

Maccabi Youth Games FAQ's

Q: What are the Maccabi Youth games?

A: The Maccabi Youth games is a fun, new initiative that aims to bring together 1500 junior athletes to for a 10 day sports experience. The games will include a tournament in each of the available sports as well sports clinics, Tikkun Olam activities, cultural experiences and tours.

Q: When and where is it taking place?

A: The games are set to take place from 23 July – 01 August 2018 in the North of Israel. Haifa has currently been selected at the venue of choice (This was the venue used for the junior Maccabiah in 2017).

Q: Is this the Junior Maccabiah?

A: No, the Junior Maccabiah is part of the Maccabiah Games that takes place every 4 years in Israel. The most recent games took place in July of 2017. The Maccabi Youth Games is a smaller event aimed at a younger age group and is more of an experiential tour and places less focus on performance and results while promoting participation.

Q: Who is eligible to attend?

A: Any Jewish Youths born between 2002 – 2004 (2005 may be accepted pending application) that are SA Citizens living in South Africa.

Q: Which Sports will be going?

A: The Maccabi Youth Games is limited to Team Sports only. Basketball, Futsal, Football, Ice Hockey, Netball, Rugby 7's and Volleyball are all of the sports. South Africa will only be participating in: Futsal (Boys & Girls), Football (Boys & Girls), Netball and Rugby7's.

Q: Will there be trials?

A: This will depend on the number of applications that we have for each team sport. Should there be a significant sign up for a certain sport; a set of trials will need to take place. Please make your application by clicking on this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfStEALnKZumOSH6bVuRuyaMB30UT6benriiejjsnoiHQF65FQ/viewform>

Q: Will there be an Opening and Closing Ceremony?

A: Yes, However the event will no doubt be smaller than the Maccabiah's ceremonies as the games is a much smaller event.

Q: What is the cost of the Maccabi Youth Games?

A: The cost of the games has not yet been set. There will be a local cost that will cover flights, fees and kit and additionally there will be a dollar cost which will need to be paid to Israel directly. The final costs will be advised ASAP. The cost will be considerably less than the Maccabiah Games.

Q: What is included in the cost?

A: Flights (from JHB to Israel return), All transport, 3 Meals a day, Sports competitions, trainings, clinics, outreach and cultural events, tours, opening and closing ceremonies, delegation kit, medical insurance, delegation managers and team medical staff.

Q: What is excluded?

A: Domestic flights, Cost of sending team coaches and managers, playing and training kit, extra travel insurance, Israeli sim cards, anything not mentioned under inclusions.

Q: Will there be a team agreement to sign?

A: Yes, Maccabi SA expects only the best behaviour from all participants at all events. The Maccabi Youth Games is no different. Each participant and their parents/legal guardians will need to sign a team agreement that includes the conditions of the participant's selection and participation at the games as well as an ethos to follow and code of conduct. Maccabi SA reserves the right to exclude any participant from the games at any time should there be behavioural issues.