## JUKSKEI December 2024



#### IJF

#### THE PRESIDENT'S GLOBAL DESK

Dear Members of the International Jukskei Federation,

2024 Flew by! Time again to say THANK YOU! MERRY CHRISMAS! And KEEP IT UP for the sake of a PROSPEROUS 2025!

I hereby would like to take a moment to extend my warmest Christmas greetings to all of you. This time of year, is an opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and renewal, and I am filled with appreciation for the dedication, passion, and commitment that each member country brings to the sport of Jukskei.

In 2024, we have witnessed remarkable achievements, progress, and camaraderie within our global Jukskei community. These accomplishments are a testament to the spirit of teamwork and unity that binds us together across cultures and borders. We are more than a federation – we are a family, united by our love for the sport and our shared vision of fostering its growth worldwide.

On behalf of the International Jukskei Federation, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and fulfilling 2025. Let us continue to strengthen our bond and move forward in the spirit of excellence and friendship, with Jukskei as the basis of it all.



#### **TINUS BARNARD**

Then, with regard to 2025: all new members on the various committees of Jukskei South Africa, Namibia, USA, Uganda and Basque, congratulations again on your appointment and thank you for good work done so far and let fresh ideas be the order of the day. One never knows who will the next perfect administrator or leader be. All of you have so much potential.

Warm regards,

**Tinus Barnard** 

President, International Jukskei Federation



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#### COO - DALEEN ROOS

As the year comes to a close, we would like to extend warm holiday greetings to all participating countries in the thrilling sport of Jukskei. This past season has been a testament to the dedication, skill, and passion displayed by athletes from various nations. Your participation has enriched our events, showcasing the diverse cultures and spirited competition that make Jukskei such a beloved sport.

We are immensely grateful for the commitment each country has shown, fostering camaraderie and mutual respect both on and off the field. The enduring friendships forged through the love of Jukskei transcend borders and unite us in a common goal—celebrating athleticism and cultural heritage. Each tournament has brought together communities, and the excitement of competition has inspired countless young players to pursue this traditional sport.



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#### **NAMIBIA**

#### VICE PRESIDENT ERIK STRAUSS

Jukskei, a traditional South African sport, has gained popularity in Namibia, particularly among the youth in the under-13 division. This traditional game, which involves throwing a skey at a pen, fosters teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness. In Namibia, the sport has seen a surge in interest, driven by local schools and community organizations that promote cultural heritage through sports. Tournaments and training programs are increasingly being organized, encouraging young athletes to improve their skills. As participation grows, Jukskei not only enhances athletic ability but also strengthens community bonds and celebrates Namibian culture, paving the way for future champions.







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spirit of the participants but also fostered camaraderie among players from different backgrounds.

A significant contribution to this success was the participation of the Namibian Jukskei teams in the Under-13 primary week. Their enthusiasm, determination, and skill were evident as they engaged with their South African counterparts, creating a vibrant atmosphere that celebrated the sport.

Namibia's involvement added an exciting dynamic to the championship, emphasizing the growth of Jukskei in the region. By participating, these young athletes have not only represented their country but have also promoted friendship and unity through sport. The skills learned and the memories created during this event will undoubtedly inspire the next generation of Jukskei players in Namibia.

As the holiday season approaches, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Namibia Jukskei for their participation and dedication. We wish every Jukskei player a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, family, and celebration. May the spirit of the season inspire you to continue pursuing your passion for the sport and to return even stronger for future competitions. Here's to a bright year ahead!



#### JSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

# POSITION TEAM NAME POINTS 1 GAUTENG NORTH 1 68.5 2 GAUTENG NORTH 3 68 3 WEST RAND 66.5

ACADEMY GIRLS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND	27
2	NORTHERN FREE STATE	26.5
3	MPUMALANGA 1	20.5



#### JSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

ACADEMY BOYS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	CAPE WINELANDS	28
2	LIMPOPO 1	22.5
3	GAUTENG NORTH 1	21

U/13 MIXED		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND	88
2	GAUTENG NORTH 3	78.5
3	CENTRAL GAUTENG 2	75



21.5

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## U/13 GIRLS POSITION TEAM NAME POINTS 1 NORTHERN FREE STATE 28 2 CENTRAL GAUTENG 23

**EASTERN GAUTENG** 

U/13 BOYS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH 1	30.5
2	GAUTENG NORTH 2	23
3	EASTERN GAUTENG	19.5



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U/16 GIRLS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND	93
2	SEDIBENG	81
3	EASTERN CAPE 1	80

U/16 BOYS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH 1	30
2	EASTERN GAUTENG	22.5
3	CENTRAL GAUTENG	21



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U/16 MIXED		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	EASTERN GAUTENG 1	67.5
2	EASTERN GAUTENG 2	53.5
3	CENTRAL GAUTENG	51.5

U/19 MIXED		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH 1	66.5
2	LIMPOPO 1	57.5
3	LIMPOPO 2	27.5



#### JSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

## U/19 GIRLSPOSITIONTEAM NAMEPOINTS1GAUTENG NORTH 190.52GAUTENG NORTH 284.53NORTHERN FREE STATE69.5

U/19 BOYS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	EASTERN GAUTENG	23.5
2	EASTERN CAPE	57.5
3	NORTHERN FREE STATE	27.5







#### JSA U/13 PRIMARY WEEK 2024 - RESULTS

JSA PRIMARY WEEK LEVEL 1 RESULTS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	KWAZULU-NATAL 1-1	99
2	WEST RAND 1-1	87,5
3	NORTHERN FREE STATE	87

JSA PRIMARY WEEK LEVEL 2 RESULTS		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	NAMIBIA 2-2	88
2	NAMIBIA 1-1	87
3	GAUTENG NORTH BOYS	84







JSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS - RESULTS

#### JSA GIRLS ACADEMY U/19 MEDALS DIVISION

POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND 1	165
2	NORTHERN FREE STATE	162
3	CENTRAL GAUTENG	157

#### JSA GIRLS ACADEMY U/19 PLATE DIVISION

POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	MPUMALANGA	141.5
2	NORTHERN CAPE	137
3	KWAZULU-NATAL	133
3	GAUTENG NORTH	133



JSA BOYS ACADEMY U/19		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH 2	126.5
2	WEST RAND	122
3	GAUTENG NORTH 1	118.2

JSA GIRLS U/13 PLATE DIVISION		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND	123.5
2	LIMPOPO	120.5
3	SEDIBENG	117.5



JSA GIRLS U/13 MEDAL DIVISION		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	CENTRAL GAUTENG	154.5
2	NORTHERN FREE STATE	148
3	GAUTENG NORTH 1	143

JSA BOYS U/13		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH	192
2	WEST RAND	172
3	CENTRAL GAUTENG	143.5



JSA GIRLS U/16		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	WEST RAND	131
2	SEDIBENG	119
3	EASTERN GAUTENG	111

JSA BOYS U/16		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH	192
2	LIMPOPO	172
3	WEST RAND	143.5



JSA GIRLS U/19		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	GAUTENG NORTH	158.5
2	CAPE WINELANDS	104
3	NORTHERN FREE STATE	101

JSA BOYS U/19		
POSITION	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	LIMPOPO	148
2	CENTRAL GAUTENG	145.5
3	WEST RAND	141.5













#### JSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS U/13 TOP PLAYERS







#### JSA ACADEMY TEAMS











#### JSA SA-A TEAMS









#### JSA SA TEAMS







#### JSA SA TOURING TEAMS



4/19



4/16



#### JUKSKEI DEVELOPMENT

Since the previous IJF Newsletter, not much has happened. The reason is that those countries in the northern part of the world are in the winter season and those in the south have just started with their jukskei season.

The mission of the IJF is: To promote sustainable growth of Jukskei participation Internationally.

This mission had a direct influence on my portfolio as Director of Development.

The word 'sustainable' is the essence of the matter. This is the problem with most of the African countries due to funds, as well as those like Basque, USA, and Hawaii, that are further away from neighbouring countries that play jukskei. How can they become sustainable?

Presently, Uganda is trying its utmost to develop Jukskei within the country and to get the neighbouring countries to take up Jukskei as a sport.

Should the IJF have any form of recognition for outstanding work to promote Jukskei within a country and also incorporate their neighbours, then surely my vote will go to Uganda. Well done Herbert and your team. Keep up the good work.

#### DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT DIRK BRITS



Let's not forget our mission, namely to promote sustainability, and hopefully we can share our ideas of how to maintain growth realistically with the rest of the Jukskei family in future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone many blessings during the festive season.



#### UGANDA JUKSKEI

JUKSKEI UGANDA GAINS MOMENTUM AS UNIVERSITIES EMBRACE THE SPORT

Fort Portal, Uganda - In a groundbreaking move for sports development in Uganda, the President of Jukskei Uganda, Mwiima Mwesigwa Herbert, attended the Association of Uganda University Sports (AUUS) general assembly at Mountains of the Moon University in Fort Portal, where he presented the sport of Jukskei to 27 universities across the country.

The initiative, led by Mwesigwa, aimed to introduce and promote Jukskei, a traditional South African sport, among Ugandan university students. During the assembly, he passionately explained the rules, benefits, and the potential impact of Jukskei on student engagement, fitness, and competition.

Representatives from various universities responded with enthusiasm, expressing a strong interest in adopting the sport. Many institutions were eager to incorporate Jukskei into their sports programs and even discussed the possibility of establishing a Jukskei university league in Uganda. The move is expected to revolutionize the university sports scene by adding a new, exciting sport to the competitive lineup.

#### PRESIDENT: MWIIMA MWESIGWA HERBERT



Penninah A. Kabenge, President of the AUUS, acknowledged the growing interest in Jukskei and pledged her full support to help Jukskei Uganda establish the sport in universities across the nation. She committed to facilitating the necessary coordination to ensure that universities launch the sport at their campuses'.

This partnership between Jukskei Uganda and AUUS is a significant step toward making Jukskei a mainstream sport in Uganda's university system. As more universities prepare to integrate Jukskei into their games, the future looks bright for the sport, with hopes of it becoming a prominent fixture in the national sports landscape.



#### UGANDA JUKSKEI

For Mwiima Mwesigwa Herbert and Jukskei Uganda, this moment represents a major milestone in their mission to promote the sport at all levels. With AUUS's support, Jukskei is set to make its mark in Uganda's university sports arena









#### **UMPIRES**

Jukskei umpires start by develop talent and then end up with something close to perfect performances

What is this concept that improves talent?

When someone is developed in what she/he is good at and one is going to witness something that people refer to as, "She/He makes it look so easy!" or "He/She is a boffin!" The answer is that people grow best and most in what they are naturally inclined to.

Regions and clubs are always looking for new umpires that can be discovered and developed. The discoveries that are made are about how the person thinks, feels and behaves in the most natural ways.

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Some possess a masterful sensitivity to see needs in others, deep within our natural selves, there is pent-up greatness that is needed to be released. First, discover what you are good at and ask for help on how to develop it.

#### DIRECTOR: UMPIRES GERHARD COETZEE



Everyone can be involved in refereeing. It's not hard to spot a good player or captain during his performance. If you as a player or coach know your rules.

I dreamed of one day becoming a jukskei umpire as well and realized that as umpires we not only want to "get" out of the sport but also want to "give" something back.

Two desires carry me, not only to be someone who guides umpires in develop their skills, but also to get involved in schools where children are trained in jukskei to be involved in lifelong participant development.



#### **UMPIRES**

Umpires are constantly looking for training to know more (knowledge is power) going through coaching that makes sense and matters. The practical act in the sandpit is of utmost importance

Therefore, are umpires constantly practicing even though many players don't think so. Umpires possess exceptional talents (sensing the emotions of other players, can thrive under pressure, can enjoy a joke and know your players) Umpires complement each other and thus make each other stronger.

Regions and Clubs that it is their job to be aware of each player's uniqueness so that what they are good at can be rolled out, makes more and more players believe in lifelong participant development and live it. See to it that jukskei is enjoyed in the first and last place.

Umpires strive to pursue an example that, from their own hearts, flows out to other long-term umpires whose development is established as a priority in clubs. Umpires, as it were, give the power that lies within them to others to see the beauty and build on it.

Everyone has something that can be passed on to others. All of us possess an invisible talent: Our best is delivered where the bucket overflows and our worst happen where the bucket is empty.

I, Gerhard Coetzee Director of the IJFU would like to express my gratitude to all IJFU by name and thank them for their selfless service throughout the year Dirk Brits, Tinus Barnard, Anna Stoltz, Anien Heydenrych, Rudolf van Jaarsveld, MB Matthee all of South Africa and Francois Boshoff of Namibia

Congratulations to MB. Matthee. Who was one of the nominees for Recognition of Technical Excellence at the Cape Winelands Sport Awards 2024 and then declared as the winner



#### WELL WISHES

The International Jukskei Federation, extend our warmest wishes to all players, officials, and enthusiasts of Jukskei around the world. This is a time for reflection, celebration, and connection, and we hope that each of you finds joy in the company of family and friends.

Jukskei, a sport deeply rooted in tradition and community, brings us together in a shared passion. As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the dedication and spirit shown by everyone involved in the sport. Your commitment to excellence and sportsmanship not only enhances the game but also fosters camaraderie and unity among us all.

During this festive season, we encourage you to take a break, recharge, and enjoy the festivities. May this time be filled with laughter, joy, and memorable moments. As we transition into the New Year, we look forward to continued collaboration and growth within the Jukskei community. Together, let us aim for new heights, embrace challenges, and celebrate our accomplishments.

From all of us at the International Jukskei Federation, we wish you a wonderful festive season and a prosperous New Year filled with health, happiness, and success on and off the pitch. Let us continue to promote the spirit of Jukskei with passion and pride!

