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North West Province host the National Netball Championship

The North West Central Netball Association in collaboration with the North West Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will host the under 19 and under 21 Netball Championships from 06th – 11th July 2009 at the Mmabatho Stadium Netball Courts.

The first of its kind, hosted by the province is meant to encourage and develop high standards of administration, playing, coaching, umpiring and officiating as well as to make netball equally accessible to all communities irrespective of age, race, gender and religion.

Statistically, netball is the number one women sport in South Africa and is currently rated at amateur level. The National Championships serve as one of the main platforms used for selection of national team.

Other main objectives of this event are to:

- develop South African Netball players to become world champion in reflecting our values of integrity, commitment and professionalism , thus inspiring all South Africans
- Project Netball as a respected and professional women's sport in South Africa

“The department is presented with a unique opportunity to show our support in the development of netball in the province and the country at large, especially in implementation of our vision to share South African's passion for play” said MEC Grace Pampiri.

The media is invited to cover the event from the 06th to 11th July 2009, so as to enhance development of netball code in our country.

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