



African Kurash Union



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REPORT ON THE 12th AFRICAN KURASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – SWAZILAND 2014

I would like to congratulate Tertius Esterhuisen, the president of the Swaziland Kurash Federation and his team for hosting a very successful African Kurash Championship for juniors and seniors. The competition venue and accommodation was of good standard.

The 12th African Kurash Championship was held in the Malkerns region in Swaziland on the 24th and 25th October. .

Initially eight countries confirmed participation in the championship but only four countries arrived for the event. The following countries participated in the competition; South Africa, Swaziland, Congo, DRC, More than 70 players participated in the individual competition. Some countries did not show due to travel restrictions regarding the Ebola virus threat and most others due to financial hardships. Also the moving from the second quarter to the last quarter resulted in less participants.

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. Some suggestions were made last year but we still do not have a solution.



Referees from Swaziland, DRC and South Africa officiated and Mr. Mancoba Mahlalela referee from Swaziland upgraded in the event to IKA continental referee:

I would like to thank Pierre Maritz for taking care of all the referee matters including the examination.

The competition standard was good 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. Both elimination systems gave athletes many fights and valuable Kurash experience. A team competition was held after the individual weight competition. South Africa lost to Swaziland in the final with 27 points to 30.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MALE SENIOR						
WEIGHT	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
60	RSA	STEMMET Devan	RSA	STEMMET Jaydi	SWZ	SIHLONGONYANE Mashumi
66	RSA	HEYSTEK Erastus	SWZ	FORTUNE Alec	SWZ	MAGAGULA Ben
73	RSA	LOUW Nicolaas	RSA	MARITZ Petrus	DRC	LENGOLE Longange Steve
81	DRC	KISSALA Guy	RSA	ELS Quenn	SWZ	NDLANGAMANDLA Thabo
90	RSA	NOLTE Louis	DRC	<i>HOSSEYA Diamant (Friendly)</i>		
100	DRC	HOSSEYA Diamant				
100+	RSA	SUTHERLAND Donald	SWZ	DU PONT Eugene	RSA	BRODERICK Robert
FEMALE SENIOR						
WEIGHT	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
48	SWZ	VILAKATI Hopejoy	RSA	ROODT Shandra	SWZ	DLAMINI Lwethu
52	RSA	PRINSLOO Clarissa	SWZ	ESTERHUYSEN Siobhan		
57	RSA	BOTES Michelle	SWZ	SHEN Michelle	SWZ	MHLANGA Mandisa
63	RSA	Rinquest Madre	SWZ	CALDWELL Debra	SWZ	DLAMINI Cynthia
78	SWZ	DLAMINI Nomvula				
78+	SWZ	HOABES Nicole	RSA	COETZEE Aleze	SWZ	KHULILE Nosipho
MALE Juniors						
WEIGHT	1ST		2ND		3RD	
	Country	NAME	Country	NAME	Country	NAME
60	RSA	STEMMET Jaydi	RSA	STEMMET Devan	SWZ	HLOPHE Nduduzo
66	SWZ	VAN ZUYDAM Juriaan	RSA	LOPEZ Juan	RSA	HEYSTEK Erastus
73	RSA	WESSELS Jacques	SWZ	MAGAGULA Ben	SWZ	KUNENE Mpendulo
81	RSA	ELS Quenn	RSA	NEL Brendan	SWZ	MABILA Lindo
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REFEREES



Technical Officials



Medal Ceremony

I believe that all participants and delegations had a wonderful time in Swaziland 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 2014 Junior World Championships scheduled for later this year. The medal ceremony took place after the tournament in conjunction with an informal dinner function.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Dunker'.

Thomas Dunker
President AKU