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## **PREMIER'S CUP TOURNAMENT LAUNCH**

During the 2024 State of the Province Address the Premier of the Free State, Mr Mxolisi Dukwana, directed that the Free State will host the Premier's Cup Tournament in a quest to promote semi-professional and professional soccer in the province. The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR), in partnership with the South African Football Association (SAFA) in the Free State, will be launching the Premier's Cup Tournament in Mangaung on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The Premier's Cup Tournament is aimed at being a catalyst to help teams from the Free State to get promotion to the National First Division. The tournament will also assist the teams both financially and competitively to ensure the sustainability and longevity of our local soccer clubs.

The first round of the tournament will commence on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Prize monies ranging from R25 000 to R200 000 are up for grabs and a standard R100 000 participation fee will be paid to all the participating teams. The 16 teams that will be taking part in the finals will be confirmed at the end of the current season of the provincial ABC Motsepe League.

It is expected that Premier, Mxolisi Dukwana, Executive Mayor of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Mr Gregory Nthatisi and MEC Limakatso Mahasa will unveil the tournament's logo, trophy and playing attire during the launch.

“The main objective of the Premier’s Cup Tournament is to ensure a strong foundation for professional and/or semi-professional soccer teams in the Free State. We would also like to create an enabling environment to promote talent identification of local players to higher divisions. Considering the performance of our teams at the National playoffs over the past years, the Federation is confident that this initiative will yield only positive results, results that we as a Province will be proud of”, stated MEC Limakatso Mahasa

**YOU MEDIA HOUSE IS INVITED TO THE LAUNCH WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:**

**DATE:** 20 March 2023  
**PLACE:** Bon Hotel(Bloemfontein)  
**TIME:** 10:00

For Media RSVP’s/Accreditation please contact Ms. Lerato Tihapuletsa on 0664859647 or [Tihapuletsa.l@sacr.fs.gov.za](mailto:Tihapuletsa.l@sacr.fs.gov.za)

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