



Hundreds of students get a taste of the big time with the volunteer programme at the 2018 Arnold Classic Africa sports festival

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The 2018 Arnold Classic Africa sports festival will make use of hundreds of volunteers from around Johannesburg to be ambassadors of the biggest multi-sport competition in Africa

This initiative is an opportunity to offer vital work experience to tertiary students studying towards a sports related career.

The Gauteng Sports Confederation has once again been tasked with training and managing a team of 450 volunteers to assist in running the 2018 edition of this popular multi-sport festival from 18 - 20 May 2018.

Some 300 volunteers have already signed up ~~with~~ and the GSC team ~~are~~ is confident that they will achieve the target number by the time they kick off training.

This international multi-sport event is held in partnership with the Gauteng provincial government and the SA Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). This year ~~40-16~~ more events will be added to the bill compared to 2017 which brings the total to 60 events over the 3 days of the competition.

Yaseen Lombard CEO of the GSC said they were proud to once again be a part of this initiative.

“Being a part of this prestigious international showpiece gives us the opportunity to help prepare students to the world of work in ~~in~~ the sport and recreation field. This is another

opportunity for us to help enrich these future sports management professionals,” said Lombard.

He said the programme also serves as an opportunity for sports science and management students to be exposed to the professional business side of the sports industry over the duration of the Games.

“This exposure will give them invaluable experience in their future career prospects at a world class international sports event. And of course, they get to have fun at the same time.”

Indemnity forms were distributed to the University of Johannesburg and Exercise Teachers Academy, a sports college in Randburg, which are amongst the schools that were selected to be a part of this programme.

The first round of interviews commenced 15 February 2018. The second phase of the programme will commence on 14 April 2018, where all volunteers will undergo thorough training to ensure they are ready for the Games.

Arnold [Games Classic](#) Africa organiser Michelle Price said the [games have event has](#) grown tremendously over the years.

“We anticipate it to continue to grow bigger and better this year and as a result the team of volunteers must also be of a high standard. With [40-16](#) more sports codes added to the 50 featured in 2017, the workload will be higher and the volunteers have to be able to deliver.”

We are excited to work with the team at the GSC who have so professionally managed this programme since 2016.

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