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2018 DTS VOLLEYBALL FOR ALL IN FULL SWING**WINDHOEK, 17 JANUARY 2018**

From only 240 spaces available for participating teams, 109 have already been booked by Wednesday, 17 January for the annual "Volleyball for All" hosted by the DTS Sports Club in Windhoek, and proudly sponsored by Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL) – a subsidiary of the Ohlthaver & List (O&L) Group – through its premium beer brand Windhoek Draught.

According to James Verrinder – Chairperson of the Namibia Beach Volleyball Academy, and Tournament Director of the "Volleyball for All", the 35th commemoration of this much anticipated annual event on the local sports and entertainment calendar started its journey in 1984 with only 34 participating teams. Verrinder: "The event grew to 90 teams in 1987, and boasts with 240 teams over the past five years. Unfortunately due to resources we are unable to exceed the 240 mark at this stage. Entries are coming in at a very fast pace, and we expect all 240 spots to be filled by this time next week."

This year the Windhoek Draught DTS Volleyball For All will take place on Saturday, 03 February 2018 at the DTS club premises in Sean McBride Street, Olympia. Windhoek Draught Brand Manager, Tasneem Klazen says NBL, under various brands has been supporting the event since 2001, with its premium brand, Windhoek Draught taking over as main sponsor nine years ago. Klazen: "This event is perfectly aligned with what Windhoek Draught stands for. Our brand is all about creating memorable outdoor experiences where real friends can enjoy real beer. This event is an opportunity for corporates to kick off 2018 with a bang or for individual entrants to simply break away from work-loaded mind-sets and have fun. This year's tournament promises nail-biting volleyball matches, a variety of tasty snack stalls and loads of prizes up for grabs. Windhoek Draught will have competitions throughout the day, so be sure not to miss it. Numerous companies make use of this event for team building and social purposes – a truth we are also very proud of." Klazen added that Windhoek Draught Ambassador, Gazza will entertain the audience at the prize-giving ceremony later in the day.

The DTS Chairperson, Axel Dainat placed emphasis on how this annual event would not exist without the sponsorship that keeps it alive. Other sponsors include Namibia Health Plan (NHP) who came on board this year, and Radiowave as Media Partner for the event. Dainat: "The relationship with our sponsors does not end



once their sponsorship have been signed off, but this is an ongoing relationship even after, and between the events every year. These are relationships we foster and cherish, and truly appreciate, because without them, no success can be achieved. We are truly and deeply appreciative and thankful.”

Technical Director of the Namibian Volleyball Federation, Christian Scholze also expressed gratitude to the sponsors, and excitement at how volleyball is kept alive in the country regardless of the challenges faced.

Entries close on Thursday, 25 January 2018. However, if the maximum total of 240 teams are reached before then, submission for entries automatically closes. Apart from medals, exciting additional prizes can be won for best dressed, sportiest, and best organized team among others. Food stalls will also be present at the event throughout the day, and right after the prize-giving ceremony which follows shortly after the final game of the day while DJ Coco will entertain the crowd in the beer tent until late at night.

Online registration forms and all relevant information can be obtained from the website: www.dts.org.na

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