; if they were selected, they were never published. No team was selected to attend the Dresden Youth International event this year, as only one diver had qualified. The criteria and 'raison d'etre' behind this event must be revisited.
- Point 2 and 3 both continue to be a work in progress.
- Point 4 has improved; officials and parents have taken onboard the fact that if we want our sport to flourish, we must be professional in all areas. There have been incidents still, but fewer than in the past.

- Selection for World Juniors 2024 was finalised at the World Junior Trial in October. Although well-planned, the fact that galas were added to the Kings Park Swimming Pool schedule at the last minute meant that the trial had to be relocated to Johannesburg. Although this was better for the springboard divers, as the boards are better in Johannesburg, it meant that there could not be a platform trial, as there are no 10m platforms in Johannesburg. This was a disservice to the divers wishing to trial for platform and resulted in divers being selected based on an event that took place in April – the very thing we were trying to avoid in having the trial. Better communication around events at Kings Park would be greatly appreciated.
- Point 6 is under review, as some circumstances have changed. The videoing of events to improve judging levels is still not an official procedure, as we do not have a dedicated person to manage this.

SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME

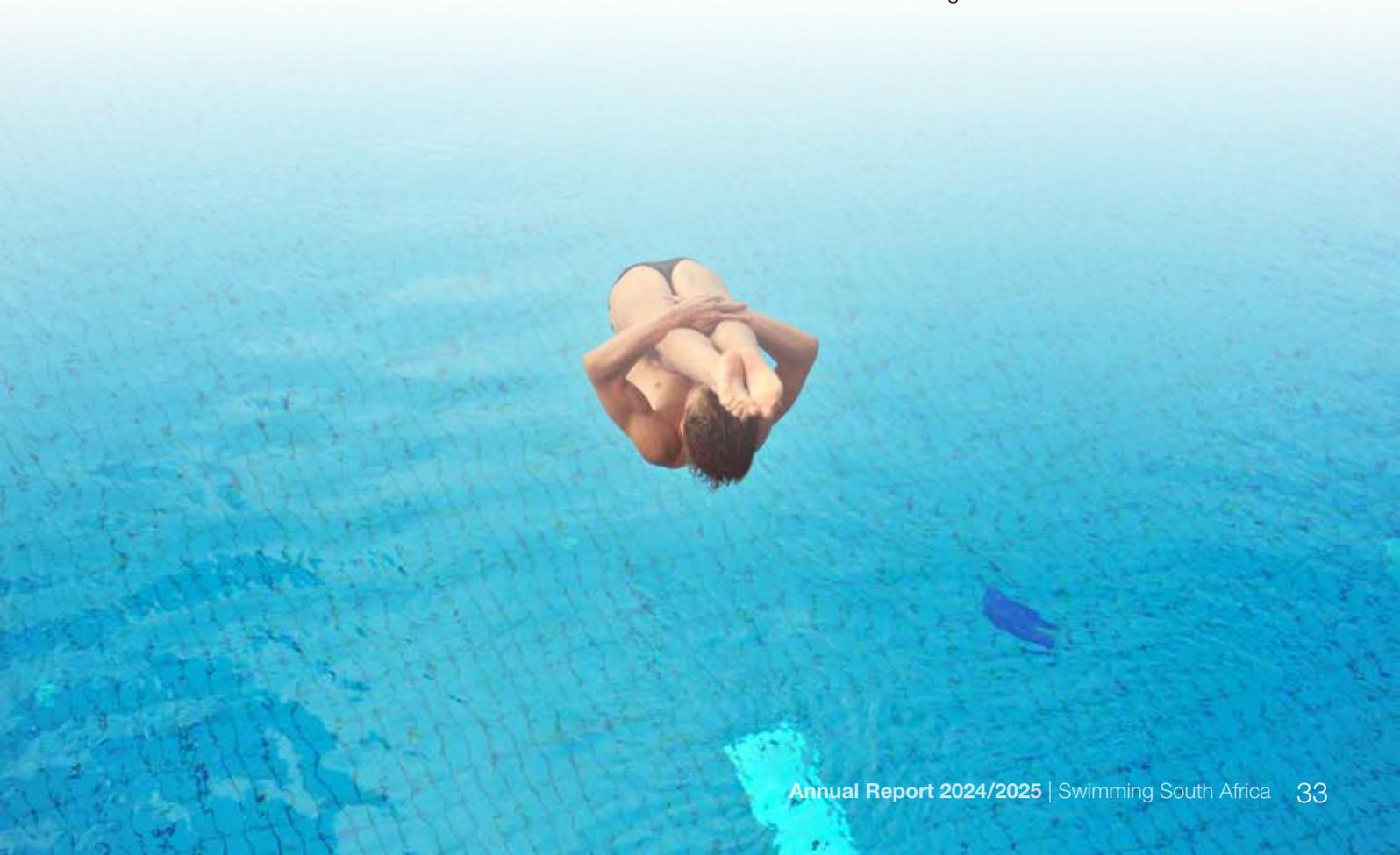
There is both primary and high interschool competition in schools in Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, and Cape Town. Individual children from various primary schools that do not have diving as a school sport, join the Johannesburg schools to compete. The high schools compete in the January to March term and the primary schools in the September to December term. Those

provinces that have coaches who run clubs are then able to take the divers from school level to club and provincial level. Some of the high schools are part of a “National Aquatics Festival,” but not all, which is held in the 2nd or 3rd week of February each year. The high schools in Johannesburg compete in an Interhigh event in March, where 9-10 schools are involved. The primary schools in Johannesburg run an interschool event every year in November comprising of 8-9 schools.

As mentioned above, the SA Schools event was run in Johannesburg in November/December 2024.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Aquatics Gauteng carries four clubs, however, one of the clubs will be moving to East Gauteng Aquatics, having moved training venues. In KwaZulu-Natal, only Gliders Diving Club still runs; Maris Stella and Kings Park Clubs have had to close, as they did not have sufficient divers or finances to keep the clubs running. Northern Tigers no longer runs a club, and Western Cape still runs one club each. The remainder of the provinces do not have clubs because there is either no coach, or the resident coach is not prepared to run a club, preferring to work at school level, only, or, would be prepared to run a club, but have no facilities from which to run a club, as many municipal facilities are either closing, or the diving facilities are so badly maintained that it is dangerous to use them.



DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

1. RSA CUP AND NATIONAL AGE GROUP

The above event was run in December 2024 by Central Gauteng Aquatics: Diving. The event was remarkably successful. The two sections used at NAG, renamed Elite and Novice in 2020, were again well-supported with several divers competing in each age group.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS

The South African Youth Games and Senior National Championships were held at the St. Dominic's Catholic School for Girls in Boksburg. This meant that we could not have platform events, as there are no pools with a platform available at that time of the year. It is unfortunate that we still do not have the correct facilities.

Attending the event, besides all the Aquatics Gauteng divers, were two from KwaZulu-Natal. Again, there were no divers from Western Cape. Thus, there were insufficient men competing to make the men's events competitive. Overall, Aquatics Gauteng won the Women's Shield. KwaZulu-Natal Aquatics was not awarded the Men's Shield, as the divers did not score sufficient points to qualify, as per the rules. Aquatics Gauteng thus was awarded the Overall Trophy. Full results are given in the appendices attached to this report.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

As mentioned, teams for the World Student Games and World Aquatics Championships were selected at Nationals. The divers left last weekend and are currently competing at the Student Games. Three of the divers will proceed to World Championships at the end of this week. We wish them all the best.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

JUDGES

Ms Fiorella Barberini continued in her role of National Judges Convenor this past season. She ensures that judges are "kept on the straight and narrow" by revisiting rules during pre- and post-event meetings, by reminding judges of specific rules. The videoing of events, as mentioned elsewhere in this report, although useful, is still not something we can use due to lack of skilled manpower.

SECRETARIAT

Ms Colleen Kelling continued in her role as National Secretariat Convenor this past season. She has ensured that table secretaries are competent in both manual and computer skills when recording. She also ensured that secretaries were punctual for the events for which they were working and were professionally attired when doing so.

COACHING COURSES: LEVEL 1 (LTD)

The LTD Course that Kim Boustred and Loredana Raccanello put together was tested in early 2025, after being revamped somewhat, on the advice of Ms Eileen Xhakaza. It has been difficult to then get together to finalise the course. There is hope that it will be ready for general consumption by September 2025.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

Volunteer programmes are simply not possible, as the people available to work them, are too busy with work and often coaching or administration of the sport. Younger people are often constrained by lack of funds, so we need to look at what we can do to generate finances for them.

SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT AND TALENT IDENTIFICATION

There is no structured scientific support; coaches access what they can on an individual basis. Talent identification is done ad hoc by teachers who engage in the sport at some level, referring divers to clubs. Thereafter, club coaches work with the divers within clubs.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

There is no organised marketing strategy for diving. The only way SA Diving can get out to the public is via Chris Moolman and the SABC, who comes through to film at both RSA Cup, NAG and SA Nationals. Nicole Gillis has done a sterling job on social media, using mostly Instagram and Facebook to get our divers out there. This has worked, as many divers and or coaches have been contacted, mostly by American universities, on the strength of seeing them on the SA Diving Page.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, although much has been addressed within diving to uplift and develop diving in this country, there is much that still needs to be done. I hope to continue working towards making diving more popular and more successful.



WATER POLO

2025 was a defining year for Water Polo, not simply because of what we achieved, but because of what we refused to compromise. As Convenor, I have the responsibility to reflect honestly on where we stand and to lead decisively towards where we must go.

In a time when our structures across the country are being evaluated by division and financial pressure, our Technical Committee continues to stand firm.

The Technical Committee, alongside all our volunteers, coaches, referees, managers, athletes, and parents, have shown resilience and unity in purpose.

The work of this Committee, in collaboration with our Water Polo Executive member, Mrs Asmeralda Motau, is driven by a strong commitment to equity, development, and the game itself. I am subsequently privileged to lead alongside men and women of unshakeable personal values, integrity, and boundless energy.

This Annual Report reflects more than tournaments and selections. It reflects a blueprint for transformation, a call for ethical leadership, and a bold stand to do what's best for our athletes.

We recognise that our decisions may not please everyone. That is not our mandate. Our duty is to serve the sport with fairness, integrity, and vision. The report that follows captures a year of difficult but necessary work, and the unwavering belief that Water Polo can and must belong to all who love it. It outlines the work done across governance, transformation, development, performance, finance, and

communication. It also serves as a marker of where we go next: towards a sport that is inclusive, proudly South African, and unshakably united in purpose.

OUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Dion Willis**
- Strategic oversight, programme growth, alignment with national goals, and system-wide impact development, performance, governance, and transformation.

- Vaughn Meecham**
- National Competitions
 - performance, development, operations, and future direction of the championship.

- Galidjah Hendricks**
- Strategic coordination across all teams and events
 - management of the touring and operational ecosystem,
 - compliance in team operations
 - Capping Ceremonies
 - Technical Committee Administration
 - Water Polo Newsletters

- Lucas Letshabo**
- planning, purpose, protocol, and legacy at Capping Ceremonies
 - Mentor at Training Camps
 - Media commentator

GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY

2025 required a resolute recommitment to the foundational values of governance, ethics, and accountability. At every level of our structure, water polo has taken firm steps to reassert our non-negotiable commitment to ethical leadership and principled conduct.

CODE OF CONDUCT: REAFFIRMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Water Polo Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement Policy was formally reaffirmed across all sectors of the sport. Ongoing workshops and awareness sessions have been rolled out to ensure that every athlete, coach, manager, administrator, and parent understands both the spirit and the letter of the Code and its clear consequences for violations.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION MECHANISMS

Recognising the need for safe, accessible, and structured avenues for managing conflict, Water Polo has reviewed and strengthened its internal resolution mechanisms. A mediation-first approach has been adopted where appropriate, with escalation procedures clearly defined. The goal is not only to resolve conflict but to foster a culture of respect, honesty, and direct communication.

TRANSFORMATION: A STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Water Polo intensified its implementation of the Transformation Charter, aligning its efforts with national directives on equitable representation and inclusive access. Tangible progress was observed in several historically underserved provinces; however, the need for sustained, targeted expansion in these regions remains critical.

To advance meaningful transformation, it is imperative that regional affiliates are equipped with the necessary resources, including qualified coaching personnel, basic equipment, and reliable transport. The establishment of functional development hubs requires strategic collaboration with government entities and private sector partners, particularly to support grassroots initiatives such as “Learn to Play” clinics, which serve as vital entry points into the sport for new and diverse participants.

Water Polo recognises that genuine transformation is not limited to numerical representation. It requires the

systematic removal of structural and socio-economic barriers, ensuring equitable opportunity for participation and progression across all demographics irrespective of geographic location, race, gender, or income level.

MOBILITY AND INCLUSION

Water Polo advanced deliberate measures to enhance participation and leadership among historically excluded groups. Talent identification initiatives have been expanded to underrepresented provinces, ensuring broader access. In addition, female representation increased within coaching, technical, management and selection roles, reflecting merit-based inclusion.

We are especially proud to celebrate two of our senior national athletes, Matthew Nesor and Esihle Zondo, who were awarded the prestigious World Aquatics Scholarship. This opportunity has enabled them to pursue both their academic and water polo careers abroad, while gaining invaluable insights that will strengthen our national programme upon their return.

REFLECTING ON HIS EXPERIENCE, MATTHEW NESER SHARED:

“Playing in Barcelona has been one of the most humbling and transformative experiences of my life. I’ve come to realise what true dedication, discipline, and professional athleticism really look like, things I thought I already knew before coming here. The level of play is incredibly high, characterised by fast-paced, physical, and mentally demanding conditions. It’s challenged me to grow not only as an athlete but also as a teammate.”

HIS SENTIMENTS WERE ECHOED BY ESIHLE ZONDO:

“Going to Barcelona to play in one of the most competitive leagues in the world for water polo was an amazing opportunity. It was and is one of the most eye-opening experiences, allowing me to view the game more professionally. The people I met, the skills I acquired and the overall gaining of knowledge allowed me to truly see this game as more than just a sport I enjoy. But a possible dream is becoming a reality, doing what I love for a living. The professional setup is phenomenally run, from the team culture in the pool, training tempo, and administrative work. Multiple people are working in the background, trying to

elevate this sport into a more professional realm. Being surrounded by the best in the world allowed me to aspire to compete with them. It made me want to be better, and I believe to some extent it did.”

These developments mark a significant recalibration of inclusion and leadership within the sport, and we remain committed to promoting mobility and inclusion as institutional priorities, as well as addressing systemic biases across all levels.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Technical Committee plays a critical role in establishing transparent, objective, and merit-based selection criteria for all national water polo teams.

By drawing on technical expertise, performance data, and best practices, the committee ensures that selection processes are fair, consistent, and aligned with the sport’s strategic goals. This includes setting clear benchmarks for athlete evaluation, defining eligibility requirements, and regularly reviewing criteria to reflect evolving standards.

The committee’s oversight fosters confidence among stakeholders that team composition is determined solely on ability, commitment, and potential, thereby upholding the integrity and competitiveness of our sport.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION FRAMEWORK

Water Polo implemented a reformed and accountable selection framework in 2025, underpinned by transparency, transformation, and talent development.

- Selection Panel: The National Selection Committee, comprising Jason Sileno (Convenor), Kagiso Musi, and Reinhardt Van Schoor, ensured diversity and transparent conflict-of-interest protocols.
- Youth Divisions (U15 & U17):
 - A two-phase process involved provincial coach recommendations and national evaluation.
 - Two balanced development teams per age group were selected with transformation, position depth, and long-term growth in mind.
 - A broader athlete pool is being built for succession into elite squads.
- Elite Divisions (U20 & Senior):
 - Selection was performance-based, using a defined competency framework applied during the 2025 National Championships.
 - U20 athletes were prioritised to ensure depth and continuity in senior pathways.





- Challenges Identified:
 - o Late player withdrawals, limited testing, fewer opportunities for trials, and compressed timelines posed selection risks.
 - o Communication gaps and limited scouting infrastructure remain barriers to consistent national programme alignment.
- Forward Planning:
 - o A centralised athlete tracking database (2007–2013 age bands) is in development.
 - o Recommendations include earlier publication of selection criteria, decentralised talent identification, testing protocols, and investment in selector training and camp-based evaluation.

Despite structural constraints, the selection process demonstrated improved equity, clarity, and alignment with national high-performance goals. The commitment to refining this framework remains essential for sustainable national team success.

AFRICA AQUATICS DEVELOPMENT WATER POLO TOURNAMENT 2025

The inaugural Africa Aquatics Development Water Polo Tournament was held at the Hellenic Academy Aquatic Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 11–13 April 2025. This landmark event marked a significant step forward for continental development in the sport, bringing together fourteen teams and 196 athletes from South Africa and Zimbabwe for three days of high-level competition and development across twenty-eight matches.

South Africa was proudly represented by six teams comprising eighty-four athletes:

- two U15 girls’ teams,
- two U15 boys’ teams,
- one U17 girls’ team, and
- one U17 boys’ team.

In addition to the competitive fixtures, a development workshop was hosted for referees, table officials, and coaches. Led by Dion Willis under the auspices of Africa Aquatics, with support from South African World Aquatics Referees Lucky Letshabo and Luke Penney, the programme focused on capacity building for Zimbabwean officials with the long-term goal of achieving international-level officiating standards.

The tournament not only showcased the rising talent pool in African water polo but also promoted cross-border collaboration and skill development. It laid a solid foundation for future continental competitions and reinforced our commitment to supporting Africa-wide growth in the sport.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 Senior National Championships, hosted by Buffalo City Aquatics at the Joan Harrison Pool Complex, from the 26th to 28th April brought together South Africa’s top U20 and senior water polo athletes across eight men’s and six women’s franchise teams. As the premier selection event for the 2025 World Aquatics Championships, the tournament plays a pivotal role in our national high-performance pipeline. It served as a critical selection platform for the U20 and Senior National Teams ahead of the 2025 World Aquatics Championships.

A key development this year was the inclusion of the SA U17 Boys and Girls squads, marking a strategic shift toward earlier talent exposure and deeper succession planning, and providing selectors with valuable insight into emerging talent.

The tournament also served as a testing ground for recently adopted international rule changes. It marked the official discontinuation of the POC timing format, a key step toward standardising play and reinforcing principles of fairness and equality. This year’s event demonstrated not only technical excellence but also our ongoing commitment to transformation, transparency, and national alignment in sport development.

TEAM ENTRIES

MEN'S	PROVINCE/DISTRICT	LADIES	PROVINCE/DISTRICT
PMC Men	CT Metro	Elite Stags	Northern Gauteng
HPP	BC / EC	PMC Ladies	CT Metro
Tridents	Central Gauteng	EC Inv.	Eastern Cape
OJ Eagles	Central Gauteng	Aqua Titans	Central Gauteng
KZN A	KZN	SA U17	National
KZN B	KZN	KZN	KZN
SA U17	National		
UCT	CT Metro		

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

LADIES DIVISION	MEN'S DIVISION	
Aqua Titans (Gauteng)	GOLD	KZN
Elite Stags Eagle	SILVER	Tridents (Gauteng)
Eastern Cape Invitational	BRONZE	UCT (Western Cape)

We extend our sincere appreciation to the following dignitaries and officials who graciously availed themselves in support of the 2025 National Championships and the broader national programme. Their presence reinforced the importance of collaboration between national, provincial, and local stakeholders in advancing the sport.

We acknowledge Mr. Lionel Poovan (President, Buffalo City Aquatics) for presenting medals in the Ladies Division. In the Men's Division, we were honoured by the participation of Ms. Sibulelo Ncongo (Local MEC for Sport), Mr. Alan Fritz (President, Swimming South Africa), and Mr. Dion Willis, who officiated the medal presentations.

Their commitment to the growth, visibility, and integrity of water polo in South Africa is deeply valued.

SSA extends its sincere appreciation to Buffalo City Water Polo and Swimming South Africa (SSA) for securing critical sponsorship and logistical support for the 2025 National Championships.

Key contributions included:

- Security and Cleaning services – Buffalo City water polo partners.

- Referee's Hire Car – Buffalo City water polo partners.
- Waters and sport energy drinks – SSA.
- Referee's kit – SSA and Buffalo City water polo partners.

These partnerships ensured the event's professional delivery and enhanced the athlete and official experience.

Dates for national competition have been confirmed for the next three years. This forward planning marks a significant administrative milestone and serves multiple strategic purposes. For stakeholders, including athletes, coaches, parents, schools, and provincial affiliates early confirmation of selection timelines ensure clarity, consistency, and adequate preparation time across all levels of the sport.

A fixed selection calendar enables improved alignment with academic schedules, optimises athlete readiness, and allows provincial structures to plan training cycles, competitions, and talent identification programmes more effectively. It also enhances transparency and fairness by setting clear expectations and reducing uncertainty in the selection process.

Moreover, this proactive approach supports logistical efficiency, facilitates travel and venue arrangements,

and provides a solid foundation for the overall high-performance pathway. By introducing structured planning and predictability into the national selection process, and reaffirm our commitment to professionalism, accountability, and athlete development.

NATIONAL TEAMS: PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Eight national teams competed at the World Aquatics Championships. Both the 2024 and 2025 World Aquatics Championships were invaluable in:

- Building international match experience
- Exposing players to elite-level tactical and physical demands
- Identifying technical gaps and areas for targeted training

While results may not yet reflect podium success, the opportunity to compete, learn, and grow on the world stage is critical to the long-term progress of South African water polo.

The table below summarises the SA representation for the last calendar year.

U16 Women	Manisa, Türkiye June 28 - July 4, 2024
U16 Men	Gżira, Malta 18 - 24 June 2024
U18 Women	Chengdu, China 15 - 22 September 2024
U18 Men	Buenos Aires, Argentina 2 - 9 July 2024
U20 Women	Salvador, Brazil 10 - 16 August 2025
U20 Men	Zagreb, Croatia 14 - 21 June 2025
Senior Men	Singapore 8 July - 24 July 2025
Senior Women	Singapore 7 July - 23 July 2025





On behalf of the athletes, parents, and broader water polo community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the schools who so generously and selflessly open their pool facilities to us free of charge.

Your philanthropic support not only makes high-quality training possible but also significantly eases the financial burden on our athletes and their families. In a time when access to sports is often limited by cost, your contribution ensures that talent and passion, not financial means, remain the deciding factors in opportunity and growth.

The ripple effect of your generosity is far-reaching. You are helping to build stronger, more inclusive teams and a more equitable sporting future for all.

We thank St Mary's Waverley, Wynberg High School, Saheti High School, St David's, Reddam Helderfontein, Steyn City School, Hershel Girls School, St John's College and St Benedict's College.

CAPPING CEREMONIES

The national water polo capping ceremonies, established and successfully led by Ms. Galidjah Hendricks since 2016 and more recently by Mr. Lucky Letshabo, continue to be a proud tradition honouring the achievements of our national athletes. This season, seven of the eight national teams were formally capped at prestigious blazer ceremonies held in Johannesburg. We extend our sincere appreciation to our host schools: St Peter's College, St Mary's Waverley, Roedeaan School, Jeppe High School for Boys, and St John's College. These events are deeply meaningful milestones in

an athlete's journey, symbolising honour, pride, and national recognition. Your willingness to host these ceremonies provides a dignified and professional setting for such special occasions and reflects a shared commitment to the growth of water polo in South Africa.

Special thanks are also due to the parents of our athletes, whose commitment to setting up catered events played a vital role in the success of these ceremonies. Your generosity reduces the financial pressure on our programmes and families, allowing us to focus on celebrating excellence, unity, and national pride. Thank you for standing with us in honouring our athletes and helping us create lasting memories.

We acknowledge with gratitude the presence of Mr. Ziki Molusi (SSA Vice President), Mr. Mafata Modutoane (SSA Operations Manager), Mrs. Asmeralda Motau (SSA Water Polo Executive), and Mr. Alan Fritz (SSA President) whose attendance added prestige to the events.

REFEREEING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Water Polo took bold strides in professionalising and standardising its refereeing structures by aligning fully with the World Aquatics Referee Pathway. Referees were evaluated through detailed performance scorecards at all major tournaments, ensuring that consistency, neutrality, and technical accuracy were prioritised in every match.

South Africa now has nine internationally graded referees (1 Gold, 5 Silver, 3 Bronze), with multiple appointments at World Aquatics Championships across U16, U18, U20,

and Senior levels. This global recognition directly results from sustained investment in training, mentorship, and international exposure.

Over 200 referees, coaches, and parents participated in accredited workshops, offered both online and in-person. A clearly defined referee pathway starting from Grade 10 has enabled the recruitment and nurturing of young officials, with a special focus on transformation. A considerable number of new referees emerged from previously underrepresented communities, mentored closely during events such as the Polo Premier League and regional youth tournaments.

Technological enhancements, such as headset communication and match video reviews, have elevated both the accuracy and professionalism of officiating. Each region now has an assigned development officer responsible for implementing uniform training, feeding into the national Technical Committee for consistent governance.

Looking ahead, the focus remains on increasing the depth of the referee pool, embedding transformation at all levels, and maintaining the highest standards of impartiality, discipline, and excellence.

NATIONAL COACHING PROGRAMME

The national coaching programme launched with a clear focus on athlete development, strategic partnerships, and long-term planning. Despite early logistical disruptions, coaches and athletes remained committed to excellence and professionalism.

Key goals included aligning with updated long-term athlete development (LTAD) frameworks, building partnerships with universities and international bodies, and preparing a roadmap towards the 2032 Olympic Games.

Although time constraints delayed coach education activities, the National Coaching Conference is planned for November, and mentorship programmes remain a priority.

Merit-based coach appointments and a performance review process will ensure exacting standards and accountability. Coaching gaps and operational inefficiencies have been identified, and plans to improve support systems and communication have been made.

Looking ahead, a structured high-performance pathway will be introduced post-World Aquatics Championships, featuring regional camps, talent identification, Olympic preparation, and a focus on transformation and gender equity.

TOUR PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

Despite global travel complexities, SSA successfully coordinated participation in all major international events for 2025. Improvements in pre-tour briefings, athlete documentation, and visa preparation processes were noted.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

We rely heavily on volunteer team managers to assist national teams in the organisation of international tours. A National Team Manager Development Pathway is in place to provide structured progression of education, mentorship, and practical experience that prepares individuals to manage teams at provincial, national, and international levels. The current team manager pathway is tailored to the context of our sport and aligned with best practice in sport management.

NATIONAL TEAM MANAGERS

- have all been to at least one World Championships, and or Development Tournament,
- have completed a First Aid Course, the SSA Team Managers Course, the WADA Certification Course, Match Scoring Workshop, and a Safeguarding Course,
- hold management and leadership positions in their workplaces and engage in their school water polo and sport programmes,
- obtained Police Clearance and have a clean record on the National Register for Sex Offenders (NRSO) and on the Child Protection Register, and
- are representative of the demographics and balance of team staff as outlined in the SSA Transformation Policy and the individual needs of the teams.

Our stable of team managers consists of six women and two men. The demographic makeup of this team is as follows: three black, two coloured, two white, and one Indian woman, one coloured, and one Black man. Amongst the team managers is one physiotherapist and one medical doctor.

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP

At the time of drafting this report, two new sponsors have been onboarded, one of which is an international sportswear brand, FILA, with the major one being Bombela Concession Company.



SSA actively collaborates with the Sports Confederation to access Lotto and other government funding streams to assist in the operational costs of the national programme.

COMMUNICATION, MEDIA, AND BRAND INTEGRITY

In the first quarter of 2025, the Technical Committee launched our first water polo quarterly newsletter. This initiative was implemented as a strategic communication tool to centralise information flow, enhance transparency, and maintain consistent stakeholder engagement. The newsletter provides structured updates on national teams, development programmes, governance, and events, while offering formal recognition of athlete and volunteer contributions.

In parallel, a targeted media strategy was introduced to strengthen the sport's public image. Objectives included elevating professionalism, highlighting progress in development zones, and proactively countering misinformation that negatively affects the sport's reputation.

To operationalise this, a Communications Task Team was established with the following mandates:

- Drafting and releasing official press statements and social media content.
- Monitoring media channels for inaccuracies or reputational risks.
- Responding promptly to misrepresentation through clarification or corrective action.

These measures form part of a broader effort to protect brand integrity, standardise messaging, and ensure that all public-facing communication reflects the values and vision of SSA Water Polo.

CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED, AND THE ROAD FORWARD

2025 was not without significant challenges. The sport is navigating a complex national landscape of tension and funding pressure. We acknowledge:

KEY CHALLENGES

- Persistent internal division within leadership in certain regions.
- Factionalism masquerading as transformation advocacy.
- Inconsistent alignment between provinces and national direction.
- High athlete costs creating barriers for many talented youths.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Transparency and consistency are our strongest shields against mistrust.
- Development is not the enemy of high performance; it is its foundation.
- Unity is not achieved through silence but through principled dialogue and shared standards.

VISION 2026 AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Looking ahead, water polo will continue to evolve, grow, and lead with purpose.

2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Launching National League feasibility study to improve domestic player development.
- Expanding coach, team manager and referee development.
- Securing long-term sponsorship for youth academy programmes.

CLOSING STATEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To every player, parent, coach, referee, manager, administrator, and volunteer: THANK YOU. To those who stood for values when it was difficult, your integrity holds this sport together.

Water polo faces challenging times; however, we as a technical committee choose to build something worthy of the athletes who sacrifice hours to train, the parents who fundraise endlessly, and the coaches and referees who tirelessly dedicate their evenings and weekends spent on the pool deck.

The year ahead will demand honesty, courage, and cooperation from every person in our structures. It will also require that we let go of old divisions and lead with unity, discipline, and vision.





V. AFFILIATE REPORTS

AQUATICS GAUTENG

Swimming South Africa (SSA) is the national federation and regulatory body for all aquatic activities in South Africa including swimming, water polo, artistic swimming, diving, open water swimming and masters swimming. Aquatics Gauteng is committed in its mission of reducing drowning by making every child a swimmer.

GENERAL PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

In line with the project goal of making “Every Child a Swimmer”, the following objectives were identified:

- Present water safety education to identified schools in Gauteng.
- Present water safety education to community people in identified areas.
- To channel swimmers that started with LTS to inter-school & club development
- Formalize structures for new clubs.
- Capacitate relevant/specified clubs & schools to be able to administer club /school galas OR competitive/recreational events.
- Recruit more parents to volunteer on the executive committees of the clubs.
- Create a database for all LTS swimmers.
- Ensure that all instructors are registered with the district affiliate of Aquatics Gauteng
- Provide opportunities to further empower and develop instructors.

MY SAFETY IN WATER – A DREAM CAN COME TRUE!

A collaborative project between Aquatics Gauteng, Gauteng Department of Education and Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

PHASE 1 – TO LISTEN AND LEARN!

CONCEPT:

A 30-minute lesson presented to learners in a class, using a poster as a guideline. Each learner receives a workbook and a pack of crayons to enhance learning through practical participation.

PROGRAMME:

The District Coordinators from the Gauteng Department of Education identify schools and the Team visit these schools from Mondays to Thursdays. Lessons started at 09h00 and all attempts are made not to continue past 12h00. Depending on the number of learners, instructors will visit the identified schools to present the lessons.

OUTCOMES:

A total of 139 schools were visited and a total of 52 480 learners were reached. The project can thus be deemed to be a success. Adding this number of learners to the number of learners reached since Nov 2020, a total of 271 893 learners were reached since inception of the project for phase 1.

AQUATICS GAUTENG TEAM:

The team consists of 25 instructors who travel to all corners of Gauteng.

POSITIVES:

- The team is well received by all schools.
- The team is able to reach not only urban schools, but also farm schools and schools in far reaching areas.

CHALLENGES:

- Incorrect numbers for learners are provided, thus there is a shortage of learning materials.
- Schools are not informed of the Team's visit.

PHASE 2 – TO BE SAFE IN WATER!

OBJECTIVES

Water Safety (adaptation) is designed specifically to establish, through a combination of support, teaching and methodology, a step-by-step approach for the learner to bring them gradually to a level at which they positively embrace an unfamiliar medium, water. This approach should be basic, allowing the learner to enjoy being in the water with the security provided by the instructor and swimming aids, and with a gradual escalation of activities in terms of difficulty. The learner will be considered to have this stage successfully completed when the learner has achieved specific outcomes.

PHASE 3 – TO LEARN TO SWIM!

OBJECTIVES

Once the learner is adapted to water and deemed to be safe in the water, the learner will be taught the different swimming styles. These are freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. The main aim is that the learner masters each style and be able to apply the rules as is prescribed by World Aquatics.

CERTIFICATION FOR BOTH PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3

Once the learner has achieved all the required outcomes, a certificate of compliance will be issued,

OUTCOMES:

After the successful completion of the pilot project at Greyville Primary School, the project was extended, and the following schools were part of the project during the reporting period.

- Greyville Primary School – 392 learners
 - Impala Primary School – 366 learners
 - Katlehong Engineering School of Specialisation – 596 learners (grade 8, 9 and 10)
 - Alexandra Schools (King David Linksfield project) – 70 learners
 - Alexandra Schools (King David Victory Park project) – 64 learners
 - Transoranje School for the Deaf - 68 learners
 - Wendywood Primary School – 263 learners
 - Baby Shoes and Toddlers (funded by AG) – 45 learners.
- Total learners reached = 1 601 learners

AQUATICS GAUTENG TEAM:

The team consists of 35 instructors.

POSITIVES:

The progress of the learners is good, irrespective of the low number of sessions available.

CHALLENGES:

- The shortage of heated pools closed to schools is a mayor challenge.
- Challenges experienced with staff at some municipal pools.
- Bad weather on days of scheduled visits.

SECONDARY PROJECT WITH CENTRAL GAUTENG AQUATICS:

- Cosmos Dolphins – 6 learners
- Eldo's Golden Dolphins – 48 learners
- Elite Sport Hub – 15 learners
- Patterson Park – 7 learners
- Pimville – 19 learners
- St Vincent School – 10 learners
- Winnie Madikizela – 25 learners

Total learners – 120 learners, The team consists of 11 instructors

PHASE 4 – LEARN TO SWIM GALA.

OBJECTIVES

Once the learner has mastered a swim style, the next step is to introduce the learner to a gala environment. The AG future stars galas were introduced to achieve this objective. Both learners from the phase 3 programme galas and swim schools are invited to the galas

OUTCOMES:

Three LTS galas were hosted:

- Gala 1 – 509 learners
- Gala 2 - 564 learners
- Gala 3 – 350 learners

Total learners reached – 1 423 learners (previous year 1 036 learners)

MOVING TOWARDS PERFORMANCE

1. DEVELOPMENT CLUBS

Irrespective of the fact that there is no funding from GPG for development clubs, Aquatics Gauteng and the respective districts have contributed almost towards participation and other costs for the community clubs in Gauteng. These clubs are from Soshanguve, Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Soweto, Carletonville, Thokoza, Reiger Park.

CHALLENGES:

Pools are not readily available for the clubs and many pools open late in the year – thus progress is very slow.

GRATITUDE

To be successful with a project like this, there are several persons that contributed to the success of the project:

- Marissa Rose, Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation
- Kavi Naidoo, Gauteng Department of Education
- Each Departmental Official who provided support on various levels
- Each Headmaster and Educator who have received our Team.
- Each member of the Aquatics Gauteng Team.



EASTERN CAPE AQUATICS

1. INTRODUCTION

It is my honour to present the President's Report for Eastern Cape Aquatics (ECA) for the 2024/2025 season. This past year has been challenging and rewarding, with remarkable progress in athlete development, governance, and stakeholder collaboration.

2. STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

- Growing and strengthening aquatic participation across the province.
- Supporting the development of coaches, technical officials, and administrators.
- Advocating for transformation and inclusivity in aquatic sport.
- Enhancing relationships with Swimming South Africa (SSA), local municipalities, and other stakeholders.

3. KEY HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION

- Successfully implemented grassroots swimming programs.
- Partnered with local schools and municipalities to roll out learn-to-swim initiatives.
- Supported district-driven development camps in Alfred Nzo, Joe Gqabi, and Sarah Baartman regions.
- Notable increase in participation of previously disadvantaged athletes at provincial level events.

3.2 COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE

- Eastern Cape swimmers performed admirably at the SA Level 2, Level 3, and National Junior Championships.
- Special congratulations to Team ECA, in Open Water Swimming, Swimming and Artistic Swimming, who earned multiple medals and broke provincial records at SA Nationals. Given the youthfulness of this group, their achievements are an encouraging sign for the future of aquatics in the province.
- Increased representation of EC athletes in SSA national squads and training camps across all disciplines.

3.3 TECHNICAL AND COACHING DEVELOPMENT

- Hosted technical workshops for referees and judges across multiple districts.
- Rolled out a coach upskilling programme in partnership with DSAC.
- Supported certification and training of new technical officials and new Level 1 coaches.

3.4 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Regular Executive and Subcommittee meetings were held to ensure compliance and transparency.
- Updated the ECA Constitution and aligned governance practices with SSA directives.
- Strengthened financial oversight and budgeting processes with improved accountability measures.

3.5 HOSTING OF NATIONAL EVENTS

Eastern Cape Aquatics proudly hosted a number of high-profile national and regional events during the reporting period, demonstrating the province's capacity and commitment to excellence in aquatic sport:

- Buffalo City Aquatics, under the leadership of President Lionel Poovan and his Executive, hosted the National Water Polo Championships and the Regional Age Group Level 2 Gala.
- Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics, under the leadership of President Michael Canter and his Executive, hosted multiple major events, including:
 - SA National Open Water Championships
 - SA Grand Prix 2
 - SA Senior National Championships
 - Provincial School Trials

3.6 PARTICIPATION IN SA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a province, we proudly participated in the SA Schools Championships with a team selected from across the Eastern Cape. The turnout was encouraging, and the team spirit displayed by the athletes was commendable. While the final results may not have fully reflected our aspirations,

the experience laid a solid foundation of young talent to build upon.

We recognise the important role that school sport plays in athlete development, and Eastern Cape Aquatics remains committed to supporting the schools' structures as they continue to formalise and grow. This partnership will be vital to sustaining long-term growth and identifying talent at grassroots level.

4. CHALLENGES

- Limited access to properly maintained aquatic facilities in rural districts.
- Funding constraints for development programmes, travel support, and equipment.
- Administrative capacity at district level remains a concern in some areas.

5. LOOKING AHEAD

- Expanding the learn-to-swim footprint with certified instructors in all districts.
- Securing partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders to enhance funding and resources.
- Improving the standard of competitive performance through elite athlete pathways.
- Driving transformation targets through intentional mentorship and inclusion programmes.

Eastern Cape Aquatics remains committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all our athletes. The well-being of our athletes—physically, emotionally, and mentally—remains a priority. We continue to align with the safeguarding principles outlined by

Swimming South Africa, and we are working to ensure that all clubs and districts implement athlete protection policies in line with national standards. We also recognize the importance of mental health awareness, especially among youth athletes, and encourage open dialogue, supportive coaching practices, and referral pathways where necessary. Building a culture of care, respect, and accountability is essential as we grow the sport in the province.

6. APPRECIATION

I extend heartfelt thanks to:

- The Executive Committee and Subcommittees for their dedication and teamwork.
- All coaches, officials, volunteers, and parents for their unwavering support.
- District and club structures, which are the backbone of our aquatic community.
- Swimming South Africa for continued guidance and technical support.

7. CONCLUSION

Eastern Cape Aquatics is on a strong path forward. While challenges remain, our resilience, unity, and commitment to growth will carry us through. Together, we can build an aquatic community that thrives – both in and out of the pool.

MPUMALANGA SWIMMING

It's my privilege to present this year's President's Report. And before I begin with statistics, achievements, or challenges, I'd like to speak from the heart.

You may be expecting numbers—and yes, they're important. But a federation, much like a nation, isn't defined just by its medals or records. It's defined by the principles it holds, the adaptability it shows, and, most importantly, the people who make it live and breathe.

Like the Constitution in Simon Wilder's words, this federation was built not on certainty, but on the recognition that we would need to grow, to listen, and to adapt. Our founding members didn't assume they had all the answers when they drafted our constitution and by-laws. But they laid a foundation that allowed room for correction, innovation, and, above all, progress.

This past season has been remarkable in our province's history—not only in participation but in performance that has redefined what's possible for Mpumalanga swimming:

At the beginning of the season, we had a swimmer and a coach representing us at the Olympics in Paris. Well done, Nathan Hendricks and Chad Peterson. Unfortunately, we lost Nathan to NTS, but we will forever claim him as Mpumalanga's first Olympian.

- We were proudly represented at Level 2 and Level 3 Championships, with our swimmers' demonstrating depth, growth, and competitive maturity across all age groups.
- At the South African National Junior (SANJ) Championships, our athletes stood out on one of the country's most competitive stages, with 16 swimmers representing various clubs from across the province.
- At Senior Nationals, Mpumalanga reached a historic milestone:
 - We achieved six national finals—four A-finals and two B-finals—with a total of five swimmers representing the province.
 - For the first time ever, our swimmers competed in A-finals alongside Olympians.
 - Among them, Niel Burger and Miela Banza stood out and have now been included in the SSA High-Performance Junior Squad—a beacon for all our aspiring athletes.

- Our swimmers also performed admirably at the National Open Water Championships, mastering one of the sport's most gruelling disciplines, with 12 swimmers representing the province.
- At the South African Schools Championships, our swimmers competed with pride and passion. The team was awarded "Best Spirit," and we received consistent compliments from parents and coaches across the country—many calling it one of the best SA Schools teams and management groups they've ever worked with. That says everything about the culture we are building.

This year also marked a transformative step for inclusion in our sport:

- In January 2024, Aqua Adventures LTS and Gala Swim Club (under Gert Sibande District) initiated a groundbreaking program for swimmers from Osizweni and Basizeni Special Needs Schools in Embalenhle.
- When they began, most swimmers arrived with only t-shirts, shorts—or even denim. But clubs from across the province came together in a show of unity and compassion, donating swimwear and equipment so that no swimmer would be left behind.
- These athletes train without cost beyond the MPS SSA affiliation fee—all other expenses are fully covered by the club. This is not a community project; it is a demonstration of love for the sport and a commitment to equity.
- Two of these swimmers have already earned national medals at the 2025 SASA II Gala:
 - **Luvo Mtshali (Osizweni Special School):**
Bronze – 200m Freestyle Relay
Bronze – 100m Mixed Freestyle Relay
 - **Cawekazi Ntsalaze (Basizeni Special School):**
Silver – 25m Freestyle
Bronze – 100m Mixed Freestyle Relay

Their determination, resilience, and achievements remind us that with the right support, every swimmer, regardless of background, can rise.

There were also several training and development opportunities offered this season:

- Timekeepers online course: Out of 132 participants, 129 passed.
- Five Judges courses were presented, one of which included an international component.
- One Open Water Officials course and one Referee course were also held.
- In the districts, four holiday programmes were successfully hosted—two each in the Ehlanzeni and Nkangala regions.

I must also take a moment to reflect personally. This has been my first year as President, and I can honestly say it has been one of learning, listening, and being humbled. I have seen the inner workings of our sport—the good, the frustrating, and the inspiring.

I've come to learn that swimming parents can be among the most entitled—but also among the most passionate. I've witnessed tough conversations, conflicting priorities, and moments where it would have been easier to walk away. But I've also seen the people who show up—those who can be counted on, who serve not for credit, but because they believe in what swimming can do for a child.

The role of this federation's leadership is not to dictate, but to serve. We are not here to preserve tradition for tradition's sake, but to build on it in ways that empower every lane, every age group, every province. Like the president Simon spoke of, we are not kings of the pool deck—we are stewards of a vision bigger than any one of us.

We won't always get it right. But we will always keep the doors open—to questions, to criticism, and to new ideas. That's what keeps this federation alive.

To our national athletes—your dedication continues to inspire.

To our age-group swimmers—you are the future, and we see you.

To our volunteers—you are the silent strength behind our waves.

And to every voice that has challenged us to do better. You make us worthy of our mission.

The waters ahead will have their currents. But we move forward, confident in our community, shared values, and committed to leaving the sport better than we found it.



NORTHERN CAPE AQUATIC SPORT ASSOCIATION

As we reflect on the season that has just concluded, we can see that NCASA has grown from the previous year. Swimmers performed exceptionally well, consistently exceeding expectations and achieving outstanding results across all levels.

For me, our focus remains twofold: to continually raise the standard for our current swimmers, and to broaden participation by developing new talent and promoting the sport more widely. This year, we were privileged again to host the Interprovincial gala between the Northern Cape, North West and Free State. A great opportunity to compete on homeground against some of the best swimmers in the country but this was also a big financial injection for the federation.

The results from this year's SA Schools Championships are a testament to the impact of hard work, dedication, and focus. They also highlight the need to further develop strategic programmes aimed at establishing a comprehensive High Performance Management System.

Our SA Schools team competed against the top swimmers from across the country-and not only did they surpass last year's total medal count within a single day, but one of our own was also awarded the prestigious Senior Victor Ludorum trophy. It was a truly remarkable and emotional moment-one that is difficult to put into words and must be experienced to be fully appreciated.

Once again, well done to De Wet Gous on achieving this. As well as all the other swimmers who won medals and performed really well.

This performance continued throughout the season, during which a total of 19 Northern Cape Records were broken and multiple medals were won at elite galas. The swimmers really bought their A-game this season.

There are, however, several key areas that require our focused attention.

Firstly, it is essential that we re-engage individuals in the sport. A significant concern raised was the development of Technical Officials. There is a clear and pressing need to build capacity among senior officials-particularly referees, starters, and judges-to ensure the continued growth and integrity of our events.

Secondly, we must work on strengthening our relationship with schools. While swimming may not currently be widely recognized as a school sport, increasing school participation is crucial-not only for the development of the sport but also to promote water safety among children. By encouraging mass participation and teaching swimming as a vital life skill, we can lay a stronger foundation for future growth.

Governance and compliance remain fundamental pillars of the federation. We continue to prioritize efforts to ensure that all committees, clubs, and swim schools operate in alignment with our established policies and procedures. This approach supports accountability, fosters constructive feedback, and promotes fair and consistent decision-making across the federation.

The selection process for our SA Schools team highlighted that significant work remains in advancing transformation within our structures. It is essential that all stakeholders collaborate meaningfully to drive transformation, ensuring that our objectives in this area are fully realized

Best wishes to the incoming executive team. May we all continue to contribute-not only to the development of our swimmers-but also to the growth of the sport as a whole. Let us work together to build a strong, united federation that takes pride in nurturing young talent and fostering excellence at every level.

FREE STATE AQUATICS

On behalf of Free State Aquatics (FSA) committee, I would like to thank all the affiliates, districts, clubs and club presidents as well as parents and coaches for the 2024/25 season. A special vote of thanks must also go out to all volunteers and officials. We had a good year, and swimmers achieved excellent results. However, there was some difficulties and challenges.

STRUCTURE

We currently have three districts, namely Mangaung Aquatics, Fezile Dabi Aquatics and Letjeweletswa Aquatics.

The district Presidents for 2024/25 are:

- Mangaung Aquatics: Lorraine McCanda
- Fezile Dabi Aquatics: Jacques Nel
- Letjeweletswa Aquatics: Riaan Venter

The increase in the number of swimmers in each district are as follows:

- Mangaung Swimmers increased from 339 to 345
- Fezile Dabi Swimmers increased from 65 to 85
- Letjeweletswa Swimmers increased from 85 to 87

Thabo Mafutsanyane district is under administration. Continuous problems with compliance are keeping the district from being functional. The process is under review of SSA and FSA. No swimmer will be penalized for non-compliance of the interim structure.

FINANCES

The detailed financial report from the treasurer and auditors will be discussed by the treasurer.

COMPETITION

Free State Aquatics hosted Free State Championships from 4 December to 8 December 2024.

Free State Aquatics hosted with Mangaung Aquatics SSA Level 0 and Level 1 as one competition on 1 March 2025. Because of numerous problems hosting it together, the decision was made with Mangaung Aquatics to host it as two galas in future.

Level 2 was hosted by Northwest Aquatics and Free State had 149 club-based entries. 30 more than previous year.

Level 3 was hosted by KwaZulu-Natal Aquatics and because of logistical problems to travel to Richardsbay, some clubs chose to participate in Gauteng where it was hosted by Gauteng Aquatics and Free State had 53 club-based entries. That is 12 swimmers less than previous season.

SANJ was hosted by Eastern Cape Aquatics and Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics and Free State had 52 club-based entries. That is 15 swimmers more than previous season.

SA Nationals was hosted by Eastern Cape Aquatics and Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics and Free State had seven provincial entries. That is two swimmers less than previous year.

SA Open Water Championships was hosted by Eastern Cape Aquatics and Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics and Free State had two provincial entries. That is five less swimmers than previous year.

Dané de Klerk was chosen for the RSA Swimming Team that will participate in the World Aquatics Junior Championships in Romania on 19 to 25 August 2025.

Elih Lawrence was chosen for the South African Intellectually impaired Team that will participate at the Virtus World Championship in Swimming in Bangkok from 20 to 30 August 2025.

CHALLENGES

1. Facilities is still a problem in our province. Discussion with municipalities is ongoing.
2. Two members of the FSA committee received a request for protection orders against four swimmers in the Thabo Mafutsanyane district. Members of a committee can not be held responsible in their personal capacity for committee decisions. These swimmers are registered in Gauteng and FSA do not have jurisdiction over them. The court ruled in favor of the two FSA committee members with cost.

FOCUS AREAS FOR THE NEXT TERM

PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP:

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES:

1. High Performance swimmers was identified and proposals for sponsorship of eight athletes was discussed and awaiting approval.
2. Enter everyone at Seniors – this is where selection will take place for national teams of all ages.
3. Focus on conditioning/conditioning camps/high performance camps

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR GOVERNANCE:

1. There is too much unethical behaviour.
2. Zero tolerance for breaking code of conduct/safeguarding/ethics.
3. Report on all incidences.
4. Held the role players responsible.
5. John Slater is appointed by SSA to assist in disciplinary cases.
6. Zero tolerance for negativity in the sport as it impacts athletes, volunteers and role players.
7. Clearance must be given from club to club, district to district, province to province and national to international.

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR FUNDING:

1. Every province, district, club and school to apply for funding at The National Lotteries Commission (NLC). The federation to assist and lead the way.
2. Every province to apply for funding at provincial Department of Sports, Arts and Culture.
3. Focus on all schools with swimming pools to get funding at The NLC for repairs and upgrades as no funding will be available for new facilities.
4. Talk to municipalities to take over the management or co-manage the municipal facilities.
5. Get diving facilities at municipality venues ready.

AREAS OF FOCUS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

1. Every province must have at least ONE previously disadvantaged club that must get support from the federation on district and provincial level.
2. Mass participation and LTS Programmes must be priority.

3. Interschool galas is the only way to start development.
4. Participation at galas will be a priority, if athletes want to be selected for high performance squad that will partake in national training camps, they need to attend galas.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

1. Technical Subcommittee
2. Coaches Subcommittee
3. Selection Committee
4. Safeguarding Committee
5. Athlete's Subcommittee
6. Para-swimming Subcommittee
7. Subcommittee for other disciplines (Diving, Water polo, Synchronized Swimming, Open water)

The Subcommittees will give monthly report to FSA before monthly meeting or give feedback at the monthly meeting.

CONCLUSION

FSA is very proud of the increased numbers of affiliated members as well as the increased numbers at Level 2 and SANJ.

Municipalities in Lejweleputswa is willing to work with Lejweleputswa Aquatics to repair facilities that is a step in the right direction.

The collaboration between the High Performance Centre and FSA has improved and a clear set of criteria has been established. We hope all roll players will work together to benefit the athletes.

We thank the volunteers who give their time, expertise and support to swimming. I believe FSA is on the right track with swimmers that are included in national teams. Please motivate clubs and swimmers to enter at Senior Nationals as well as it is where they are identified as high performance swimmers.

I thank everyone for their contribution to make Free State Aquatics a success.

KWAZULU-NATAL AQUATICS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

The 2024/2025 season was marked by resilience, growth, and outstanding achievement for KwaZulu-Natal Aquatics (KZNA). Despite ongoing challenges with facility availability and financial constraints, the province's swimmers, coaches, and officials excelled at every level, both locally and nationally. A heartfelt note of appreciation is extended to the dedicated volunteers, technical officials, clubs, parents, and athletes who keep the federation strong.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Membership & Capacity
 - 1,946 registered members across 30 clubs and 31 swim schools
 - 702 technical officials and 134 coaches supporting aquatic sport
 - Expanded Learn-to-Swim base with 88 new instructors and 7 Todswim coaches
- Education & Training
 - 19 safeguarding workshops trained 352 participants (top priority)
 - 335 officials capacitated through courses for timekeepers, judges, and referees
 - 22 workshops delivered in-person and online, engaging 1,198 participants, and contributing to CPD points
 - Club Development Workshop drew 53 participants
- Performance & Achievements
 - Athletes secured 170 medals in national and international events
 - Standout swimmers included Matthew Sates, Rebecca Meder, Leon Coetzer, and several rising stars
 - KZN Schools Team placed 2nd overall at SA Schools Nationals
 - KZN Water Polo, Diving, and Artistic Swimming athletes represented South Africa internationally
- Events & Hosting
 - Successfully hosted major provincial and national competitions, including the SSA National Short Course Championships, SSA Artistic National Championships, and KZN Premier Championships

- Governance & Administration
 - Constitution amended (July 2024)
 - Financial reporting improved with 2022 and 2023 Annual Financial Statements signed off
 - Plans underway to finalise outstanding compliance and return to full federation governance

Looking Ahead, KZNA remains committed to:

- Prioritising safeguarding and athlete welfare
- Strengthening the officiating and coaching base
- Expanding access to Learn-to-Swim and grassroots development
- Supporting elite athletes to compete internationally
- Building resilience through partnerships and improved governance

2. STATUS OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Access to quality facilities remains one of the most important enablers of participation and transformation in aquatic sport. While KwaZulu-Natal benefits from several well-maintained pools, the overall picture continues to reflect uneven provision across districts.

In uMgungundlovu, irregular opening times and infrastructure challenges limited the use of municipal pools for galas and water safety programmes. Similarly, in Ugu, while Marburg Pool remains serviceable, both Gamalakhe and Margate require significant maintenance to ensure safe and consistent use.

By contrast, King Cetshwayo District offers a positive example, with all municipal pools in good condition. The Brackenham Pool, in particular, is heated and operational throughout winter, ensuring continuity for club activity. Zululand, though limited to two school pools, has ensured that both are well-maintained, even if they are too short for sanctioned competition.

In uThukela, the picture is mixed, with some schools offering usable 23–25m pools while others, such as Colenso, remain in need of upgrades. Meanwhile, eThekweni Municipality, which manages the province's largest network of 54 pools, currently has 40 in operation. Ten require capital investment, and three — including Kings Park, the province's premier venue — are under renovation. The extended closure of Kings Park since November 2024 has significantly disrupted training and hosting of major events, underlining the urgency of its completion.

While challenges persist, the district-level variations highlight both the potential of well-run facilities and the need for sustained investment to ensure equitable access. KZNA continues to engage with municipalities and stakeholders to safeguard aquatic spaces for community use, talent development, and high-performance competition.

Snapshot Summary: Municipal Facilities

District	Status	Notes
uMgungundlovu	Poor	Irregular opening, damaged infrastructure; not usable for galas/safety
Ugu	Mixed	Marburg in good condition; Gamalakhe & Margate require major maintenance
uThukela	Mixed	Some schools offer usable 23–25m pools; Colenso pool in poor condition
Zululand	Average	Two well-maintained school pools, but too short for sanctioned competition
King Cetshwayo	Good	All pools in good condition; Brackenham Pool heated and operational year-round
eThekwini	Mixed / Disrupted	40 pools operational; 10 need upgrades; 3 under renovation incl. Kings Park (closed since Nov 2024)

3. REGISTERED MEMBERS STATS

KEY STATS:

- Clubs affiliated: 30
- Swim Schools affiliated: 31
- Registered Athletes: 1,073
- Technical officials: 702
- Coaches & Instructors: 134

LIST OF REGISTERED CLUBS AND SWIM SCHOOLS

DISTRICT	TYPE	CLUB NAME
AMAJUBA	SWIM SCHOOL	THE SWIM ACADEMY
		SCHOOL OF SPLASH
		ZARINA'S SWIM SCHOOL
ETHEKWINI	CLUB	AQUAZONE SWIM CLUB
		KLOOF ASC
		BEAVERS SWIM CLUB
		SEALS ETHEKWINI
		WESTVILLE SWIMMING CLUB
		ACTION SWIM ACADEMY
		ACES SWIMMING CLUB
		LEGACY SWIMMING CLUB
		SYNERGY MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB
		SEAGULLS SWIMMING CLUB
		CYGNUS ASC

DISTRICT	TYPE	CLUB NAME
ETHEKWINI	DEVELOPMENT CLUB	UMLAZI SHARKS AQUATIC CLUB
		OLIVE TREE SWIMMING CLUB
		OTTO AQUATICS
		WOODVIEW AQUATICS
	SWIM SCHOOL	DESTINY SWIM SCHOOL
		TOP SQUADS
		BARNACLES SWIM SCHOOL
		CAROL SWIM SCHOOL
		AQUAFISH SWIM SCHOOL
		WESWIM SCHOOL OF SWIMMING
DEBBY'S SWIM SCHOOL		
HARRY GWALA	SWIM SCHOOL	KELLY GILSON'S SWIM SCHOOL
		PAULA'S PENGUINS SWIM SCHOOL
ILEMBE	CLUB	ASHTON SWIMMING ACADEMY
		OHANA SWIMMING CLUB
KING CETSHWAYO	CLUB	FROGGIES AQUATICS CLUB
		USHAKA SWIMMING CLUB
		STINGRAYS SWIMMING CLUB
		FISH EAGLES SWIMMING CLUB
	SWIM SCHOOL	SPLASH FANATICS
		LEATHERBACK SWIM SCHOOL
UGU	CLUB	BLUE OCEAN AQUATICS
		MARGATE SWIMMING CLUB
UMGUNGUNDLOVU	CLUB	PENGUINS SWIMMING CLUB
		SEALS ASC
	SWIM SCHOOL	IMPILO SWIMMING
		HOW TO SWIM THE FOGGY SWIM CLUB
		MIGHTY MANTA'S SWIM SCHOOL
		JULIA KOMMER'S SWIM SCHOOL
		DIVING DOLPHINS SWIM SCHOOL
		BUBBLE BLOWERS SWIM SCHOOL
		AQUABODY WORX SWIM SCHOOL
		ODETTE'S SWIM SCHOOL
		SWIM STARS
		CALTYM SWIM SCHOOL
RITA'S SWIM SCHOOL		

DISTRICT	TYPE	CLUB NAME
UMGUNGUNDLOVU (continued)	SWIM SCHOOL	CNS SWIM SCHOOL
		DAISYS SWIM SCHOOL
		AQUAMAD SWIM SCHOOL
		GEMINI PRE PRIMARY SWIM SCHOOL
		SUNDALE SWIM SCHOOL
UTHUKELA	CLUB	AQUAFIN SWIMMING CLUB
		HAMILTON AQUAGYM SWIMMING CLUB
		LADYSMITH MARLINS SWIMMING
	SWIM SCHOOL	SHELDUCKS
ZULULAND	CLUB	PONGOLA SWIMMING ACADEMY
		VRYHEID SWIMMING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP STATS BY GROUP CODE

DISCIPLINE	Code	Total
LEVEL 1 SWIMMER	3R	127
SWIMMER	A	768
SWIMMING COACH	AC	1
LTS INSTRUCTOR	AI	23
SWIMMING OFFICIAL	B	686
SWIMMING COACH	C	1
SWIMMING COACH	C1	18
SWIMMING COACH	C2	5
SWIMMING COACH	C3	5
SWIMMING COACH	C4	1
DIVER	D	3
DIVING OFFICIAL	E	1
ARTISTIC	G	6
ARTISTIC OFFICIAL	H	4
ARTISTIC COACH	I	2
W/POLO PLAYER	J	38
W/POLO OFFICIAL	K	10
W/POLO COACH	L	6
SWIM MASTERS	M	108
ADMIN OFFICIAL	N	37
LTS INSTRUCTOR	O	72

DISCIPLINE	Code	Total
O/WATER SWIMMER	P	1
DISABLED SWIMMER	Q	22
O/WATER OFFICIAL	R	1
Grand Total		1,946

4. PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

KWAZULU-NATAL SWIMMERS MEDAL COUNT FOR 2024/25 NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Competition	Date	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Grand Total
16th Africa Aquatics Junior Swimming Champs	2025/04/30	2	1	3	
SA National Aquatic SNR-Champ 2025-PE	2025/04/09	11	8	3	22
SA National Junior Age Group Champs-WCA 2025	2025/04/25	28	24	21	73
SA National OWS Championship 2025-PE	2025/03/07	1			1
SA National SC Champs KZN (25M)-Sept 24	2024/09/26	19	10	7	36
SA Schools Swimming Championship 2025-FSA	2025/04/05	15	7	13	35
Grand Total		83	52	45	170

SA SCHOOLS SWIMMING MEDAL COUNT: COMBINED MEN AND WOMEN

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Gauteng Schools	65	44	29	138
KwaZulu-Natal Schools	32	36	45	113
Western Cape Schools	24	37	38	99
Free State Schools	24	26	25	75
North West Schools	11	10	2	23
Eastern Cape Schools	9	12	17	38
Northern Cape Schools	8	4	8	20
Mpumalanga Schools	5	3	7	15
Limpopo Schools	4	7	7	18

KWAZULU-NATAL SWIMMING TEAM BREAKDOWN PER DISTRICT

NO.	DISTRICT	TOTAL
1.	AMAJUBA	0
2.	ETHEKWINI	36
2.	HARRY GWALA	0
3.	ILEMBE	02
4.	KING CETSHWAYO	10
6.	UGU	04
7.	UMKHANYAKUDE	0
8.	UMGUNGUNDLOVU	21
10.	UMZINYATI	0
11.	UTHUKELA	0
12.	ZULULAND	3
	TOTAL	76

KWAZULU-NATAL INDIVIDUAL SWIMMERS MEDAL COUNTS

Name	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Grand Total
Leon Coetzer (13) M (Yr: CR)	8	6	3	17
Rebecca Meder (22) W (Yr: BR)	8	2		10
Aaron Putz (28) M (Yr: ER)	8	8		
Matthew Sates (21) M (Yr: PR)	8	8		
Bailey Lambert (15) W (Yr: BR)	5	2		7
Shiloh Cruywagen (13) W (Yr: ER)	4	2		6
Alani Ferreira (26) W (Yr: FR)	3	1		4
Nicholas Taylor (14) M (Yr: ER)	3		1	4
Saskya Kistnasami (14) W (Yr: BR)	2	4	2	8
Bandile Mahaye (13) M (Yr: DR)	2	2	1	5
Jamie Shand (14) W (Yr: LR)	2	1	1	4
Chanel Veldsman (15) W (Yr: BR)	2	1		3
Damien de Wit (12) M (Yr: GR)	2	1		3
Malakai Seppings (12) M (Yr: BR)	2		1	3
Ramano Sefehle (14) M (Yr: DR)	2		1	3
Cole Martin (15) M (Yr: KR)	2	2		
Mikaela Goelst (18) W (Yr: FR)	2	2		
Milla Drakopoulos (18) W (Yr: BR)	1	2	2	5
Annebel Stewart (16) W (Yr: BR)	1	1	1	3

Name	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Grand Total
Danika Van Zyl (16) W (Yr: CR)	1	1	1	3
Mikje Bocking (16) W (Yr: ER)	1	1	1	3
Daena Robinson (16) W (Yr: BR)	1	1		2
Sisanda Palframan (12) W (Yr: BR)	1		1	2
Waldo Fritz (13) M (Yr: DR)	1		1	2
Connor Buck (22) M (Yr: FR)	1	1		
Izarra Ganas (15) W (Yr: MR)	1	1		
Emma Van Deventer (12) W (Yr: FR)		3	1	4
Juan Nel (15) M (Yr: DR)		3	1	4
Megan Jacobs (12) W (Yr: DR)	3	3		
Cornelia Fowler (44) W (Yr: BR)		2	3	5
Michael Doull (15) M (Yr: BR)		2	2	4
Melisca Everson (18) W (Yr: XR)		2	1	3
Taylor Foster (14) W (Yr: CR)		2	1	3
Ntsikayethu Mtyobile (14) M (Yr: KN)		1	2	3
Guy Brooks (22) M (Yr: BR)		1	1	2
Sarah Mc Laren (18) W (Yr: FR)		1	1	2
Jessica Carmody (16) W (Yr: BR)	1	1		
Kaydn Naidoo (21) M (Yr: CR)	1	1		
Ricky Lottering (18) M (Yr: BR)	1	1		
Hannah Ferreira (16) W (Yr: BR)	3	3		
Adam Theron (15) M (Yr: DR)	1	1		
Art Mpungose (16) M (Yr: ER)	1	1		
Chanel Van Tonder (15) W (Yr: MR)	1	1		
Jake Couzens (13) M (Yr: GR)	1	1		
James Beningfield (16) M (Yr: BR)	1	1		
Kaiden Snyman (12) M (Yr: FR)	1	1		
Michael Van der Linde (16) M (Yr: DR)	1	1		
Mthunzi Luthuli (19) M (Yr: VR)	1	1		
Olivia Botha (13) W (Yr: JR)	1	1		
Riley Hemphill (15) M (Yr: KR)	1	1		
Sean Gibson (17) M (Yr: FR)	1	1		
Tristan Janse van Rensburg (16) M (Yr: DR)	1	1		
Grand Total	74	51	45	170

KWAZULU-NATAL WATER POLO PLAYERS REPRESENTING SA IN 24/25

Event	Name	Surname	Male/ Female	Age
World Aquatics Mens Water Polo World Cup Istanbul December 2024	Kelly	Geldenhuis	Male	22
World Aquatics Men's U18 Water Polo World Championships, Buenos Aires Argentina, 2 to 9 July 2024.	Rhees	Hall	Male	17
World Aquatics Men's U18 Water Polo World Championships, Buenos Aires Argentina, 2 to 9 July 2024.	Ross	Strauss	Male	18
World Aquatics Men's U18 Water Polo World Championships, Buenos Aires Argentina, 2 to 9 July 2024.	Matthew	Lortan	Male	17
World Aquatics Men's U18 Water Polo World Championships, Buenos Aires Argentina, 2 to 9 July 2024.	Oliver	Ditz	Male	18
World Aquatics Women's U18, China, 17 to 24 August 2024.	Kate	Swainston Harrison	Female	17
World Aquatics Women's U18, China, 17 to 24 August 2024.	Inge	Southey	Female	17
World Aquatics Women's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Manisa, Türkiye 28 June - 04 July 2024.	Siphakamiso	Ngcobo	Female	16
World Aquatics Women's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Manisa, Türkiye 28 June - 04 July 2024.	Inez	Letschert	Female	16
World Aquatics Women's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Manisa, Türkiye 28 June - 04 July 2024.	Motloduwa	Makwane	Female	16
World Aquatics Women's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Manisa, Türkiye 28 June - 04 July 2024.	Hannah	Savage	Female	16
World Aquatics Men's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Malta, 18 – 24 June 2024.	Thomas	Francke	Male	16
World Aquatics Men's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Malta, 18 – 24 June 2024.	Thomas	Aylward	Male	16
World Aquatics Men's U16 Water Polo World Championships, Malta, 18– 24 June 2024.	Caleb	Malumbete	Male	16

KWAZULU-NATAL ARTISTIC SWIMMING KEY RESULTS

Athlete	Age	Level	National Ranking	Key 2024/2025 Results
Chloe Dundas-Starr	24	Senior	3rd (Tech Solo & Free Solo)	Tech Solo 3rd (Nationals & SA Champs), Free Solo 3rd, International Tech Solo 3rd, International Free Solo 4th, Tech Team 2nd, Free Team 1st
Phindile Makhaye	27	Senior	Top 10 nationally	Solo 8th, Tech Team 2nd, Free Team 2nd (Nationals 2024)
Tiffany Mather	21	Senior	Top 5 nationally	Solo 5th, Tech Team 2nd, Free Team 2nd (Nationals 2024)
Leah Howell	17	Junior	Top 5 nationally	Free Duet 2nd (Nationals), Free Team 2nd (Senior), Tech Team 2nd (Senior), Free Duet 4th (Age Groups), Tech Duet 4th, Free Trio 1st
Jordana Azran	17	Junior	International competitor	WA Junior Champs – Tech & Free Team 20th, Free Solo 5th, Free Trio 1st
Seneme Chiluvani	12	Level 4 Youth	6th (Youth)	Figures 2nd (Nationals), Free Solo 3rd (Nationals), Figures 4th (Age Groups), Free Duet 1st, Free Team 1st, Figures 6th (SA Champs)
Aziza Zulu	12	Level 3 Youth	3rd (Youth)	Figures 10th (Age Groups), Solo 9th, Figures 3rd (Level 3 SA Champs), Free Solo 3rd
Oyama Baqwa	12	Level 2 Youth	None	Could not attend NAG 2024 (clash with swimming), No Nationals results yet for Level 1 & 2

KWAZULU-NATAL DIVING KEY RESULTS

Competition	Date	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Grand Total
SA Nationals Youth (1m & 3m)	2024	2	0	0	2
SA Seniors (Men's 1m & 3m)	2024	1	1	1	3
KZN Provincial Champs (Group A Boys 1m & 3m)	2024/03	3	0	0	2
KZN Champs (Men's 1m + 3m Synchro)	2024	2	1	1	4
RSA Cup (Men's event)	2024/12	0	1	0	1
International (Doha / World Juniors)	2024	–	–	–	Participation only
Totals		8	3	2	13

DIVING MEDAL TABLE BY ATHLETE

Athlete	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Other Awards / Participation
Anele Mthembu	7	0	0	7	Victor Ludorum (Youth), Group A Boys 1m & 3m trophies, Highest Scoring Dive (Seniors), World Juniors (2024)
Anathi Shozi	1	3	0	3	Ken Mullen Trophy (Most Improved), Doha Diving Worlds (2024), RSA Cup 2nd place
Samkelo Mthembu	0	0	2	2	–
Totals	8	3	2	13	

KWAZULU-NATAL SCHOOLS DIVING 2024/2025 SEASON: MEDAL TALLY

Competition	Date	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
SA Schools Diving Championship Division	30/11/2024	2	1	3	6
SA Schools Diving Development Division	01/12/2024	4	4	1	9
Grand Total		6	5	4	15

5. 2024 KWAZULU-NATAL DSAC SPORT AWARDS

The KwaZulu-Natal Sport Awards form part of the National Sport and Recreation Plan’s vision to recognise and celebrate sporting excellence. Hosted annually in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Sports Confederation, the Awards acknowledge the achievements of athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, officials, volunteers, media and sporting bodies during the qualification period 09 August 2023 – 08 September 2024.

As the premier sporting awards event in the province, the ceremony not only honours current performances but also pays tribute to KwaZulu-Natal’s rich sporting heritage, inspiring future generations. The 2024 Awards will take place in November 2024.

2024 KWAZULU-NATAL AQUATICS FINALISTS

Competition	Total
Junior Sportsman	Tom Truter (Winner)
Junior Sportswoman	Milla Drakopolous
Sportswoman with a Disability	Alani Ferreira
Sportman with a Disability	Aaron Putz

6. 2024 ELITE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The program was initiated in the 2014/2015, and 2024/2025 will represent its ninth year of existence.

The Elite Athlete Development Programme (EADP), delivered in partnership with sport federations and high-performance institutions, is a direct response to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government Cabinet Lekgotla of 20-21 February 2014. The Lekgotla resolved that; ‘talented athletes are identified and developed through the implementation of a structured system of talent support and promotion of high performance.’

The vision of the department’s EADP is to “Identify and develop KwaZulu-Natal athletes, in an optimal environment, with the qualities required to be international champions”. The programme is based on an ‘athlete-centered, coached and performance-driven system’ that provides athletes with world-class support services and facilities, so they can focus solely on performance.

2024 KWAZULU-NATAL AQUATICS EADP ATHLETES

Discipline	Name
Diving	Anele Mthembu
Diving	Anathi Shozi

Discipline	Name
Artistic	Seneme Chiluvane
Artistic	Oyama Baqwa
Swimming	Matthew Sates
Swimming	Ricky Lottering
Swimming	Milla Drakopoulos
Swimming	Thomas Truter
Swimming	Ross Paterson
Swimming	Jessica Carmody
Swimming	Chanel Veldsman
Swimming	Bailey Lambert
SASAPD 1	Aaron Putz
SASAPD 2	Alani Ferreira
SASAPD 3	Melisca Everson
SASAPD 4	Melokuhle Dube

7. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education and training were central to the season's success. Safeguarding remained the top priority, with 352 candidates trained across 19 workshops. A further 335 officials were capacitated, while 88 Learn-to-Swim instructors and 7 Todswim coaches expanded the coaching base. In addition, 22 workshops — engaging 1,198 participants — provided technical and high-performance development, earning CPD points and strengthening the pipeline of skilled coaches and administrators.

EDUCATION & TRAINING (MAY 2024 TO APRIL 2025)

No of Club & School Officials Trained	335
No. of Coaches (LTS Instructors) Trained	88
No. of Safeguarding Candidates Trained	352
No. of Tod Swim Course Candidates Trained	7
No. of Diving Workshop Candidates Trained	10
No. of Artistic Swimming Workshop Candidates Trained	27
No. of Online and in-person workshops Candidates Trained	1,198

8. MASS PARTICIPATION PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

2,000 eThekwini Schools	60 Umgababa	40 Umgungundlovu
194 Ugu District		50 Bergville

The KZN Aquatics Mass Participation Programs have successfully reached over 2,300 participants across the province. Through strategic partnerships with municipalities, government departments, and sponsors, we've delivered essential water safety education and swimming skills to diverse communities.

These programs have not only enhanced water safety awareness but also created employment opportunities for instructors and established pathways for continued swimming development through school squads and potential club formation. The total investment of over R418,000 demonstrates our commitment to preventing drownings and promoting aquatic skills in KwaZulu-Natal.

eThekwini Schools Learn-to-Swim Program

2000+ Learners Acquired basic survival swimming skills	29 Schools Participated in the program
144 Gala Participants Showcased their new skills	R373K Total Investment Over three months

The eThekwini Schools Learn-to-Swim Program ran from February to April 2025 in partnership with eThekwini Municipality Sports and Recreation, Department of Education, and KZN DSAC. The program created employment for 29 instructors while establishing school squads that can evolve into clubs. Key sponsors included Britereef, PrinkDrive, and Lifesaving South Africa.




PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS	
Danganya	Sidiya
Missio Dei	Kingsburgh
Lotusville	Ntwela
Phumelela	Buyani
Dr B W Vilakazi	Manyuswa
Gugulethu	Umlazi Lower
Shayamoya	Umgijimi
Sibonginhlanhla	Etuthukweni
Merryhill	HP Ngwenya
Durban East	Flambel
Assegai	Senwesihle
Wentworth	Halalisa
Junagarth	Evergreen
Siphosethu	Amatikwe
Windy Heights	

Verulam Community Outreach Water Safety Program



Water Safety Awareness

Mass participation program designed to prevent drownings through education



Stakeholder Collaboration

Partners provided transport, branding, instructors, and goodie bags



Media Coverage

Social media and radio coverage expanded program reach



Held at Waterloo Municipal Pool in Verulam on May 19, 2024, this program brought together eThekweni Municipality, KZNA, KZN DSAC, and SSA. The initiative featured 12 instructors, 3 assistants, and 1 coordinator, with a total cost of R9,280. The community turnout was strong, demonstrating the local interest in water safety education.

Umgababa Community Outreach Water Safety Program

Program Planning

Collaboration between EThekweni Municipality, KZNA, DSAC, and SSA to organize a comprehensive water safety initiative

Community Engagement

Over 60 participants from local communities attended the event at Umgababa Municipal Pool

Implementation

6 instructors, 1 assistant, and 1 coordinator delivered water safety education and demonstrations



Held on June 17, 2024, this program mirrored the Verulam initiative with a focus on preventing drownings through education. The total cost was R6,080, making it a cost-effective approach to community water safety. The program received valuable media coverage, helping to spread awareness beyond those physically present at the event.

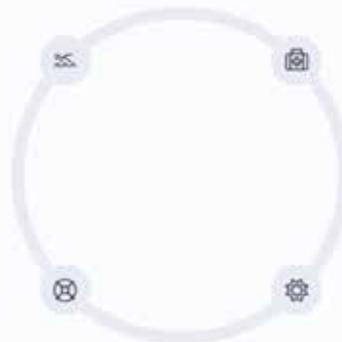
UMGUNGUNDLOVU DAM SPLASH

Water Safety & Survival

Practical lessons on survival swimming techniques

Homemade Flotation

Demonstrations of creating emergency flotation devices



First Aid Training

Basic first aid instruction and demonstrations

Sun Awareness

Education on sun protection during water activities

This program took place at Midmar Dam on March 9, 2025, hosted by SSA, KZNA, Umgungundlovu District Aquatics Association, Umgeni Local Municipality, and ER24. It served 40 learners with 11 LTS swim teachers and 2 volunteers. The total cost was R10,541.75, covering entrance fees, lunch (sponsored by the District), sunblock, and instructor stipends.



Bergville Water Safety & LTS Program



Rewards

Prizes for correct answers

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Lifesaving Skills

Rescue techniques and demonstrations



Water Safety

Basic swimming and safety education

The Okhahlamba Water Safety & LTS Program took place at Woodstock Dam in Bergville on February 15-16, 2025. This collaboration between KZN Aquatics and Uthukela Local Municipality, Okhahlamba Municipality Ward 4 reached 50 participants (30 males, 20 females, all under 19 years). Ward Councillor Mr. P Zwane attended and sponsored lunch for all participants.

The program cost R16,080, including R7,120 for insurance and R8,960 for stipends. Eight instructors delivered comprehensive water safety education and basic swimming skills to the community.

Ugu District Aquatics Holiday Program

Program Locations

Gamaiake Municipal Pool, Marburg Municipal Pool, and Port Edward Primary School

Participation

194 participants engaged with 8 instructors across three days

Activities

Water safety talks, rescue demonstrations, survival swimming, games, and introduction to swimming strokes

Incentives

Prizes including swim caps, goggles, crayons, and sweets to encourage participation

Newcomers make a splash at Learn to Swim programme 9-11 January 2025

Ugu District Aquatics hosted a free water safety and learn to swim programme at the Marburg municipal pool and at Port Edward Primary swimming pool last week. Lessons were provided by professional instructors. Swimmers of all ages and capabilities took to the pool, with the oldest participant being 60 years old and the youngest four years old.

Ugu District Aquatics looks to host another such initiative during the April school holidays.

The initiative was well supported. About 124 swimmers visited the Marburg pool over three days, with four instructors in attendance. At Port Edward pool, one instructor assisted 50 swimmers. "The focus was on pool entry and exit, safety in and around the pool, floating, face to the water, blowing bubbles and kicking. Some swimmers were even able to learn the fundamentals of freestyle. The more advanced swimmers went to the deep end and did some freestyle swimming by reaching the bottom of the pool," said Mandy Kropfenberg from Ugu District Aquatics. She thanked Swimming South Africa and KZN Aquatics for assisting with the finances for this initiative. "We would also like to thank the principal of Port Edward Primary and Ugu District Municipality for a class Marburg pool. She also thanked the instructors for their commitment to teaching all those who wanted to learn," said Mandy. Ugu District Aquatics looks to host another such initiative during the April school holidays.

Youth excited to be in the pool.

Enjoying the swimming lessons from instructor Eric Jula (middle) are Anganathi Gelese and Lester Raskooma.

Swimming instructor Sanetorkato Qele (right) teaches Rapiwe Ntsho at the Marburg.

The Ugu District Aquatics Holiday Program ran from January 9-11, 2025, focusing on water safety awareness. Hosted by SSA, KZNA, and Ugu District Aquatics, this three-day program combined education with fun activities to engage participants. The total cost was R12,600, providing valuable water safety skills to nearly 200 community members.

9. PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS HOSTED IN KWAZULU-NATAL

During the 2024/25 season, KwaZulu-Natal proudly hosted several major provincial and national aquatics events. The province displayed its capacity to deliver excellent competitions, with the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr. Mntomuhle Khawula, attending both the SSA National Short Course Championships and the SSA Artistic National Championships.

Competition	Date	Gold	Total
SSA National Short Course Championships	26 – 29 September 2024	Kings Park Pool Complex, Durban	Swimming South Africa & KZNA
SSA Artistic National Championships	3 – 6 April 2025	Rachel Finlayson Pool, Durban	KZNA
40th SA Masters Swimming Championships	11 – 15 March 2025	Rachel Finlayson Pool, Durban	South African Masters
SSA Levels 1, 2 and 3	1 March 2025; 31 March – 2 April 2025; 26 – 29 March 2025	Arboretum Swimming Pool, Richards Bay	King Cetshwayo District Aquatics
KwaZulu-Natal Premier Championships	17 – 21 December 2024	GC Jolliffe Swimming Pool, Pietermaritzburg	KZNA
KZNA Provincial Open Water Championships	30 November 2024	DUC, Durban	KZNA & eThekweni District Aquatics
KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Schools Trials	23 – 24 February 2025	Rachel Finlayson Pool, Durban	KwaZulu-Natal Schools Aquatics

10. PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Name & Surname	Gender	Portfolio
ADMINISTRATION TEAM		
Chad Ho	M	Administrator
Steve la Marque	M	Administrator
John Ellis	M	Finance
Jace Naidoo	M	Administrator
OPERATIONS TEAM		
Kathy Boreham	F	Secretary / E&T
Jenny Naidoo	F	Administration
Vani Govender	F	Mass Participation
STAFF / FEDERATION OFFICE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS		
Calmin Petersen	M	Office Manager
Phila Hlongwa	M	Registrations / Entries

During the 2024/2025 season, KZNA operated under administration following the National Federation's decision related to compliance with statutory reporting requirements. While this presented governance challenges, significant progress was made in addressing the issues and strengthening administrative capacity.

Key corrective measures included:

- The amended KZNA Constitution, which was formally approved on 24 July 2024 at a Special General Meeting.
- The successful finalisation and signing-off of the 2022 Annual Financial Statements (AFS) on 28 October 2024 and the 2023 AFS on 30 June 2024, bringing reporting closer to full compliance.
- Clear plans in place to finalise all outstanding AFS by the end of November 2025 and to convene an Annual General Meeting (AGM) before year-end, thereby restoring regular governance processes.

These steps reflect KZNA's commitment to accountability, transparency, and compliance. Importantly, they lay the foundation for a stable and sustainable governance environment that will enable the federation to focus fully on its strategic mandate: athlete development, capacity building, and event delivery.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KZNA thanks:

- Swimming South Africa
- KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture
- KZN Sports Confederation
- KZN Depart of Education
- eThekweni Municipality: Sport Development and Recreation Department
- eThekweni Municipality: Parks, Recreation and Culture Unit - Swimming Pools
- Lifesaving South Africa
- Sponsors and donors; aQuellé, Britereef, PinkDrive
- KZNA Districts
- Clubs, coaches, officials, parents and volunteers
- Our athletes for their dedication and passion

WESTERN CAPE AQUATICS

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For the period in review the executive committee fully functional. The executive committee met once every quarter as per the constitution and held five special meetings.

PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	SCHOOLS
Lluwellyn Coetzee (Eden)	Fagri Omar (CTMA)	Tarita Pollicutte (Eden)	Thea Lategan (West Coast)	Vacant
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	MARKETING OFFICER	RECORDS OFFICER	PRESIDENT WEST COAST	PRESIDENT EDEN
Christopher van Niekerk (CTMA)	Vacant	Elna Cecil (CTMA)	Thea Lategan	Lluwellyn Coetzee
PRESIDENT OVERBERG	PRESIDENT WINELANDS	PRESIDENT CAPE TOWN METRO	PRESIDENT CENTRAL KAROO	
Herman Oosthuizen	Derek Peceur	Fagri Omar	Vacant, to be establish	

AFFILIATES/ DISTRICTS

The province play an important role in the development of swimming, diving, Water-polo, open water swimming and artistic swimming from entry level towards high performance. The committee established 5 functional districts during the period in review with the 6th district Central Karoo functioning under the administration of Western Cape and with the support of Eden District.

MEMBERSHIP

For the 2024/25 season the total membership of WCA declined from 5435 to 5342 members. The basis for membership growth must be in the number of clubs and for the period the registered clubs showed limited growth and must be a key focus for the next period in review.

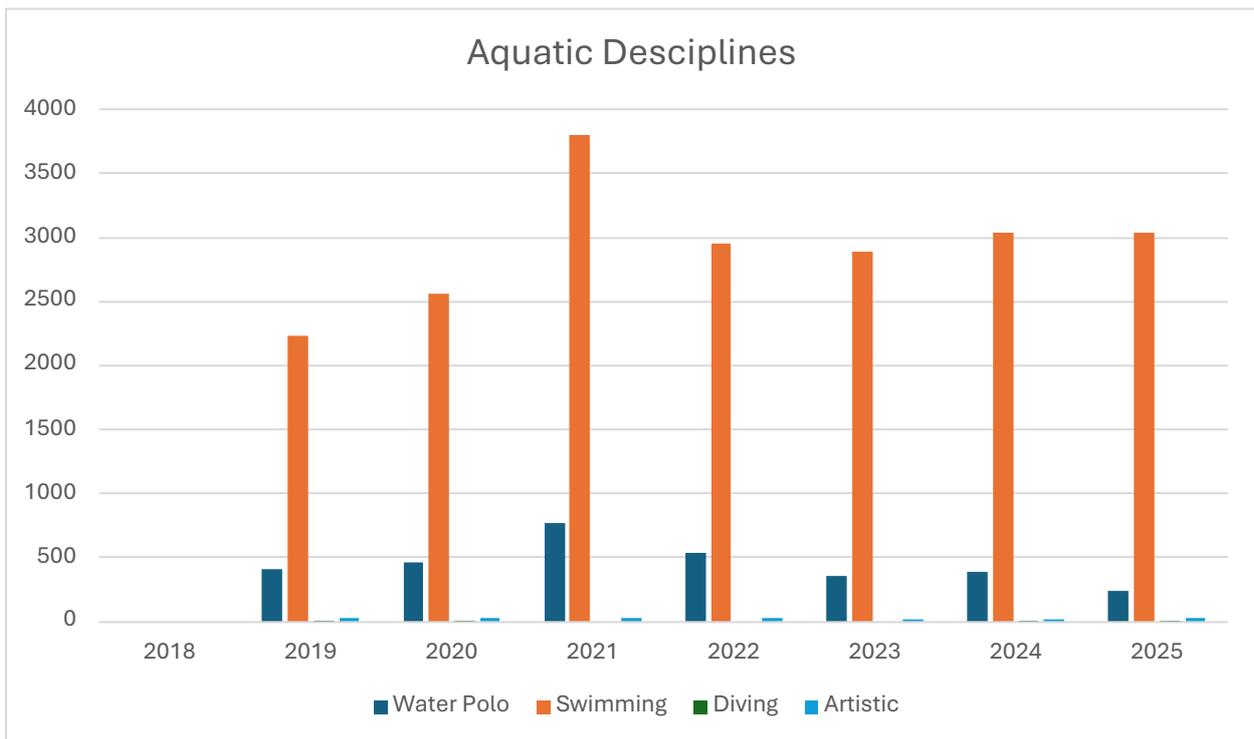
	CLUBS			ATHLETES			OFFICIALS COACHES			TOTAL		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
CT Metro	43	43	44	2,258	2,341	2248	1169	1277	1288	3,427	3,618	3538
Winelands	9	8	8	483	485	477	227	254	283	710	739	758
Eden	7	5	5	351	405	358	285	313	302	636	718	660
Overberg	2	2	2	61	88	84	31	71	65	92	159	149
West Coast	2	2	2	102	111	128	93	70	96	195	181	224
Karoo	1	1	1	11	12	7	8	8	6	19	20	13
TOTAL	65	61	62	3,266	3,442	3302	1,813	1,993	2040	5,079	5435	5342



AQUATIC DISCIPLINES

The focus of the executive and the boards must be to promote all aquatic disciplines including, swimming, water polo, diving, open water and artistic swimming. Swimming still the dominant discipline with limited or no growth in smaller disciplines. For the period in review the number of swimmers increased from 2890 to 3040 but showed a decline in water polo from 384 to 241.

	WATER POLO			SWIMMING			DIVING			ARTISTIC SWIM		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
CT Metro	274	295	206	1965	2028	2001	0	2	3	19	16	25
Winelands	39	32	20	442	453	455	0	0	0	2	0	0
Eden	42	57	15	309	348	358	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overberg	0	0	0	61	88	84	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Coast	0	0	0	102	111	128	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karoo	0	0	0	11	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	355	384	241	2890	3040	3033	0	2	3	21	16	25

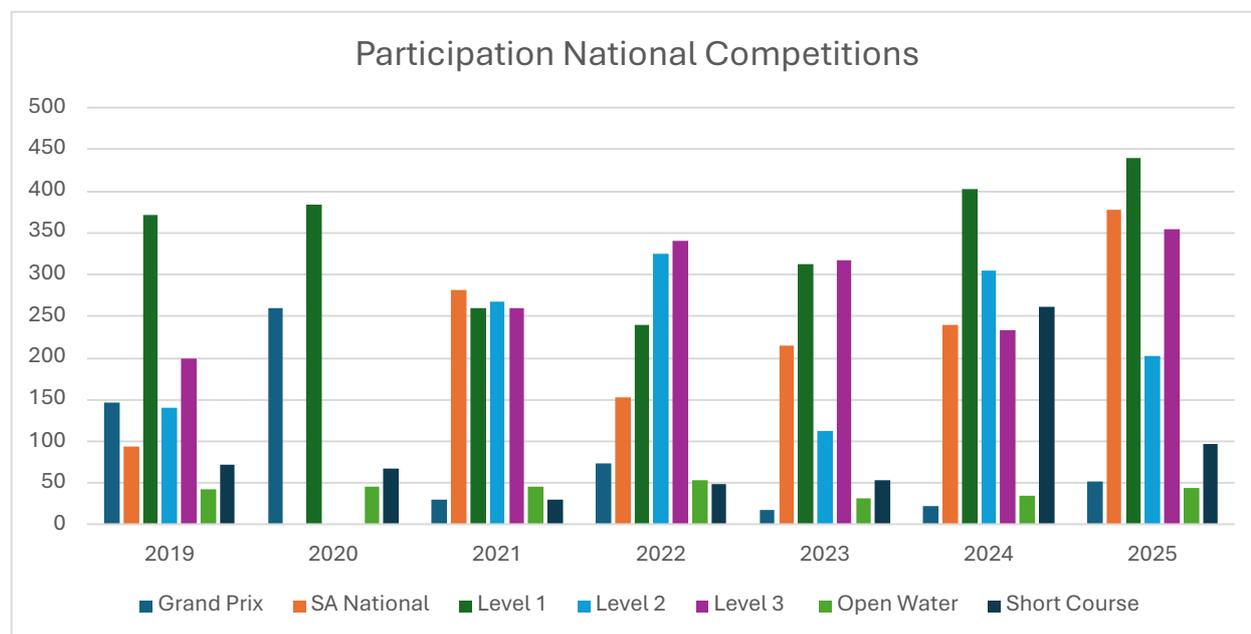


PARTICIPATION

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

SA COMPETITIONS	CT METRO		WINELANDS		EDEN		OVERBERG		WEST COAST		KAROO		TOTAL	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
SSA Grand Prix	9	22	14	21	0	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	23	52
SA Snr / Jnr Nationals	141	273	71	62	21	31	0	0	7	11	0	0	240	377
SA Level 1	270	352	70	35	23	17	17	13	23	22	0	0	403	439
SA Level 2	165	114	38	39	50	16	25	14	24	20	3	0	305	203
SA Level 3	147	240	47	67	19	27	4	7	16	13	0	0	233	354
SA Open Water Champs	25	40	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	35	44
SA Short Course	187	63	51	27	14	5	0	0	9	2	0	0	261	97
TOTAL	944	1104	298	253	130	10	46	102	79	73	3	0	1500	1566

The following number of athletes represented the province at different national competitions. Hosting of galas and tournaments must create the opportunity for athletes to participate at different competitive levels. For the period the number of athletes that participated at national competitions increased to 1566 from 1500 in the previous season. Strong growth in SANJ from 240 to 377 properly due to WCA hosting the competition.



HOSTING OF EVENTS & GALA'S

WCA in collaboration with districts hosted 716 competitions for the period in review. Most district events held in Cape Town that the new board must develop strategies to increase hosting of events in specifically the smaller districts such as West Coast, Overberg and Karoo.

SA COMPETITIONS	CT METRO		WINELANDS		EDEN		OVERBERG		WEST COAST		KAROO		TOTAL	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
District Galas	26	27	9	12	15	15	2	3	5	6	0	0	57	63
SA Level 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SA Level 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA Level 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Grand Prix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water Polo matches	571	650	71	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	648	650
Diving Competitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Water Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Artistic Events	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	598	680	80	12	23	15	2	3	5	6	0	0	708	716

SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES

During the period in review a total of 211 schools participated in aquatic activities. The growth of aquatics must be focussed on establishing school structures and leagues to develop the sport from primary school level. The strategy must also focus on expanding the sport to university level through a tertiary competition. Only 3 universities UWC and Stellenbosch currently actively participating in any aquatic sport.

STRUCTURES PARTICIPATING	CT METRO		WINELANDS		EDEN		OVERBERG		WEST COAST		KAROO		TOTAL	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Primary Schools	52	52	15	15	12	12	3	3	10	10	1	1	93	93
Senior Secondary Schools	38	38	22	22	4	4	2	2	4	4	0	0	70	70
Private Primary Schools	20	20	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	27	27
Private Secondary Schools	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	18	18
Universities	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	126	126	43	43	18	18	7	7	16	16	1	1	211	211

PERFORMANCE

HIGH PERFORMANCE

The high-performance program focusses on identifying talent and mainstreaming them into programs to compete on higher level than the normal structure. These athletes represented the province at different national and international platforms for different age groups from under 16 up to senior squad members. For the period in review the number of participants increased to a total of 202 with good representation from the previous disadvantaged grouping.

MALE SQUADS	SENIOR		UNDER 16		UNDER 15		UNDER 14		UNDER 13		UNDER 12		TOTAL	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
African	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	5
Coloured	11	11	2	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	25	25
Indian	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
White	29	29	15	15	20	20	11	11	12	12	10	10	97	97
TOTAL	43	43	18	18	25	25	15	15	15	15	12	12	128	128

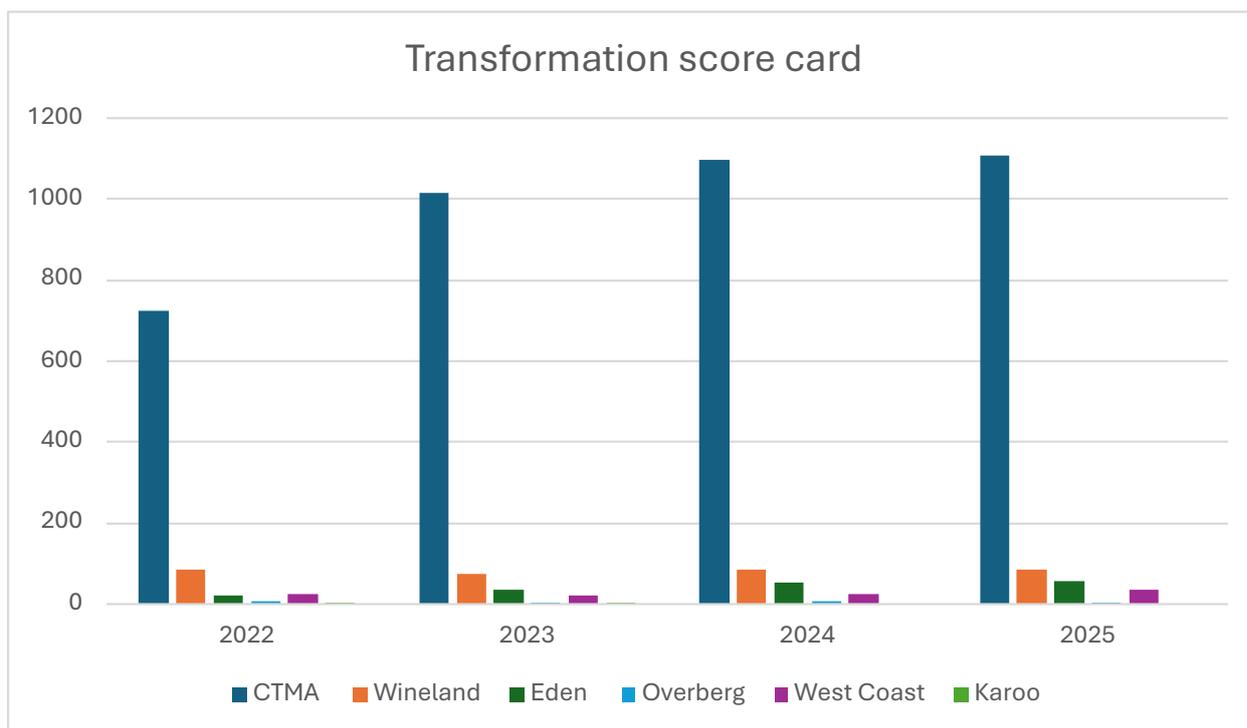
FEMALE SQUADS	SENIOR		UNDER 16		UNDER 15		UNDER 14		UNDER 13		UNDER 12		TOTAL	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Coloured	2	2	5	5	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	12
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	18	18	7	7	9	9	11	11	5	5	9	9	60	60
TOTAL	20	20	12	12	11	11	13	13	8	8	10	10	74	74

DEVELOPMENT & TRANSFORMATION

TRANSFORMATION

Transformation in sport is important not only to ensure that the sport reflects the demographic profile of the country, but also to promote inclusivity. WCA is committed to transformation and views the opportunity to grow the sport by focussing on developing our school's competition and talent identification program. For the period in review the participation of PDI athletes increased from 1272 to 1291 in the 2025 season. The growth represents 2% taking in consideration the lack of facilities in our disadvantaged communities.

TRANSFORMATION PER DISTRICT	2022	2023	2024	2025
CT Metro	723	1016	1099	1110
Wine lands	87	73	84	84
Eden	20	37	55	56
Overberg	7	5	8	4
West Coast	25	22	26	37
Karoo	2	2	0	0
TOTAL:	864	1155	1272	1291



PDI SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION

The foundation of developing the sport must be on expanding the footprint to previously disadvantaged schools and identifying talented young people to participate at all levels of competition. For the period 20 township schools participated in aquatics. Significant work still required to develop the sport at school level if you compare the number of schools in the province in comparison to how many participate in aquatics. The availability of facilities will be critical to develop the sport specifically in the township areas.

PREVIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED SCHOOLS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Township based schools in the province	628	628	628	628	628	630
Township schools participating in aquatics	7	7	7	9	11	15
Facilities available to primary schools	27	27	27	27	27	27
Accredited coaches available at township schools	1	1	1	3	4	5
New township schools participating	7	0	0	2	2	4
Township schools stopped participating	0	0	0	0	0	0
SECONDARY SCHOOLS						
Township based schools in the province	150	150	150	150	150	150
Township schools participating in aquatics	0	5	5	5	5	5
Facilities available to primary schools	27	27	27	27	27	27
Accredited coaches available at township schools	1	6	6	6	6	6
New township schools participating	0	0	0	0	0	0
Township schools stopped participating	0	0	0	0	0	0

MASS PARTICIPATION

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The club development program must be geared towards establishing new clubs and support existing clubs within previous disadvantaged communities. During the period in review the province supported the establishment of 3 community clubs, Conville – George, Khayelitsha – Cape Town, Swartland – Malmesbury. The clubs get support from SSA through the development funding initiative.

EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS

WCA continuously focusses on capacity building and training of our officials to broaden the skills base to host high quality galas. WCA and Districts hosted 48 education and training initiatives that was attended by 2,270 for the period in review.

EDUCATION & TRAINING	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOST	ATTEND	HOST	ATTEND
OVERBERG DISTRICT										
Training of timekeepers	1	3	1	20	0	0	1	17	2	15
Online Judges Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1	2
Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Online TK Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
CAPE TOWN METRO (CTMA)										
Conferences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Artistic Swimming LTS	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courses – Coach L1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
Courses – LTS	3	44	5	98	2	26	2	33	5	51
Courses – Tod Swim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judges Courses	1	34	1	25	1	27	38	55	2	15
Online Judges Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	49	1	75
MPP Events	0	0	5	684	5	710	6	745	3	810
Referees Courses	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0
Online TK Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	443	1	339
Renewal Coaching L1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Starters Courses	0	0	1	5	1	8	0	0	0	0
Timekeepers Courses	5	63	3	143	8	137	4	91	5	69
Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	119	5	160
Workshops	19	2026	0	0	7	1215	1	36	6	261

EDUCATION & TRAINING	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOSTED	ATTEND	HOST	ATTEND	HOST	ATTEND
WEST COAST DISTRICT										
Online Judges Courses	1	4	0	0	1	15	1	16	0	0
Safeguarding	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	14
Timekeepers Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	97	1	76
Online Timekeepers Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0
Workshops	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Webinar – Junior Swimmer Education	0	0	0	0	1	24	0	0	0	0
Webinar – 10 Principles to follow for success Swim School	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	0	0	0
Webinar – 5 Key Steps to Optimal Recovery for swimmers	0	0	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0
Webinar – How they train? Breaststroke	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0
Webinar – Motivation for Coaches & Swimmers	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0
Webinar – Stroke development basics for each competitive stroke	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	0	0	0
EDEN DISTRICT										
Assessment and practical of LTS candidates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Online TK Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	111	1	198
Online Judges Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	1	25
Safeguarding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	2	34
Workshop	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	31
Coaches & LTS Instructor Course	0	0	1	9	3	14	1	7	2	20
Workshop – Coaching L1	0	0	0	0	3	72	0	0	0	0
Workshop – Pre Registration	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0
Workshop – Todswim	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	2327	21	1031	42	2553	116	1978	48	2270

LEARN TO SWIM / WATER SAFETY

The program focusses on learn to swim, water safety and exposing the sport to all communities and potential athletes. For the period 1260 participants attended Ocean Splash and Holiday program in the province.

LEARN TO SWIM & WATER SAFETY INITIATIVES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT					
Water safety program with Paarl Aquatics and Princess of Monaco Foundation	0	0	0	0	0
EDEN DISTRICT					
Hosting of Ocean Splash & Holiday program – Plettenberg Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Primary school hosting learn to swim sessions – Oudtshoorn	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled school hosting fun gala and learn to swim event – Oudtshoorn	0	0	0	0	0
CAPE TOWN METRO (CTMA)					
Holiday Extravaganza with the City of Cape Town – Sea Point Pavilion	0	0	0	0	0
SSA Ocean Splash Program – Cape Town	0	100	210	0	360
Water Safety Program	0	0	0	265	250
SSA Holiday Program – Cape Town	0	584	550	745	650
TOTAL	0	684	760	1010	1260



S.A. SCHOOLS AQUATICS

In 2018 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Departments of Sport Arts and Culture and Basic Education regarding school sport. This document was very comprehensive outlining the responsibilities of all school sport stakeholders from school level to provincial and national departments. Specific responsibilities were given to code committees and federations. Further policies included specific regulations regarding school code structures.

The MOU was replaced with the implementation protocol agreement in September 2024 which was signed by the Minister of Basic Education Mrs. Gwarube and Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Mr. McKenzie.

Fifteen priority codes of sport, one of which is swimming, are supported by DSAC & DBE. All codes and federations must attend quarterly meetings with the provincial and national departments of education and sport. These meetings are termed the Extended Joint National Task team (EJNTT).

PLANNING & REVIEW PROCESS

REGULAR PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The review process of the school sport programs commenced in July with the third draft of the regular participation guidelines discussed at the Extended Joint National Task Team (EJNTT). This structure is made up of the National Departments of Sport, Arts & Culture (DSAC), Department of Basic Education (DBE), Provincial Department representatives and fifteen priority codes of sport and federations. It was ascertained that many codes did not offer regular in-school & inter-school activities for their codes. Each code was requested to include their age groups per gender for both primary & high schools that provinces must offer. We requested our provincial and district code committees to submit their league/inter-school swimming fixtures and calendars for 2025. Eight provinces have regular primary and high school inter-school galas for terms one and four. However, it became apparent that some districts either do not have regular inter-school leagues or top schools' events. It is essential that schools have the opportunity to participate on a regular basis. Districts that have regular participation with primary and high schools usually have clubs that offer junior and senior swimming. Talent identification at inter-school level is the ideal platform for identifying swimmers that could be introduced to club swimmers.

Inter-school diving takes place in Gauteng and KZN on a regular basis. Primary school diving takes place from September to November and high school diving takes place from January through to March.

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The other program that was reviewed was the National School Sport Championships in December 2024. Due to DSAC budget cuts and other priorities that the school sport program must encompass, a separate meeting was held to review three options of the NSSC. Athletics & Swimming was placed with Autumn codes, every year, while other codes will rotate their events. A three-year plan was agreed to for swimming. We had to agree to a percentage of technical officials being 30 years or younger and 100 percent qualification. We've increased the percentage of officials under 30 years annually for 2026 & 2027. Coaches that accompany teams must all be qualified and accredited with the federation, and fifty percent must be female.

PLANNING

We consulted our Provincial code and federation committees to contribute to the national plan for the 2025/26 financial year in the following areas:

Increase the number of athletes in townships and rural areas, encourage female participation, create access to participation for LSEN/Para swimmers, develop educators as coaches, managers, administrators and technical officials. Sustain the school swimming structures in districts, regions and provincial, adhering to the departments' policies in this regard. Increase the frequency of participation, especially in districts and provinces that do not offer inter-schools on a weekly basis. Introducing water safety and learn to swim at foundation phase level for schools that have access to facilities. Introduce water safety and familiarisation at ECD centres. Generational mix to include the younger generation was included in the plans as well as race and social class inclusion and gender balance in leadership. Transversal plans including safeguarding of children, sports ethics and integrity & social awareness campaigns.

Our plan included practical examples that provinces can utilise to address the above challenges that provincial committees submitted.

A draft monthly calendar was compiled from January 2025 to March 2026 as well as a comprehensive management plan for the 2025 calendar year inclusive of leagues, capacity building programs and meetings.

TRANSFORMATION PLANS

GENDER BALANCE

The plans included gender balance for female athletes to advance their skills and targeted outreach programs to encourage girls to participate in swimming, especially in disadvantaged communities.

RACE AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Race and social class inclusion plans included community outreach initiatives that specifically target underrepresented communities, offering free swimming lessons and access to facilities at schools. Twinning programs with schools have proved to be very successful in some districts.

GENERATION MIX

The plans to include younger people included encouraging young educators and coaches to become involved with local school teams as assistant managers, coaches or officials, to promote a new generation of involvement. The encouragement of participation from ECD & Foundation Phase in swimming should be promoted with inter-class or inter-house Grade 0 & Grade 1 galas at schools.

SPORT CODE TRANSVERSAL MATTERS:

This section of planning included safeguarding of children, sports ethics and integrity and social awareness campaigns.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

These plans included the SSA "Stroke by stroke" program and the SISA key aspects to talent identification in swimming.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Provincial committees identified LTS, introductory coaching, technical officials' courses, safeguarding, anti-doping and Team & Meet Manager courses. These requirements were placed on our plans per province.

SCHOOLS' AQUATICS STRUCTURES:

The final section of the swimming plan that was presented to EJNTT in October 2024 was the national executive and district and provincial school swimming and diving committees. All committee members had to include whether the person was a practising educator, qualified but not practising, community or federation official. It became evident that some provinces will have to include more educators on their committees, especially in certain districts within some provinces, as the school sport policy specifies that seventy percent (70%) of code committees must be educators.

The volume of administrative work for volunteer full-time educators to complete for school sport, with no administration support, is concerning. This is one of the reasons that we are losing educators on committees.

The SA Schools and Gauteng & KwaZulu-Natal Schools Diving committees are inclusive of educators, federation and parent members.

SA SCHOOLS AQUATICS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING: 25 – 26 JANUARY 2025

Provincial code committee members including a primary, high & LSEN/Para representatives were invited to the meeting, as well as DSAC & DBE. The purpose of the meeting was to have a common vision for schools' aquatics and plan together for the period January 2025 to March 2026.

Both DSAC and DBE directors attended at least one day of the GCM. Free State, Gauteng, North West, Limpopo and Eastern Cape DSAC or DBE officials attended the meeting and contributed to all discussion groups.

Provincial Schools Aquatics structures, roles & responsibilities of stakeholders, regular participation & comprehensive management plans were discussed, with input from DSAC. The SA Schools Aquatics constitution & by-laws were discussed briefly and all attendees received copies of these documents so that they could be updated.

Education & Training was presented by Eileen Xhakaza and requirements for all SSA accredited courses were discussed.

Talent identification & development, regular participation & transformation & social cohesion were presented by the deputy director of DSAC. Fruitful discussions ensued thereafter.

The Director of DSAC presented on the SA Schools Swimming Championships and explained key principles and purpose of the championships. The re-structuring of NSSC for all codes, the DSAC budget and possible venue for athletics and swimming were presented. Provinces expressed their concerns but agreed to co-operate with the departments and the national executive. The program, QTs for abled and Para, age groups, competition rules, department regulations regarding eligibility of athletes to represent their province, safeguarding, technical officials and entry systems were discussed and agreed upon. Tadhg Slattery facilitated a section on Para classification and certification for Para swimmers. Group work was done on all the programs and priorities and at the end of the meeting all delegates agreed on the plans. This was a very successful planning session and with input from all role players, allowing everyone to have a common vision & understanding for our code.

SA SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4 – 7 APRIL, BLOEMFONTEIN

INTRODUCTION

SSA and SA Schools Aquatics set the possible dates and venue for the championships in August 2024. Unfortunately, Kings Park was unavailable due to the renovations. Bid documents were received from W. Cape to host the event in December. An urgent DSAC meeting was called to discuss the budget, hosting province and dates for swimming and athletics. The meeting took place in Bloemfontein on 10 January and the revised DSAC financial system for the hosting provinces of NSSC was discussed. Our concerns regarding the clash of dates and an open venue and weather conditions in April was raised. The other challenge that we raised was the dates requested by DSAC that coincided with the first week of the new financial year which may result in procurement problems. An updated surveyor's certificate and bid document were received

The site visit took place on 29 January, and it was apparent that the venue and equipment required attention. Procurement challenges with event and technical equipment and the completion of the venue renovations were addressed by the Free State MEC for Sport & the Director of DSAC.

Eight provinces submitted their entries on the closing date of 5 March. Many exception reports were sent to provinces for not adhering to the qualifying standards. Each exception was adjudicated on an individual basis.

A portable scoreboard was hired but the lack of technical equipment payments resulted in the old starting blocks and lanes being used.

Teams arrived on 4 April, but the poor weather resulted in a few teams not attending their scheduled training sessions.

MANAGERS' MEETINGS

All provinces attended the managers' meeting on 4 April. The competition rules, technical rules, draft session reports and logistics were discussed. Thereafter, daily managers' meetings took place during warm-ups every morning. Support to provinces experiencing challenges with accommodation, transport, catering and the technical program were discussed.

SAIDS WORKSHOP ON ANTI-DOPING

This workshop was requested by the national code for all team managers many of whom were inexperienced or new to SA Schools. They learnt a great deal and had the opportunity to interact with the facilitator. A SAIDS stand with pamphlets was available on day 2 & part of day 3 for educational purposes. We really appreciated the attendance of the anti-doping team that carried out testing. Our gratitude goes to SAIDS for supporting us & assisting us in spreading the message of drug-free sport.

CODE COMPETITION COMMITTEE (CCC) DURING THE EVENT.

Name and surname	Organization of the member	Position/role during the Championships
Peta Kaplan	SA Schools' Aquatics	Tournament Director / Project Manager
Strati Moutzouris	Free State Schools Aquatics	Competition manager
Gavin Jackson	KwaZulu-Natal Aquatics/SSA	Technical Director
Paula Niebuhr	Free State Aquatics	Entries, data & results coordinator
Cathy George	SA Schools Aquatics	Safeguarding, protocol & functions
Idah Ramapatla	SA Schools Aquatics	Meals & Logistics coordinator
Janet Volkel	SA Schools Aquatics	Technical officials' coordinator, accommodation & transport
Marco Markgraaff	Free State Aquatics	Equipment & facility coordinator
Tadhg Slattery	SA Schools Aquatics	Para Swimming
Valerie Dirks	Free State Aquatics	Secretary/ARVA
Junaid Scheepers	Aquatics Gauteng (CGA)	Talent Scout
Ramon Coutriers	Aquatics Gauteng (CGA)	Talent Scout
Sibani Makhanya	Aquatics Gauteng (EGA)	Talent Scout

Throughout the event, the contribution of the CCC was both significant and deeply impactful. Working tirelessly behind the scenes, often without recognition, the CCC played a pivotal role in upholding the integrity, structure and spirit of the championships. From resolving last minute logistical challenges to ensure the well-being of teams and officials, the CCC's presence was a stabilizing force. Their dedication, professionalism and quiet leadership continue to be the backbone of the national championships. We are truly grateful for their commitment and dedication.

The National and Provincial Departments of Sport and Education for the LOC with specific commissions. Our code committee worked with different commissions at national level, hence the portfolios on the CCC.

TALENT SCOUTS

The engagement with talent scouts at the event was exceptionally positive. They adhered to proper protocol, engaging respectfully with Team Managers and swimmers, and conducted themselves with professionalism and enthusiasm throughout. Their presence added value to the event and was appreciated by all stakeholders. These individuals play a crucial role in identifying and nurturing future talent and managed to short list seven swimmers for possible inclusion in district squads and bursaries for high school next year.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

SA Schools Athletics and tennis championships took place at the same time that the swimmers arrived. This caused challenges with accommodation for the technical officials and code competition committee (CCC) and a few of the teams. Some teams stayed far out of Bloemfontein resulting in the swimmers having very long days at the pool. Transport for technical officials and the CCC was excellently organized by DSAC.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Our gratitude goes to Super Sport Schools for covering the championships on their app for the first two days and live coverage on the last day. It was an honour having Emma Prinsloo covering the interviews on the final day. The weather conditions were unfortunately not conducive to outdoor filming. Our sincere gratitude also goes to Chris Moolman from Media Ventures for all his support.

GRATITUDE

Our sincerest gratitude goes to Free State Schools Aquatics and FSA, together with their Departments of Sport, Arts & Culture and Education for their hard work and support. The MEC of Sport, Ms Sifuba and Edward Saunderson from FS Sport Confederation showed their unwavering support to our code, for which we are truly grateful. We appreciate the many hours of hard work you put into this event.

No words can adequately express our immense appreciation to the DSAC Director, Ms Mamoruti Monama and her team for their perseverance, diligence and commitment to school swimming.

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The technical officials, under the leadership of Gavin Jackson, did amazing work, often in very difficult weather conditions. The Technical Director was very pleased with the officials on pool deck and the professionalism they showed regarding the tasks they had to perform. Due to a clash of dates with SA Senior Nationals & SASAPD, a few of our senior officials did not attend the SA Schools Championships this year.

Transformation targets are set for provinces sending SSA qualified and accredited officials to the championships. DSAC requested that we must set targets for the inclusion of younger qualified officials, as the age of TOs over the past few years has been over 45. No appeals or disputes were lodged.

	Province's breakdown								
	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MP	NC	NW	WC
Number of Technical officials used	5	27	3	10	5	4	5	5	6
Transformation %	45%	26%	45%	50%	45%	40%	40%	45%	60%

TRANSFORMATION

SA Schools Aquatics set a target of 45% generic black swimmers per provincial team. Please see the table below indicating the actual statistics per gender, age group & ability per province. The average transformation percentage of all teams nationally was 31.83%, which is 0,3% improvement from last year.

SA SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 ACTUAL STATS

	TOT	M	F	S1-S13		S14-15		WHITE		BLACK		COLOURED		INDIAN		ASIAN			TOT	%		
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	TOT			M	F
EASTERN CAPE	54	25	29	1		2		15	19	3	3	11	4	15	2	2				0	20	37.04
FREE STATE	56	27	30	1	1			18	25	1	2	5	2	7		0	2	1	3	13	23.21	
GAUTENG	76	43	33	5	2			22	19	7	9	8	5	13	2	4	2		2	35	46.05	
KWAZULU-NATAL	76	40	36			7		21	22	11	6	1	2	3	6	5	1	1	2	33	43.42	
LIMPOPO	42	20	22					18	21	2	1			0					0	3	7.14	
MPUMALANGA	48	22	26			3		12	24	7	1	3	1	4		0			0	12	25.00	
NORTH WEST	47	29	17			4		22	15	7	2	1		1		0			0	10	21.28	
NORTHERN CAPE	38	20	18					19	14			3	2	5		0			0	5	13.16	
WESTERN CAPE	72	37	35	1	3			19	22		2	18	11	29		0			0	31	43.06	
TOTAL	509	263	246	8	6	16	0	166	181	38	23	50	27	77	8	9	5	2	7	162	31.83	

PARA SWIMMING

All Para swimmers submitted their official classification certificates. The Para events were excellently administered by the appointed technical officials and Tadhg Slattery dealt with the records. Eleven SA Para records were broken at the championships. Ten of the swimmers are in the 12 – 14-year-old category which bodes well for the development of multi-disability swimming.

According to the statistics below, it is apparent that we must encourage more female para swimmers to participate competitively. The QTs were adjusted faster this year.

MAINSTREAM SWIMMING

The overall standard of the swimming at the event was commendable with noticeable improvement across a few provinces. Despite the adverse weather conditions, swimmers demonstrated resilience and maintained strong performance levels throughout the competition. Encouragingly, there appeared to be less fatigue among athletes compared to previous years, indicating better preparation & conditioning.

268 male and 241 female swimmers participated with a total of 509. Twenty-four (24) male and 6 female Para swimmers participated.

DISABILITY CATEGORY

Name	Boys	Girls
Physically disabled	9	4
Visual impairment	1	0
Intellectual disability	12	0
Deaf	1 (including short)	1
Down Syndromes	0	0
Autism	0	0
Dwarf	1	0
Short	1 (including deaf)	0

RECORDS

Six individual SA Schools records were broken in comparison to 34 last year. All the records broken this year were in 50m events. This could be due to the adverse weather conditions. Torrential rain and lightning on day 2 resulted in the finals having to be halted, until it was safe for the swimmers. Severe weather conditions on day 3 led to a difficult finals session, including the closing

FINAL PROVINCIAL STANDING AND MEDAL COUNT

No.	Province	Medal count		
		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1.	Gauteng Schools	65	44	29
2.	KwaZulu-Natal Schools	32	36	45
3.	Western Cape Schools	25	37	37
4.	Free State Schools	24	26	25
5.	North West Schools	11	10	2
6.	Eastern Cape Schools	9	12	17
7.	Northern Cape Schools	8	4	8
8.	Mpumalanga Schools	5	3	7
9.	Limpopo Schools	4	7	7

SA SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES:

1. JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM:

Isabeau Coetsee Western Cape

2. JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM

Noah Nice Gauteng

3. SENIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM

Leila Yazbek Free State

4. SENIOR VICTOR LUDORUM

Dewet Gous Northern Cape

5. PARA (MULTI-DISABILITY) FEMALE BEST PERFORMER

Alyssa Bester Western Cape 15 – 18 yrs. 50m Freestyle 453 points

6. PARA (MULTI-DISABILITY) MALE BEST PERFORMER

Leon Cotetzer KwaZulu-Natal 12 – 14 yrs. 50m freestyle 482 points

7. FEMALE BEST PERFORMER

Monique Oosthuizen Free State 17 - 18 yrs 50m Breaststroke 672 points

8. MALE BEST PERFORMER

Francois Goosen North West 17 – 18 100m Freestyle 675 points

CONCLUSION

My sincere gratitude goes to the SA Schools Aquatics executive committee, especially Cathy George, the Vice-President of the organization, for their commitment and dedication over the past season. Your unwavering support is truly appreciated.

We are truly grateful to SSA and their affiliates for supporting school swimming over the past financial year. Most of the Provincial and district schools' committees have worked closely with their respective federations. Your hard work and love for our code is apparent in the manner in which you serve the athletes as volunteers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to show our immense appreciation to the DSAC and DBE Directors and their teams who have shown unwavering support to our code and federation over the past year.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE	South Africa																													
NATURE OF BUSINESS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES	The principal activity of the association is to develop, control and promote all aquatic disciplines in the Republic of South Africa. The association is a non-profit sport organisation. The association had been approved as a public benefit organisation in terms of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act and the receipts and accruals are exempt from Income Tax under Section 10(1) (cN) of the Income Tax Act.																													
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	<p>The Executive Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th August 2024 and certain members have been co-opted, as per the provisions of the Swimming South Africa Constitution.</p> <p>The following members served on the Executive Committee during the year under review:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME</th> <th>POSITION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mr Alan Fritz</td> <td>President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Zikie Molusi</td> <td>Vice President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Jace Naidoo</td> <td>Vice President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Emile van Veenhuyzen</td> <td>Vice President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr John Ellis</td> <td>Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Louise Blignaut</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Llewellyn Coetzee</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms Asmeralda Motau</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Chad Ho</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Sam Ramsamy</td> <td>Honorary Life President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Gideon Sam</td> <td>Honorary Life President</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Ronald Andrews</td> <td>Honorary Life Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Shaun Adriaanse</td> <td>Chief Executive Officer (ex-office)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		NAME	POSITION	Mr Alan Fritz	President	Mr Zikie Molusi	Vice President	Mr Jace Naidoo	Vice President	Mr Emile van Veenhuyzen	Vice President	Mr John Ellis	Treasurer	Mrs Louise Blignaut	Member	Mr Llewellyn Coetzee	Member	Ms Asmeralda Motau	Member	Mr Chad Ho	Member	Mr Sam Ramsamy	Honorary Life President	Mr Gideon Sam	Honorary Life President	Mr Ronald Andrews	Honorary Life Member	Mr Shaun Adriaanse	Chief Executive Officer (ex-office)
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LEGAL FORM	Association governed by a constitution																													
REGISTRATION NUMBERS	NPO registration	088-206-NPO																												
	PBO registration	18/11/13/3206																												
REGISTERED OFFICE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS	Ground Floor, North Wing Johannesburg Athletic Stadium 124 Van Beek Street New Doornfontein Johannesburg																													
WEBSITE ADDRESS	swimsa.org																													
PRINCIPAL BANKERS	ABSA Bank Limited																													
PREPARER	The annual financial statements were internally prepared by B. Morar.																													
LEVEL OF ASSURANCE	These annual financial statements have been audited independently in compliance with the constitution.																													

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROVAL

The Executive Committee are required by the association's constitution, to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the association as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with its accounting policies and International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium - sized Entities. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium - sized Entities and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The Executive Committee acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial controls established by the association and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the Executive Committee to meet these responsibilities, the Management Committee sets out standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost - effective manner.

The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the association and employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the association's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus

of risk management in the association is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the association. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the association endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Executive Committee are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal controls provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the presentation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Executive Committee have reviewed the association's cash flow forecast for the year to 30th April 2026 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the association has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Although the Executive Committee is primarily responsible for the financial affairs of the association, it is supported by the association's external auditors.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the association's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the association's external auditors and their report is presented on pages XX to XX.

The annual financial statements set out on pages XX to XX, were approved by the Executive Committee on the 9th August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Alan Fritz
President



John Ellis
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

UNQUALIFIED OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Swimming South Africa set out on pages 7 to 20, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2025, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in reserves and statement of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of Swimming South Africa as at 30 April 2025, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with its accounting policies and International Financial Accounting Standards for Small and Medium - sized Entities.

BASIS FOR UNQUALIFIED OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical requirements in accordance with these requirements and the IRBA Code. The IRBA Code is consistent with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Part A and B). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

OTHER INFORMATION

The management board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Supplementary schedules set out on pages XX to XX. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER

We draw attention to the matter below. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

As is explained in note 17 to the financial statements, the association needs ongoing donor support if it is to continue operations. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting practices applicable to a going concern which assumes that the association will generate sufficient funds by way of grants from donors to continue funding its activities in the ensuing year. Accordingly they do not include any adjustments, relating to the recoverability and classification of assets or to the amounts and classification of liabilities, that would be necessary if the association were unable to continue as a going concern.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with their accounting policies, the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium - sized and the requirements of the Constitution, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to

draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the association to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the association audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope

and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control

that we identify during our audit. We have communicated with those charged with governance on all

relationships and other matters, which may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where

applicable, related safeguards.



Rev Vincent Bhengu CA (SA), RA (IRBA 507361)

Douglas & Velcich

Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

Johannesburg

15 August 2025

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Treasurer has pleasure in presenting this report on behalf of the Executive Committee on the financial activities of the association.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The principal activity of the association is to develop, control and promote all aquatic disciplines in the Republic of South Africa.

The association is a non-profit sport organisation. The association has been approved as a public benefit organisation in terms of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act and the receipts and accruals are exempt from Income Tax under Section 10(1) (cN) of the Income Tax Act.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The association has adopted the principles in the King IV on corporate governance as it applies to non-profit organisations.

This was done in the previous year and is retained in the year under review.

RESULTS

The results for the year are fully disclosed in the attached annual financial statements.

GOING CONCERN

We note that Swimming South Africa has incurred a deficit of R465,858 for the 2025 financial year (2024 : a deficit of R949,730) and that at 30 April 2025 had an accumulated deficit of R150,070 and that current liabilities exceeded current assets by R456,860 at that date.

We note further that Swimming South Africa is cash positive and has met its contractual obligations to date, but grants and sponsorship are vital for continued foreseeable operations. A sponsorship has been finalised as mentioned below and there is always an active drive for additional funding.

The Executive Committee believe that the annual financial statements are correctly prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

POST FINANCIAL POSITION EVENTS SPONSORSHIP

The Federation has entered into a sponsorship agreement with Bombela Concession Company (Pty) Ltd with effect from 1 July 2025 which initially will last for 1 year. Bombela

will become the primary sponsor of Swimming South Africa including various rights to its activities. The value of the sponsorship is R10 million per annum.

FRANSCHOEK

Swimming South Africa has entered into an agreement with World Aquatics to build a High Performance Facility at Franschhoek, Western Cape. Work has already started in previous financial years. (As per note 13, funds received to date from NLDTF have been distributed to this project). The facility will comprise a 50m and 25m swimming pool plus full high performance facilities.

Funding has come from World Aquatics (+/- R8.5 million), The Sports Trust (R6.2m) and the National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund (R35 million) Swimming South Africa will co-ordinate the overall project.

Various factors have delayed the project but following inter alia the signing of the formal lease agreement dated 23 May 2025, the project will now resume.

WATER POLO

A case has been heard in the High Court of South Africa (Western Cape division) which Swimming South Africa brought against South African Water Polo NPC. (SAWP) The case revolved around the right of SAWP to represent water polo players in South Africa.

In a judgement handed down on 18 June 2025, the case was set aside and SSA will be required to pay costs. The judgment confirms the constitutional right of SAWP to freedom of association, a principle embedded in the Bill of rights. At the same time, the court unequivocally confirmed that Swimming South Africa remains the authoritative governing body for aquatic sport in the country (including water polo).

Importantly, the ruling recognizes that SAWP, a private entity, does not seek nor hold any formal recognition from the South African government, SASCO, or the international governing body World Aquatics.

EQUIPMENT

During the year under review, the association acquired equipment costing R244,918 (2024 - R30,346).

AUDITORS

During the year under review, Douglas & Velcich were retained as auditors.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 April 2025

	NOTE	2025 R	2024 R
ASSETS		7 564 084	15 210 531
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		306 789	148 433
Equipment	3	306 789	148 433
CURRENT ASSETS		7 257 295	15 062 098
Inventory	4	2 246 603	3 273 474
Accounts receivable	5	2 403 001	3 842 492
Cash and cash equivalents	6	2 607 690	7 946 132
Total assets		7 564 084	15 210 531
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES		7 564 084	15 210 531
RESERVES		(150 070)	315 788
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus		(150 070)	315 788
Current liabilities		7 714 155	14 894 743
Accounts payable	7	4 765 418	4 451 495
Deferred income	8	2 884 445	10 371 559
Provision for leave pay	9	64 291	71 689
Total reserves and liabilities		7 564 084	15 210 531

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 April 2025

	NOTE	2025 R	2024 R
INCOME		30 970 065	40 851 887
Fees received	10	17 918 915	14 766 163
Sponsorship received	11	1 960 780	5 193 412
Grants received	12	10 592 326	19 701 524
Interest received	13	423 034	871 204
Other income		75 009	319 585
		31 435 922	41 801 617
EXPENDITURE			
Programme costs		26 640 239	37 063 818
Competitions and disciplines		3 017 912	3 159 725
High performance		15 440 499	19 355 333
High performance Centre (Franschoek)		1 978 602	6 780 565
Marketing		1 274 364	2 452 614
Mass participation		2 494 388	2 378 465
Training and development		1 433 546	1 342 051
General expenses		1 000 927	1 595 064
National office costs		4 795 683	4 737 800
DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(465 858)	(949 730)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended 30 April 2025

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS R	TOTAL R
Balance at 30 April 2023	1 265 518	1 265 518
(Deficit) for the year	(949 730)	(949 730)
Balance at 30 April 2024	315 788	315 788
(Deficit) for the year	(465 858)	(465 858)
Balance at 30 April 2025	(150 070)	(150 070)

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 April 2025

	NOTE	2025 R	2024 R
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts from donors, sponsors and affiliates		25 526 277	42 140 266
Cash paid to programmes, suppliers and employees		(31 042 835)	(40 807 060)
Cash (utilised in)/generated from operations	15	(5 516 558)	1 333 206
Interest received	13	423 034	871 204
Net (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(5 093 524)	2 204 410
Cash flows (utilised in) investing activities			
Acquisition of equipment, at cost	3	(244 918)	(30 346)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(5 338 442)	2 174 064
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		7 946 132	5 772 069
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	6	2 607 690	7 946 132

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium - Sized entities. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments and incorporate the principal accounting policies which are consistent, in all material respects with those applied in the previous year :-

1.1 SIGNIFICANT JUDGEMENTS

In preparing the annual financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the annual financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates estimates which may be material to the annual financial statements.

1.2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

The cost of an item of tangible assets is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association; and
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of tangible assets and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of tangible assets, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

Tangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets other than freehold land, to write down the cost, less residual value, by equal instalments over their useful lives as follows:

Item	Useful life
Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Hi Performance equipment	5 years
Leasehold improvements (Kings Park)	3 years
Motor vehicle	5 years
Office equipment	5 years

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in surplus or deficit unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of equipment is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

1.3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement

Financial instruments carried on the statement of financial position include bank balances, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Financial instruments are initially measured at cost as at trade date, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the following instruments are measured as set out below:

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk in change in value.

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value.

Foreign currency petty cash is revalued at the spot rate for each foreign currency denominated balance at the year end. The revaluation exchange differences are accounted for through profit or loss.

Accounts payable

Accounts payable which are short - term obligation, are stated at their nominal value.

1.4 IMPAIRMENT

The carrying amounts of assets are reviewed at financial position date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If there is such indication, the assets are written down to the estimated recoverable amounts. The recoverable amount is the higher of the net selling price and the value in use.

1.5 INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 LEASES AS LESSEE

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value on the minimum lease payments.

The discount rate used in calculating the present value of the minimum lease payment is the effective interest rate.

Any initial direct costs are added to the amount recognised as an asset.

The lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Any contingent rents are expenses in the period they are incurred.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.7 PROVISIONS AND CONTINGENCIES

Provisions are recognised when:

- the association has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

The amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation.

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement shall be recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the entity settles the obligation. The reimbursement shall be treated as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the provision.

Provisions shall not be recognised for future operating losses.

If an entity has a contract that is onerous, the present obligation under the contract shall be recognised and measured as a provision.

After their initial recognition, contingent liabilities recognised in business combinations that are recognised separately are subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount that would be recognised as a provision; and
- the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised.

1.8 REVENUE RECOGNITION

Income from fees, grants and sponsorship is brought to account in the financial period to which it relates.

All other income is brought to account as and when received.

1.9 INTEREST INCOME

Interest is brought to account as and when received.

1.10 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting.

1.11 PROJECT ACCOUNTING AND EXPENSE ALLOCATION

In terms of its contractual obligations to donors, the association's policy is to allocate project expenses that are clearly identifiable as such, directly against project funds.

Indirect and shared costs are apportioned on the basis of management estimates.

Accrued and deferred grant income is based on the balance of the project fund after taking into account the direct, indirect and shared costs as described above. The unexpended surplus of the project fund is deferred to the following year or the deficit is accrued in the year under review.

1.12 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Short-term employee benefits

The cost of short - term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as paid vacation leave and sick leave, bonuses, and medical aid contributions), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted.

The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employee renders service that increases their entitlement or, in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs.

The expected cost of bonus payments is recognised as an expense when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past performance.

2. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

2.1 Financial risk factors

The association's activities could expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including fair value interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The association's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the association's financial performance.

Risk management is carried out by the executive committee, who evaluate financial risks..

(a) Market risk

The association has no significant exposure to foreign currency risk.

(b) Credit risk

The association's credit risk is attributable to accounts receivable, accrued income and liquid funds.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counter party is a bank with credit rating assigned by international credit - rating agencies. The association has no significant concentration of credit risk, as accounts receivable is subject to rigorous credit control.

(c) Liquidity risk

The association manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate cash reserves are maintained to cover anticipated expenditure.

(d) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The association has minimal exposure to interest rate risk as surplus funds are invested in local interest - bearing accounts.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EQUIPMENT

	Computer equipment R	Furniture & fittings R	Hi Performance equipment R	Leasehold improvements Kings Park R	Motor vehicle R	Office equipment R	Total R
30 APRIL 2025							
Balance at 1 May 2024	94 115	1	1	1	1	54 314	148 433
At cost	977 628	429 221	998 312	250 000	125 439	314 545	3 095 144
Accumulated depreciation	(883 512)	(429 220)	(998 311)	(249 999)	(125 438)	(260 231)	(2 946 711)
Additions during the year	76 518	-	168 400	-	-	-	244 918
Depreciation for the year	(72 529)	-	(14 033)	-	-	-	(86 562)
Net book value 30 April 2025	98 105	1	154 368	1	1	54 314	306 789
At cost	1 054 146	429 221	1 166 712	250 000	125 439	314 545	3 340 062
Accumulated depreciation	(956 041)	(429 220)	(1 012 344)	(249 999)	(125 438)	(260 231)	(3 033 273)
30 APRIL 2024							
Balance at 1 May 2023	146 676	1	32 083	26 406	1	73 730	278 897
At cost	960 324	429 221	998 312	250 000	125 439	301 502	3 064 798
Accumulated depreciation	(813 648)	(429 220)	(966 229)	(223 594)	(125 438)	(227 772)	(2 785 901)
Additions during the year	17 303	-	-	-	-	13 043	30 346
Depreciation for the year	(69 864)	-	(32 082)	(26 405)	-	(32 459)	(160 810)
Net book value 30 April 2024	94 115	1	1	1	1	54 314	148 433
At cost	977 628	429 221	998 312	250 000	125 439	314 545	3 095 144
Accumulated depreciation	(883 512)	(429 220)	(998 311)	(249 999)	(125 438)	(260 231)	(2 946 711)

4. INVENTORY	2025 R	2024 R
ARENA stock		
Balance at beginning of the year	3 183 145	2 429 682
Value in-kind sponsorship	323 868	3 625 815
Stock issued to swimmers	(1 372 569)	(2 872 351)
Balance at end of the year	2 134 445	3 183 145
Competition medals	75 418	24 462
Learn to Swim manuals	36 740	65 867
	2 246 603	3 273 474

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Debtors	1 547 050	1 472 935
Less : Provision for doubtful debts	(511 377)	(284 272)
Prepaid expenses	729 727	764 290
Sundry receivables	511 377	1 889 538
VAT receivable	126 225	-
	2 403 001	3 842 492

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank - current accounts	603 941	2 101 204
Cash at bank - call accounts	2 007 388	5 807 245
Cash at bank - credit card	(3 639)	37 684
	2 607 690	7 946 132
		5 772 069

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Trade creditors	3 111 271	2 239 961
Credit card accounts	243 176	195 504
Income received in advance	894 405	167 018
Payroll liabilities	83 027	90 346
Other accruals	335 936	1 673 078
Sundry payables	97 604	80 204
VAT payable	-	5 384
	4 765 418	4 451 495

8. DEFERRED INCOME		
Arena - Value in kind inventory sponsorship	2 134 445	3 183 145
Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation South Africa	-	2 983 677
National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund	-	4 204 737
The Women in Sport Trust	750 000	-
	2 884 445	10 371 559

9. PROVISION FOR LEAVE PAY	2025	2024
	R	R
Balance at beginning of year	71 689	52 982
Additions during the year	208 786	221 650
(Utilised) during the year	(216 184)	(202 943)
Balance at end of year	64 291	71 689

10. FEES RECEIVED

Membership fees	4 604 361	4 476 525
Athlete contributions	9 530 091	7 317 849
Entry fees	3 199 908	2 620 007
Course fees	584 555	351 782
	17 918 915	14 766 163

11. SPONSORSHIP RECEIVED

Arena	1 372 569	2 872 351
Value in kind inventory	323 868	3 625 815
Deferred to 2024	-	2 429 682
Deferred to 2025	3 183 145	(3 183 145)
Deferred to 2026	(2 134 445)	-
	150 000	-
World Aquatics	438 211	2 321 060
Received	438 211	2 321 060
	1 960 780	5 193 412

12. GRANTS RECEIVED

Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation South Africa	6 083 677	5 722 848
Received	3 100 000	4 650 000
Deferred to 2024	-	4 056 525
Deferred to 2025	2 983 677	(2 983 677)
National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund - # M56061	4 204 737	13 978 677
Received	-	18 420 000
Accrued in 2023	-	(236 586)
Deferred to 2025	4 204 737	(4 204 737)
South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee	303 912	-
The Women in Sport Trust	-	-
Received	750 000	-
Deferred to 2026	(750 000)	-
	10 592 326	19 701 524

13. INTEREST RECEIVED	2025	2024
	R	R
Interest received	423 034	871 204
Interest received - call accounts	423 034	871 204
	423 034	871 204

14. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S EMOLUMENTS		
As an employee	793 907	793 904

15. CASH GENERATED FROM/(UTILISED IN) OPERATIONS		
(Deficit) for the year	(465 858)	(949 730)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(423 034)	(871 204)
Depreciation	86 562	160 810
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income	-	236 586
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(7 487 114)	3 885 353
(Decrease)/increase in provision for leave pay	(7 397)	18 707
Changes in working capital		
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable	1 439 491	(1 181 836)
Decrease/(increase) in inventory	1 026 871	(780 521)
Increase in accounts payable	313 923	815 041
	(5 516 558)	1 333 206

16. TAXATION

The association is exempt from income tax under section 10(1)(cN) as read with Section 30 of the Income Tax Act.

17. GOING CONCERN

The existence of the association is dependent on the continued support of its donors and sponsors, by way of grants and sponsorship.

Should the grants and sponsorships be withdrawn it is highly unlikely that the association will be able to continue as a going concern.

These annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting practices applicable to a going concern which assumes that the company will generate sufficient funds by way of grants from donors to continue funding its activities in the ensuing year. Accordingly they do not include any adjustment, relating to the recoverability and classification of assets or to the amounts and classification of liabilities, that would be necessary if the company were unable to continue as a going concern.

FUND STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 R	GENERAL FUND R	NLTF OPERATIONS R	NLTF FACILITIES R	SRSA PROGRAMMES R	SRSA SCHOOLS R
INCOME	30 970 065	20 681 650	2 226 135	1 978 602	4 673 166	1 410 511
Fees received	17 918 915	17 918 915	-	-	-	-
Sponsorship received	1 960 780	1 960 780	-	-	-	-
Grants received	10 592 326	303 912	2 226 135	1 978 602	4 673 166	1 410 511
Interest received	423 034	423 034	-	-	-	-
Other income	75 009	75 009	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURE	31 435 922	23 640 021	844 133	1 978 602	4 673 166	300 000
Programme costs	26 640 239	19 484 741	844 133	1 978 602	4 324 629	8 134
Competitions and disciplines	3 017 912	2 943 800	3 994	-	67 546	2 571
High performance	15 440 499	13 238 061	86 531	-	2 115 907	-
High performance Centre (Franschhoek)	1 978 602	-	-	1 978 602	-	-
Marketing	1 274 364	1 180 572	26 292	-	67 500	-
Mass participation	2 494 388	1 064 097	437 587	-	992 704	-
Training and development	1 433 546	62 846	289 728	-	1 080 971	-
General expenses	1 000 927	995 364	-	-	-	5 563
National office costs	4 795 683	4 155 280	-	-	348 538	291 866
(Deficit)/Surplus For The Year	(465 858)	(2 958 370)	1 382 002	-	-	1 110 511
Transfer Between Programme Funds	-	2 492 512	(1 382 002)	-	-	(1 110 511)
Balance at beginning of year	315 788	315 788	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of year	(150 070)	(150 070)	-	-	-	-

FUND STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 R	GENERAL FUND R	NLTF OPERATIONS R	NLTF FACILITIES R	SRSA PROGRAMMES R	SRSA SCHOOLS R
INCOME	40 851 887	21 150 363	7 198 112	6 780 565	3 619 828	2 103 020
Fees received	14 766 163	14 766 163	-	-	-	-
Sponsorship received	5 193 412	5 193 412	-	-	-	-
Grants received	19 701 524	-	7 198 112	6 780 565	3 619 828	2 103 020
Interest received	871 204	871 204	-	-	-	-
Other income	319 585	319 585	-	-	-	-
EXPENDITURE	41 801 617	23 805 458	7 198 112	6 780 565	3 619 828	397 655
Programme costs	37 063 818	21 365 493	7 198 112	6 780 565	1 596 715	122 933
Competitions and disciplines	3 159 725	2 858 284	223 516	-	-	77 925
High performance	19 355 333	13 640 752	5 223 654	-	490 927	-
High performance Centre (Franschhoek)	6 780 565	-	-	6 780 565	-	-
Marketing	2 452 614	1 946 127	506 487	-	-	-
Mass participation	2 378 465	1 137 141	869 480	-	368 637	3 208
Training and development	1 342 051	189 441	373 660	-	737 151	41 800
General expenses	1 595 064	1 593 748	1 316	-	-	-
National office costs	4 737 800	2 439 965	-	-	2 023 113	274 722
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	(949 730)	(2 655 095)	-	-	-	1 705 365
Transfer from equipment fund	-	1 705 365	-	-	-	(1 705 365)
Balance at Beginning of Year	1 265 518	1 265 518	-	-	-	-
Balance at End of Year	315 788	315 788	-	-	-	-



VII. APPENDICES

2025 COMPETITION STATISTICS

COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	NON-PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL REGISTERED ATHLETES
SA Senior Nationals	18-23	Female	85	70	15	269
SA Senior Nationals	18-23	Male	146	120	26	420
SA Senior Nationals	13-17	Female	88	53	35	1771
SA Senior Nationals	13-17	Male	81	48	33	1632
SA Senior Nationals Combined	All	All	400	291	109	

COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	NON-PARTICIPANTS
SA Junior Nationals	10-14 Years	Female	200	164	36
SA Junior Nationals	10-14 Years	Male	184	150	34
SA Junior Nationals	15-17 Years	Female	215	184	31
SA Junior Nationals	15-17 Years	Male	201	178	23
SA Junior Nationals	18-23 Years	Female	73	36	37
SA Junior Nationals	18-23 Years	Male	104	53	51
SA Junior Nationals Combined			977	765	

COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	10-14 Years	Female	728	201
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	10-14 Years	Male	764	231
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	15-17 Years	Female	442	95
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	15-17 Years	Male	402	114
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	18-23 Years	Female	140	8
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	18-23 Years	Male	248	22
SA Regional Level 3 Gauteng	All	All		671
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	10-14 Years	Female	728	70
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	10-14 Years	Male	764	55
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	15-17 Years	Female	442	27
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	15-17 Years	Male	402	29
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	18-23 Years	Female	140	1
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	18-23 Years	Male	248	2
SA Regional Level 3 KZN	All	All		184
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	10-14 Years	Female	728	155
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	10-14 Years	Male	764	158
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	15-17 Years	Female	442	39
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	15-17 Years	Male	402	63
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	18-23 Years	Female	140	5
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape	18-23 Years	Male	248	9
SA Regional Level 3 Western Cape Combined	All	All		429

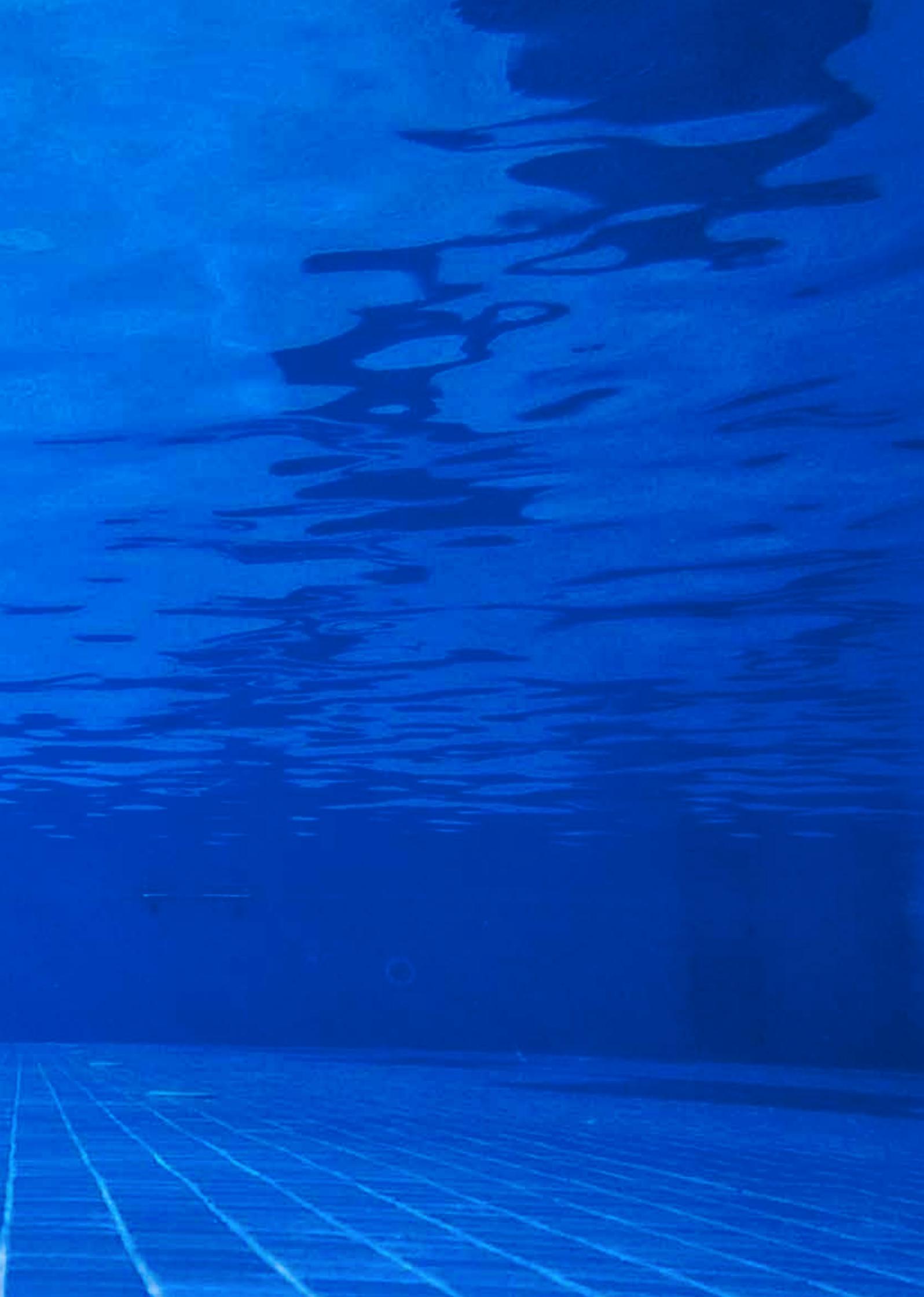
COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	NON-PARTICIPANTS
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	10-14 Years	Female	728	426	302
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	10-14 Years	Male	764	444	320
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	15-17 Years	Female	442	161	281
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	15-17 Years	Male	402	206	196
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	18-23 Years	Female	140	14	126
SA Level 3 Regionals 2025 Combined	18-23 Years	Male	248	33	215
Overall	All	All	2724	1284	1440

COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	PARTICIPANTS (%)
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	7-9 Years	Female	111	9	8,11
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	7-9 Years	Male	114	4	3,51
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	10-14 Years	Female	1603	109	6,8
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	10-14 Years	Male	1560	113	7,24
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	15-17 Years	Female	744	12	1,61
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	15-17 Years	Male	744	23	3,09
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	18-23 Years	Female	150	2	1,33
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape	18-23 Years	Male	229	2	0,87
SA Regional Level 2 Eastern Cape Overall	All	All	5255	274	5,21
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	7-9 Years	Female	111	2	1,8
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	7-9 Years	Male	114	3	2,63
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	10-14 Years	Female	1603	83	5,18
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	10-14 Years	Male	1560	46	2,95
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	15-17 Years	Female	744	21	2,82
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	15-17 Years	Male	744	7	0,94
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	18-23 Years	Female	150	0	0
SA Regional Level 2 KZN	18-23 Years	Male	229	0	0
SA Regional Level 2 KZN Overall	All	All	5255	141	2,68
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	7-9 Years	Female	111	16	14,41
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	7-9 Years	Male	114	21	18,42
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	10-14 Years	Female	1603	274	17,09
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	10-14 Years	Male	1560	240	15,38
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	15-17 Years	Female	744	55	7,39
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	15-17 Years	Male	744	51	6,85
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	18-23 Years	Female	150	2	1,33
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng	18-23 Years	Male	229	2	0,87
SA Regional Level 2 Gauteng Overall	All	All	5255	661	12,58
SA Regional Level 2 North West	7-9 Years	Female	111	6	5,41
SA Regional Level 2 North West	7-9 Years	Male	114	6	5,26
SA Regional Level 2 North West	10-14 Years	Female	1603	99	6,18
SA Regional Level 2 North West	10-14 Years	Male	1560	85	5,45
SA Regional Level 2 North West	15-17 Years	Female	744	23	3,09
SA Regional Level 2 North West	15-17 Years	Male	744	32	4,3
SA Regional Level 2 North West	18-23 Years	Female	150	1	0,67
SA Regional Level 2 North West	18-23 Years	Male	229	2	0,87
SA Regional Level 2 North West Overall	All	All	5255	254	4,83

COMPETITION	AGE GROUP	GENDER	NO OF QUALIFIERS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	PARTICIPANTS (%)
All Regional Level 2 Participation	All	All	5255	1330	25,31

CERTIFICATES PRINTED

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES PRINTED														
AFFILIATE/ DISTRICT	CGA	EGA	NTS	MPS	LIMPOPO	KZNA	NCASA	FSA	SWD	CTMA	OR TAMBO	BCA	NMBA	TOTAL
LTS	19	30	27	0	6	83	11	1	0	63	7	0	9	256
LTS RPL	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
ARTISTIC SWIMMING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TODSWIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COACHING LEVEL 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	17	0	0	0	19
CATHSSETA LEVEL 1	6	4	20	0	1	5	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	45
COACHING LEVEL 1 QA	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
LEVEL 2 QA	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
TOTAL PER AFFILIATE/ DISTRICT	26	38	48	0	7	98	12	2	0	91	7	0	10	339



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