



South African Association of Table Soccer
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SAATS Official League

Benefits of Table Soccer as a Sport

Sport has a major impact on communities. It is an essential part of community life. In the new South Africa, sport can be the most powerful tool for reconciliation and for the development of disadvantaged communities. Sport brings a country together better than anything else. It promotes community enthusiasm and provides an important avenue for social development, particularly amongst the young, as well as the ability to educate youth about health and social issues.

It empowers people and teaches leadership and citizenship skills and the importance of co-operation towards shared goals. It challenges inequalities in gender, race and disability. It enhances national pride. *Extract from: S. A. Government Ministerial Task Team on Sport: A high performance sports system for South Africa*

Table Soccer started as a game over 100 years ago as a table version of soccer, the world's most popular sport. It's a fun game of skill which enhances hand-eye coordination and can be played by all, irrespective of gender or age, even physically disabled. It requires fast reflexes and game planning ability.

The game is known to the majority of South Africans through the coin operated tables found in "cafés" and "arcades" for the past 30 years. Over the last decade the game has developed into an International sport. The South African Association of Table Soccer (SAATS) has introduced official Leagues to allow all South Africans to participate in the sport on a formal level.

Players' Benefits of SAATS League Membership

- Obtain **official recognition** based on skill of play
- **Play socially with a variety of different people**, irrespective of any ethnic or socio-economic differences
- Be introduced to **new players and locations** in your area
- Improve own game with **verifiable progress** (league structures and rankings)
- Receive an official **SAATS Membership** card
- Be **officially ranked** by SAATS within each League and respective category
- Top Players are **channeled into Regional / Provincial / National** Tournaments
- Gain opportunity to form part of the official South African Table Soccer team for **International Competitions / Championships**
- Stand a chance to **represent South Africa at World events** in this International sport
- A player simply needs to become a **Member of SAATS**, the sport Governing body in South Africa, (for an annual fee of R100) and to **join and participate in an official SAATS League** (fees may apply at League Master's discretion)
- Join an Official SAATS League now and prove your ability in this sport!

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Official SAATS Player's Leagues

1 Introduction

The South African Association of Table Soccer (SAATS), a registered section 21 non-profit organization, is the South African governing body for the sport of Table Soccer and the South African member to the international Table Soccer Federation (ITSF).

1.2 Funding

Sponsorship
Rights Dispensation
Memberships
Donations

1.3 Objective

The primary objective of the Official Leagues is to promote and formalize the sport of table soccer in South Africa. This allows the players at grass root level to have a structure that channels top players into Regional, National and International tournaments.

1.4 Milestones Accomplished

ITSF South African member August 2008
SA National Championship September 2008
ITSF World Cup 2009
ITSF World Championship 2009

1.5 Forthcoming Events

SA Championship 2009
SA League Cup 2009

2 Table Soccer Sports Structure

2.1 International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) –

- World Governing Body – Head Office in France.
- Association not for gain
- Currently consists of 54 Member countries

2.2 South African Association of table Soccer

- South African Governing Body
- Member to ITSF
- Section 21 Company – Association NOT FOR Gain.
- Elected Executive Council

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2.3 SAATS Provincial Affiliate

- 1 in each of the 9 provinces
- Elected SAATS representative

2.4 League

- Local area-designated Leagues in all 9 provinces.
- Represented by elected league master.

2.5 Players

- Open to all people of South Africa.

3 League Overview

3.1 Players are permitted

- To participate irrespective of race, sex, creed or age.
- Right of association to any league.

3.2 Players are obliged:

- To be registered with SAATS (R50 Annually)

3.3 SAATS Leagues are permitted to:

- To Elect when to play it's league
- To charge a league membership to its league members.
- To run as many "Friendly-games" and practice sessions as it deems fit.
- To raise 3rd party donations for it's league official tournaments
- To appoint its site/establishments in which the league runs.

3.4 SAATS Leagues are obliged:

- To promote the sport to all people in it's area.
- To abide by the sport's governing body's mission and directive.
- To ensure all its members are registered with SAATS.
- To disclose any 3rd party making a donation that such a donation is to the League itself and not to SAATS.
- To hold a minimum of 16 members.
- To hold a minimum of 4 annual official Tournaments. For the 2009 season minimum of 2 annual official Tournaments compulsory.

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3.5 League costs

- Once of Costs of registering a league are R 500.00.
- Annual League Certification are R 1000.00

3.6 League Categories

- Gents Open (19 years and older)
- Ladies Open (19 years and older)
- Gents Junior (18 years and younger)
- Ladies Junior (18 years and younger)

3.7 Sections

- Pro
- Semi-pro
- Rookies

3.8 Section Size

The number of Pro, Semi-pro and rookie players in each section is governed by the number of players in the respective entire league at the time of the Leagues last official Tournament.

3.9 Responsibility of all activities of the league.

SAATS only provides the League package. No rights are parted herein to the League Master to represent SAATS. The League Master is responsible for all activities of the League and SAATS strongly recommends that adequate 3rd party liability cover is available at all League events.

The SAATS league is independent of Venue. The league master is free to move the SAATS league to different venues as the need arises.

To Register complete the application form and submit to SAATS with relevant fees.

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SAATS Official Players' League

Application Form

League Name

League Master Details

Name & Surname

Physical Address:

Postal Address

Landline

Cellular

E-mail Address

League Details

League Name

Primary Category

League Address

Table Name & Model

Coin Operated / Free-play

Intended number of official Tournaments per year

Intended Annual League Membership Fee

Intended Tournament Fees

League Master Signature & Date

Required with application

- Copy of League Master's South African Identity Document or Passport.
- List of League players.
- Completed SAATS League Membership Form for each league player.

For official Use only

League Registration Number:

Date of Registration :

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