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Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sport Foundation hosts Inter- Mmabana Tumbling Competition at Mmabana Mahikeng Centre, 28th May 2022.

Mmabana Arts, Culture and Sport Foundation, is a Public Entity with a mandate to identify, develop and nurture talent in Arts, Culture, and Artistic Sports. The entity will host the annual Inter-Mmabana Tumbling Competition on the 28th of May 2022 at the Mmabana Mahikeng Gymnasium, from 08h00am.

This competition is a platform to identify the high-performance team that will represent the province at the main qualifying competitions, being the Tumble Mania Club Competition Invitational in Pretoria, African, and World Championship Trials, in Port Elizabeth. This kind of competition affords gymnasts an experience to perform on a competitive platform, winners will be provided with support to train in high performance centres as part of their preparations for the African and World Championship trials. The competition has thus far 106 registered participants, amongst them:

- i. **Michael Masangana Jnr:** In November 2021, represented the country at the 2021 World Age Group Games in Baku, Azerbaijan, and in December 2021, represented South Africa in Region 5 competition in Lesotho. He is ranked no 26 in the world in his Age group (15 -16). Michael Jnr received the Sportsman of the year award at the 2021 North West Sport Awards.
- ii. **Vuyisile George** In November 2021, represented the country at the 2021 World Age Group Games in Baku, Azerbaijan. He was awarded young athlete of the year at the North West Sports awards 2021. He is currently ranked No. 8 in the World in his Age Group (11 – 12 Years).

- iii. **Kamogelo Mokeke** a junior champion in her own right was adorned with the Sports Woman with Disability at the North West Sports Awards 2021. Attained level silver medal at the South African National games in 2021.
- iv. **Kobamo Keameditse:** A young protégé, with a great future ahead of him, a bronze medallist at both North West Provincial Tumbling Cup and the South African Tumbling Cup, and a Gold medallist at the preparatory competition held in Mahikeng on the 21st May 2022.
- v. **Kganya Mahila** who is a reigning female athlete for the Provincial Tumbling Cup Champion and a former National Tumbling Champion, also a gold medallist at preparatory competition held in Mahikeng on the 21st May 2022;
- vi. **Elizabeth Moreo** - a level 8- Bronze Medalist at the North West Cup.
- vii. **Katlego Zungu** - level 9: a former National Champion in lower levels and he is currently preparing to compete in upcoming National Trials for African Championship and World Championship.
- viii. **Tshepang Manoto** – Mmabana’s newest addition in the High Performance program, is preparing to qualify to compete at National tumbling trials.

This Inter-Mmabana Tumbling Competition will be overseen by the Mmabana esteemed team - Head Coach and North West Tumbling Chairperson Lebogang Ramokopelwa, who will be supported by Coaches Lebogang Maleshane and Marduke Thooe. The esteemed judges who adorn the 3rd Brevet Judge honour such as Patrick Mokoka, Michael Masangana, Ishmael Mogale, Mzwakhe Mandewo.

The entity, led by the able leadership of Mr Itumeleng Mogorosi (acting CEO), will continue with the implementation of the turn-around strategy that is centred around development, and promotion of arts, culture, and sports. We wish all the participants well in the competition, updates will be shared on various social media platforms

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