



Joburg and Netball SA host league tournament

THE City of Joburg has partnered with Netball SA to host the 5th Brutal Fruit National Netball League, taking place from today until Sunday.

The tournament will resume next Friday and ends next Sunday. It is being held at the Ellis Park Indoor Arena in the Ellis Park Precinct and in the Rembrandt Hall at the University of Pretoria.

The tournament was launched in 2014, and has been growing in leaps and bounds. It features 10 teams representing all nine provinces battling it out for the trophy.

Member of the mayoral committee for community development Nonhlanhla Sifumba said this sport was one of the most popular competitive sports among women, and was played in most schools, including those in areas mostly attended by the poor.

The challenge, she said, had always been to develop and nurture the talent in those areas to a level where all learners can participate at national and international levels.

The tournament forms part of a six-week developmental programme aimed at fostering Joburg's commitment to women's participation in sport, especially netball.

The development programme include coaching clinics, where teams from various areas have the opportunity to be coached by top netball players.

Entrance is R20 for adults and R10 for learners. The fee covers all the matches of the day.

The official opening match is tomorrow at the Ellis Park Indoor Arena at 3pm.

The opening ceremony will be preceded by matches today and tomorrow.

