

2ND RECONCILIATION CHALLENGE TO BE HOSTED AT THE FREE STATE STADIUM

28 January 2013

In his budget vote speech dated 06 April 2011, the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Hon. D.A.M Kgothule said:

“In our quest to promote social cohesion, nation building and sport tourism in the province we will annually host a soccer, rugby and golf Reconciliation Challenge. This programme will happen over a long weekend. The Challenge will involve Free State soccer outfit playing any other PSL soccer team, as well as the provincial rugby team against another franchise team.”

In the Cabinet Meeting held on 14 November 2012, the Executive Council further agreed that: “Reconciliation Challenge, featuring rugby and soccer, should be retained as an annual event in the province that is scheduled to take place in January each year”

The Reconciliation Challenge for 2013, dubbed “The clash of the Titans” will take place on 2 February 2013, with a “Reconciliation Walk” and “Teams Parade” taking place on 1 February 2013 to create awareness for the event. Bloemfontein Celtic will take on Supersport United FC with the Toyota Cheetahs battling the DHL Stormers.

In the true spirit of reconciliation, this year’s event is also held on the same day as former President Nelson Mandela’s release from prison. It is therefore fitting to host the Reconciliation Challenge on 2 February, as reconciliation is something Madiba inspired.

Details as follows:

1 February 2013 Reconciliation Walk
Registration: 06h00 / Walk: 07h00 UFS Admin building

1 February 2013 Teams Parade
15h00 – 17h00 Twin City Mall – Loch Logan Waterfront

2 February 2013 Match day
13h00 – 19h00 Free State Stadium

Spectators will need a ticket to enter for record purposes, but tickets are free of charge. Tickets will be handed out at intersections, government departments, schools and during the walk and parade. Tickets are also available at the Free State Stadium and Bloemfontein Celtic.

Your Media House is invited to cover the event.

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