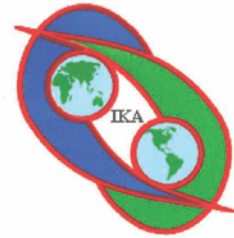




# African Kurash Union



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## REPORT ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> AFRICAN KURASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – JOHANNESBURG 2013

I would like to congratulate Pierre Maritz, the president of Kurash South Africa and his team for hosting a very successful African Kurash Championship for juniors and seniors. The competition venue and accommodation was of very high standard.

The 11<sup>th</sup> African Kurash Championships were held in Johannesburg on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The venue for the competition was the Kemptonpark Indoor Sport Center, situated close to the O R Tambo International Airport. All delegations were accommodated in the Aviator hotel in Kemptonpark.

Initially ten countries confirmed participation in the championship but only eight countries arrived for the event. The following countries participated in the competition; South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland, Congo, DRC, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Mauritius. More than 100 players participated in the individual competition. Nigeria did not show due to some visa problems. The number of ladies and juniors participating in the competition was lower than expected, mainly due to financial constraints and high travel costs. Also the event coincided with the world student games in Russia which also had a small effect on participation numbers.

Organization, traveling and communication are major stumbling blocks in Africa. Irregular internet access, changing phone numbers, language barriers, expensive and limited travel facilities are accepted in Africa as common issues. To date all Kurash federations receive little or no assistance from governments and the donation from the IKA to support the competition is really appreciated. It enabled us to subsidize the accommodation and event costs to a great extent.

Yakhtak for the tournament was a big problem as only a few were available, especially in the larger sizes and we had to use judo suits to accommodate all the players. Regarding the quality of the Yakhtak; it is also a problem as many of them got damaged (torn) during the competition and a proposal came that we should make single colour green jackets (same material as 650gram judo suits) as blue jackets and white pants are no problem. Maybe this can be taken up with your supplier in Pakistan?



Referees from Congo, DRC and South Africa officiated and upgraded in the event to IKA continental referees, certificates were presented as follows:

**RSA:** P Martitz, V Redpath, N Mnyenyevu, B Barnard

**Congo:** U Keya, G Massenet, C Likeme

**DRC:** N Kadima

I would like to thank Dirk Crafford and Henriette Moller for taking care of all the referee matters including the examination.

The competition standard was high and we used the round robin elimination system for categories with less than 5 players and the “losers’ pool” system for the groups with more than 5 players. Some weight categories had 14 entries. Both elimination systems gave athletes many fights and valuable Kurash experience. A team competition was held after the individual weight competition was finished here 2 female teams (South Africa and an Invitation team from other countries) and 3 Male teams (South Africa, DRC, and an invitation team from the rest of the countries) participated in the team competition.

The female team was won by South Africa with 40 points to 30 points against the invitation team.

The male team event was won by South Africa (110 points), in the second place was DRC with 65 points and in the third place the invitation team with 30 points.

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

EVENT		XI African Kurash Championships				
DATE		13 JULY 2013		VENUE		KEMPTONPARK RSA
SENIOR MALE						
WEIGHT	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>ND</sup>		3 <sup>RD</sup>	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
60	MRI	Gourden S	DRC	Taba D Rodrigues	RSA	Redpath W
66	CGO	Pembele G	DRC	Kuku N	DRC	Bokomba O
73	DRC	Mbaku D	RSA	Maritz P	CGO	Patana G
81	DRC	Kissala G	RSA	August M	CGO	Kiba R
90	RSA	Le Roux S	RSA	Labuschagne J	BOT	Bewlay L
100	RSA	Trezise P	MRI	Adonis P		
100+	DRC	Losoko P	RSA	J Niemann	RSA	Cross C
SENIOR FEMALE						
WEIGHT	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>ND</sup>		3 <sup>RD</sup>	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
48	MRI	Stacy F				
52	SWZ	Esterhuysen S				
57	RSA	Grobbelaar M				
63	RSA	Van Vuuren P	MOZ	Madevate A	BOT	Orelebe M
70	CGO	Ngouabi Assanga Ramelia	RSA	Visser B		
78	RSA	Du Toit A				
JUNIOR MALE						
WEIGHT	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>ND</sup>		3 <sup>RD</sup>	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
60	RSA	Redpath W	DRC	Taba Dinima Rodrigues	MOZ	Noa Leroy
66	CGO	Pembele Goberty	RSA	Geral Dane	MOZ	Matos Narciso
73	CGO	Patana G	RSA	Joubert J	BOT	Kearney S
90	RSA	Van Der Walt P	RSA	Cross L		
100	MRI	Adonis P	RSA	Swanepoel J		
JUNIOR FEMALE						
WEIGHT	1 <sup>ST</sup>		2 <sup>ND</sup>		3 <sup>RD</sup>	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
48	MRI	Stacy Francois	RSA	Cross J	RSA	Prinsloo C
52	SWZ	Esterhuysen S				
57	RSA	Grobbelaar M	RSA	Botes M		
63	MRI	Jean Pierre Kimberley	RSA	Van Vuuren P	MOZ	Madivate A
78+	RSA	MAGWAZA Sisipho	RSA	COETZEE Aleze		

### Medal Totals (Junior and Senior)

Country	Code	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
South Africa	RSA	9	13	3	25
Mauritius	MRI	5	1		6
Congo	CGO	4		2	6
DR Congo	DRC	3	3	1	7
Swaziland	SWZ	2			2
Mozambique	MOZ		1	3	4
Botswana	BOT			3	3

The award for the best male athlete of the tournament went to G Pembele of Congo and the award for the best female athlete went to P van Vuuren of South Africa.



I believe that all participants and delegations had a wonderful time here in South Africa and I would like to thank them all for their efforts to attend the competition. I hope that we will all meet again at the 2013 Senior World Championships scheduled for later this year.



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