

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Note: For questions about the 2017 Maccabi Games, please see the Events section of the website.

What/who is Maccabi SA?

- Maccabi South Africa is one of six Confederations of Maccabi World Union (MWU) which is located in Ramat Gan, Israel.
- We are a Zionist, secular, non-profit, volunteer, community *sports organisation* responsible for providing sport and recreation infrastructure and opportunities for the Jewish community in Southern Africa.
- We have been active in the South African Jewish community for over 80 years.
- We are uniquely positioned to unite, engage and deliver real value for the community through *sport*.
- We subscribe to the aims and objectives of MWU which utilises sport as a means to bring Jewish people of all ages closer to Judaism and Israel.

What does Maccabi SA do?

As per our Mission Statement, our purpose is *“to provide a sustainable, meaningful and inclusive sporting and recreational programme of participation and competition, which serves to mobilise and enrich the Jewish community”*. This includes delivering both an ongoing, local programme of sporting events and activities, as well as selecting and managing a competitive team to participate in the Maccabi Games in Israel.

In the past 18 months we have redefined our role in the community via the creation of two operational pipelines:

1. **Participation** = providing sports and recreation for all and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles
2. **Excellence** = nurturing talent and developing winners

Where is Maccabi SA based?

Our national HQ is in Houghton, Johannesburg. The Maccabi Western Province sub-committee does not have a Cape Town office. You can email us on admin@maccabi.co.za or call +27 (0)11 694 5081. Please see the Contact Us page on our website for further info.

Do you have to be a member of Maccabi SA to participate in events?

Nope. The Maccabi SA organisation does not have a membership system and all Jewish members of the community are welcome. However, certain sports codes may require participants to “sign up” to that sport and/or register per event in order to participate.

How good do I have to be to participate in Maccabi SA events (excluding Maccabi Games)?

Our events programme consists of a diverse range of activities which accommodate the needs, interests and skills levels of all types of sportspersons, including social, recreational and competitive.

What sports does Maccabi SA offer?

Maccabi SA currently manages 16 sports codes (which may change from time to time) and which are selected based on community interest and active participation. Some of our more niche sports such as judo and karate are more geared towards the Maccabi Games, while other sports like bowls, cricket, futsal, golf and squash also have a strong community participation focus. Please see the Sports section of our website for further information.

Do the public have to pay to participate in Maccabi SA events (excluding the Maccabi Games)?

Certain sports events or tournaments may have an entrance or admin fee, which is used to cover hosting costs, for example venue hire, kit, catering etc.

How is Maccabi SA funded?

Maccabi SA is a registered non-profit organisation which is financed largely by fund raising, participant contributions, ad hoc donations, short term sponsorships and local event administration fees. If you would like to make a donation to Maccabi SA, or are interested in discussing sponsorship opportunities, please contact us!

How can I get involved with the organisation?

Great question. The Maccabi movement, both home and abroad, has always largely been driven by a culture of volunteerism. Maccabi SA has only one full time employee based at our HQ in Johannesburg. All other positions including the Executive Committee, Sports Convenors, Coaches, Medical and other support staff are made up of volunteers. If you would like to share your knowledge, skills and experience, please fill in the form on the Volunteer page of our website and we will contact you.

Can I donate my second hand sports equipment to Maccabi SA?

Absolutely! Sourcing used (and new) equipment for disadvantaged communities and individuals is an ongoing project at Maccabi SA. Please see the Outreach page on our website for more information.

Where can I buy the 2016 Maccabi Diary?

Please contact the publisher on lazari@iburst.co.za.

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