

**Media Release**

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**For attention Editors and Journalists**

## **PROVINCIAL INDIGENOUS SELECTION GAMES TO BE STAGED**

As part of the Mass Participation Programme, the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in collaboration with District Municipalities will hosts the annual Provincial Indigenous Games to promote social cohesion and nation building and to further celebrate and revive the historic cultural activities.

In a quest to put together a solid team to compete at the National Indigenous Games Competitions to be held in KwaZulu-Natal from 24-29 September 2023, the selection games will be tough as they must produce a strong team that will raise the flag of Limpopo high.

Last year, 2022, Team Limpopo excelled at the National Indigenous Games Festival 2022, the team came out second overall. A formidable team showed perseverance, dedication, and resilience in all the sporting codes throughout the tough 2022 National Indigenous Games Festival.

The Indigenous Games (IG) are utilised to preserve heritage and promote cultural diversity. Furthermore, the games encourage healthy lifestyles, and discourage unwanted social behaviour by keeping both young and old people engaged. The sporting codes include the rich indigenous heritage games such as, Morabaraba, Jukskei, Dibeke, Ncuva, Khokho, Diketo, Kgati, Intonga and Drie Stokkies.

**The 2023 Provincial Indigenous Games will be held as follows:**

**Date** : **19 August 2023**  
**Venue** : **Polokwane Rugby Field,  
Polokwane Municipality  
Capricorn District**  
**Time** : **09:00 (Games start)**  
: **16:00 (Medal presentation)**

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