

34th Annual Val Fowler Elite Girls' Basketball Tournament



Programme
6-9 August 2026

History of Tournament



An organised school basketball structure for girls, in South Africa, has its roots in Pietermaritzburg. Basketball was developed as a school sport in the late 1970s and most of the top local schools were actively involved in the age-group leagues. Similar leagues were springing up around the country. In 1981, the first Inter-Provincial Tournament was hosted in Pietermaritzburg. It attracted teams from a number of provinces, and the standard of play was remarkable for such a new sport.

In 1992 the first Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School Invitational Tournament was launched. For the first few years only teams from KwaZulu-Natal entered, but it was not long before it became a most sought-after tournament, attracting top teams from schools across the country, and Zimbabwe. In order to accommodate the best teams, but also cater for development in the sport, the tournament has an A-section and a B- section.

Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School 1st Team has been the champion team 25 out of the 33 years it has been staged. Other stalwarts that have excelled over the years include: Pretoria High School for Girls and Lereko Secondary School (FS). In 2015, the tournament was named, 'The Val Fowler Basketball Tournament' in recognition of Val's role in the establishment of schoolgirls' basketball and the staging of this premier annual tournament, as well as her achievements in coaching many winning teams, in a lifetime of coaching.



Welcome GHS Principal



Dear Players, Coaches, Managers and Supporters

It is my great privilege to welcome you to Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School for the **34th annual Val Fowler Basketball Festival**, taking place from **6–9 August 2026**.

For more than three decades, this tournament has brought together some of the finest schoolgirl basketball talent in southern Africa, and it remains one of the highlights of our sporting calendar. Once again, we are delighted to welcome **480 players, 40 coaches and 40 teams** to our campus, including **five visiting international teams**, whose participation reminds us that sport has a remarkable ability to build friendships that transcend borders, cultures and languages.

Across four exhilarating days, **144 matches** will be played. Every pass, rebound, steal and basket will tell a story of countless hours of practice, unwavering commitment and the pursuit of excellence. While trophies will ultimately find their owners, the true rewards of this festival lie in the friendships formed, the lessons learnt, the character displayed and the memories created.

Events of this calibre are never the work of one person. I extend my heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Anna-Marie Snyman** and the dedicated GHS Sports Department, whose months of planning and meticulous preparation have once again made this festival possible. Your professionalism and passion continue to set an exceptional standard.

My sincere appreciation also goes to our **29 referees**, including **seven FIBA-qualified officials**, whose knowledge, fairness and integrity ensure that every contest is conducted in the finest spirit of the game. We are equally indebted to our table officials, games secretaries, first-aid personnel, volunteers and support staff. Your willingness to serve behind the scenes allows everything on the court to shine.

We are especially grateful to **Mr Simon Moore** and the St John's DSG community for once again opening their excellent facilities to host the B Section of the festival. Their generosity and partnership have become an invaluable part of the event's continued success.

This festival proudly bears the name of **Miss Val Fowler**, one of Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School's most respected former Principals and a pioneering champion of schoolgirls' basketball. It is fitting that a tournament established in her honour continues to celebrate not only sporting excellence, but also the qualities she exemplified throughout her life—commitment, humility, courage, respect and gracious competition.

To every player: compete fiercely, play fairly and wear your school colours with pride. Encourage your teammates, respect your opponents and officials, and seize every opportunity that this remarkable festival offers. Long after the final whistle has blown, it is your conduct and camaraderie that will be remembered most.

On behalf of Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School, I wish every team an enjoyable, memorable and successful tournament. We are honoured to host you and trust that your time with us will be one of outstanding basketball, lasting friendships and unforgettable experiences.

May the festival be played in the very best spirit—and may the finest team emerge victorious.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marwick", is located below the "Warmest regards," text.

MR MM MARWICK
PRINCIPAL
PIETERMARITZBURG GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



Programme of Events 6-9 Aug

PMB Girls' High
41 Topham Road
A Section & U16 Section

&

St John's DSG
Harwin Road
B Section

Matches start at **12pm**

Matches finish at **8pm**

6 August

Matches start at **8am**

Matches finish at **6pm**

Supper: **Build a Burger for all teams**

7 August

Matches start at **8am**

Matches finish at **8pm**

8 August

Matches start at **8am**

Matches finish at **3pm**

Closing ceremony directly after last match

9 August

To follow the results of the tournament, please click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/4x9qd2a>



To follow the matches on Super Sport Schools, please click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/4xhvcOn>



Paid Parking Reminder

- Entry to the property is through Topham Road (41 Topham Road)
- Proceed to park in the parking lot or BE park.
- Exit is through the BE park and BE Gate.
- Parking is R20 Cash/Card. Payable upon exit.
- Parents/Spectators may purchase a weekend pass for R50 as well.

An exciting time to kick-off basketball passion & performance...



POOLS A Section

POOL A	TEAM
	PMB GHS
	Pretoria High School for Girls
	Durban Girls' High School
	Dominican Convent High School
POOL B	TEAM
	St Anne's Diocesan College
	Howick High School
	St Peters College
	The Heritage School, Zimbabwe

POOL C	TEAM
	St Mary's School, Waverley
	Epworth High School
	Sacred Heart
	Lereko 1
POOL D	TEAM
	Holy Rosary School
	The Wykeham Collegiate
	St Stithians Girls College
	St John's DSG

POOLS B Section

POOL A	TEAM
	PMB Invitational
	The Glen High School
	St. Mary's DSG, Pretoria
	Hermansberg
POOL B	TEAM
	Danville Park Girls' High
	Carter High School
	Wise Owl School, Zimbabwe
	Thomas More College

POOL C	TEAM
	Northlands Girls' High
	Wartburg Kirchdorf
	St Mary's DSG, Kloof
	ATS Select
POOL D	TEAM
	Westville Girls' High
	Alexandra High
	LIV Village
	Lereko 2

POOLS U16 Section

Pool A	Pool B
Pmb Girls' High School	Epworth High School
Maritzburg Christian School	St John's DSG
St Anne's Diocesan College	TWC
The Heritage School Zimbabwe	Thomas More College



FIXTURES A Section

Venue: GHS CC



A Section Fixtures

THURSDAY									
TIME	Match Number	COURT A			TIME	Match Number	COURT B		
12:00 - 13:00	1	St Mary's School, Waverley	vs	Epworth High School	12:00 - 13:00	2	Sacred Heart	vs	Lereko 1
13:00 - 14:00	3	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	Pretoria High School for Girls	13:00 - 14:00	4	Durban Girls' High School	vs	Dominican Convent High School Harare
14:00 - 15:00	5	Holy Rosary School	vs	The Wykeham Collegiate	14:00 - 15:00	6	St Stithians Girls College	vs	St Johns DSG
15:00 - 16:00	7	St Anne's Diocesan College	vs	St Peter's College	15:00 - 16:00	8	St Mary's School, Waverley	vs	Sacred Heart
16:00 - 17:00	9	Pretoria High School for Girls	vs	Dominican Convent High School Harare	16:00 - 17:00	10	Epworth High School	vs	Lereko 1
18:00 - 19:00	11	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	Durban Girls' High School	18:00 - 19:00	12	The Wykeham Collegiate	vs	St Johns DSG
19:00 - 20:00	13	St Peter's College	vs	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	19:00 - 20:00	14	St Anne's Diocesan College	vs	Howick High

FRIDAY									
TIME	Match Number				TIME	Match Number			
08:00 - 09:00	15	Howick High	vs	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	08:00 - 09:00	16	Holy Rosary School	vs	St Stithians Girls College
09:00 - 10:00	17	Pretoria High School for Girls	vs	Durban Girls' High School	09:00 - 10:00	18	St Mary's School, Waverley	vs	Lereko 1
10:00 - 11:00	19	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	Dominican Convent High School Harare	10:00 - 11:00	20	Epworth High School	vs	Sacred Heart
11:00 - 12:00	21	Holy Rosary School	vs	St Johns DSG	11:00 - 12:00	22	The Wykeham Collegiate	vs	St Stithians Girls College
12:00 - 13:00	23	St Anne's Diocesan College	vs	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	12:00 - 13:00	24	Howick High	vs	St Peter's College
13:00 - 14:00	BREAK								
14:00 - 15:00	25	A1	vs	D2	14:00 - 15:00	26	A3	vs	D4
15:00 - 16:00	27	B1	vs	C2	15:00 - 16:00	28	B3	vs	C4
16:00 - 17:00	29	C1	vs	B2	16:00 - 17:00	30	C3	vs	B4
17:00 - 18:00	31	D1	vs	A2	17:00 - 18:00	32	D3	vs	A4

SATURDAY											
TIME	Match Number					TIME	Match Number				
08:00 - 09:00	33	A1	vs	D1	08:00 - 09:00	34	A3	vs	D3		
09:00 - 10:00	35	B1	vs	C1	09:00 - 10:00	36	B3	vs	C3		
10:00 - 11:00	37	A2	vs	D2	10:00 - 11:00	38	A4	vs	C4		
11:00 - 12:00	39	B2	vs	C2	11:00 - 12:00	40	B4	vs	D4		
12:00 - 13:00	BREAK										
13:00 - 14:00	41	POS 13-16			13:00 - 14:00	42	POS 13-16				
			vs					vs			
14:00 - 15:00	43	POS 9-12			14:00 - 15:00	44	POS 9-12				
			vs					vs			
15:00 - 16:00	45	POS 5-8			15:00 - 16:00	46	POS 5-8				
			vs					vs			
16:00 - 17:00		Coaches	vs	College 1st							
17:00 - 18:00	47	SEMI 1 A			17:00 - 18:00	48	SEMI 1				
			vs								
19:00 -20:00	49	SEMI 2 A			19:00 -20:00	50	SEMI 2				
			vs								

SUNDAY							
TIME	Match Number			TIME	Match Number		
08:00 - 09:00	53	POS 11/12		08:00 - 09:00	52	POS 13/14	
			vs				vs
09:00 - 10:00	55	POS 7/8		09:00 - 10:00	B57	B Section : POS 3/4 -B	
			vs				vs
10:00 - 11:00	57	POS 3/4		10:00 - 11:00	54	POS 9/10	
			vs				vs
11:00 - 12:00	C28	U16 FINAL		11:00 - 12:00	56	POS 5/6	
			vs				
12:00 - 13:00	B58	SECTION B FINAL					
			vs				
13:00 - 14:00	58	SECTION A FINAL					
			vs				
14:00 - 15: 00				Closing Ceremony @ GHS			

- The A Section 15th/16th-place match will be played at St John's on 9 August at 8:00 am.



FIXTURES B Section

Venue: St John's



B Section

Fixtures

THURSDAY

TIME	Match Number	COURT A		TIME	Match Number	COURT B	
12:00 - 13:00	B1	PMB INVI	vs	The Glen High School	12:00 - 13:00	B2	St Marys DSG Pretoria
13:00 - 14:00	B3	Danville Park Girls' High School	vs	Carter High School	13:00 - 14:00	B4	Wise Owl School, Marondera Zimbabwe
14:00 - 15:00	B5	Northlands Girls' High School	vs	Wartburg Kirchdorf School	14:00 - 15:00	B6	St Mary's DSG, Kloof
15:00 - 16:00	B7	Westville Girls' High School	vs	Alexandra High School	15:00 - 16:00	B8	LIV Village
16:00 - 17:00	B9	PMB INVI	vs	St Marys DSG Pretoria	16:00 - 17:00	B10	The Glen High School
18:00 - 19:00	B11	Danville Park Girls' High School	vs	Wise Owl School, Marondera Zimbabwe	18:00 - 19:00	B12	Carter High School
19:00 - 20:00	B13	Northlands Girls' High School	vs	St Mary's DSG, Kloof	19:00 - 20:00	B14	Wartburg Kirchdorf School

FRIDAY

TIME	Match Number			TIME	Match Number		
08:00 - 09:00	B15	Alexandra High School	vs	Lereko 2	08:00 - 09:00	B16	Westville Girls' High School
09:00 - 10:00	B17	PMB INVI	vs	Hermansberg	09:00 - 10:00	B18	The Glen High School
10:00 - 11:00	B19	Danville Park Girls' High School	vs	Thomas More College	10:00 - 11:00	B20	Carter High School
11:00 - 12:00	B21	Northlands Girls' High School	vs	ATS Select	11:00 - 12:00	B22	Wartburg Kirchdorf School
12:00 - 13:00	B23	Westville Girls' High School	vs	Lereko 2	12:00 - 13:00	B24	Alexandra High School
13:00 - 14:00							
14:00 - 15:00	B25	A1	vs	D2	14:00 - 15:00	B26	A3
15:00 - 16:00	B27	B1	vs	C2	15:00 - 16:00	B28	B3
16:00 - 17:00	B29	C1	vs	B2	16:00 - 17:00	B30	C3
17:00 - 18:00	B31	D1	vs	A2	17:00 - 18:00	B32	D3

SATURDAY

TIME	Match Number			TIME	Match Number		
08:00 - 09:00	B33	A1	vs	D1	08:00 - 09:00	B34	A3
09:00 - 10:00	B35	B1	vs	C1	09:00 - 10:00	B36	B3
10:00 - 11:00	B37	A2	vs	D2	10:00 - 11:00	B38	A4
11:00 - 12:00	B39	B2	vs	C2	11:00 - 12:00	B40	B4
12:00 - 13:00							
13:00 - 14:00	B41	POS 13-16	vs		13:00 - 14:00	B42	POS 13-16
14:00 - 15:00	B43	POS 9-12	vs		14:00 - 15:00	B44	POS 9-12
15:00 - 16:00	B45	POS 5-8	vs		15:00 - 16:00	B46	POS 5-8
16:00 - 17:00							
17:00 - 18:00	B47	SEMI 1 B	vs		17:00 - 18:00	B48	SEMI 1 B
19:00 - 20:00	B49	SEMI 2 B	vs		19:00 - 20:00	B50	SEMI 2 B

SUNDAY

TIME	Match Number			TIME	Match Number		
08:00 - 09:00	51	A SECTION 15/16	vs		08:00 - 09:00	B52	POS 13/14
09:00 - 10:00	B51	POS 15/16	vs		09:00 - 10:00	B54	POS 9/10
10:00 - 11:00	B53	POS 11/12	vs		10:00 - 11:00	B56	POS 5/6
11:00 - 12:00	B55	POS 7/8	vs				
14:00 - 15:00							

Closing Ceremony @ GHS

- The B Section 3rd/4th-place match will be played at GHS on 9 August at 9:00 am.
- The B Section final will be played at GHS on 9 August at 12:00 pm.



FIXTURES U16 Section

Venue: GHS Outdoor



u16 Section

Fixtures

THURSDAY					
TIME	Match Number	COURT A		TIME	COURT B
12:00 - 13:00	C1	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	St Anne's Diocesan College	TWC
13:00 - 14:00					St John's DSG
14:00 - 15:00					Thomas More College
15:00 - 16:00	C4	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	Maritzburg Christian School	

FRIDAY					
TIME	Match Number	COURT A		TIME	COURT B
08:00 - 09:00	C5	Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School	vs	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	Epworth High School
09:00 - 10:00	C7	St Anne's Diocesan College	vs	Maritzburg Christian School	TWC
10:00 - 11:00					
11:00 - 12:00	C9	Maritzburg Christian School	vs	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	Epworth High School
12:00 - 13:00					St John's DSG
13:00 - 14:00					Thomas More College
14:00 - 15:00	C12	The Heritage School Zimbabwe	vs	St Anne's Diocesan College	TWC

SATURDAY					
TIME	Match Number	COURT A		TIME	COURT B
08:00 - 09:00	C13	A1	vs	B4	B1
09:00 - 10:00	C15	A2	vs	B3	B2
10:00 - 11:00					
11:00 - 12:00	C17	A1	vs	B3	B1
12:00 - 13:00	C19	A2	vs	B4	B2
13:00 - 14:00					
14:00-15:00	C21	POS 5-8		14:00 - 15:00	POS 5-8
		vs			vs
15:00-16:00	C23	SEMI 1		15:00-16:00	SEMI 2
		vs			vs

SUNDAY					
TIME	Match Number	COURT A		TIME	COURT B
09:00 - 10:00	C25	POS 5/6		09:00 - 10:00	POS 7/8
10:00 - 11:00	C27	POS 3/4			vs
14:00 - 15:00				Closing Ceremony @ GHS	

- The U16 final will be played indoors at GHS on 9 August at 11:00 am.



Lightning Safety Policy

The safety of all players, officials, coaches, spectators, and staff remains our highest priority. The tournament operates under a strict lightning safety protocol.

Lightning Detection System

A lightning alarm is situated on the grass field below the outdoor basketball courts.

The alarm siren will activate when lightning is detected within a 15 km radius of the school premises.

Procedure when the Siren Sounds

Should the lightning alarm sound:

All outdoor matches must be suspended immediately.

Players, coaches, officials, and spectators must move promptly to designated safe areas.

Teams and officials on the courts closest to the grass field must proceed directly to the Indoor Sports Centre and remain seated in the upstairs spectator area.

Teams and officials on the courts closest to the classroom blocks must move onto the school building corridors and follow the designated route to the Indoor Sports Centre.

Should the Indoor Sports Centre reach capacity, additional teams and officials will be accommodated in the School Gymnasium.

No individual may remain on the outdoor courts, open fields, or uncovered areas once the siren has sounded.

During the Suspension

All participants must remain in the designated safe areas until the all-clear signal has been given.

The all-clear will only sound 30 minutes after the last detected lightning strike within the 15 km radius.

Resumption of Play

Once the all-clear has been sounded:

Tournament management will assess all court and weather conditions.

A decision will then be made regarding the safe resumption of play.

In the event of delays caused by lightning, severe weather, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Organising Committee reserves the right to amend the tournament schedule to ensure the completion of the event. This may include the shortening of match durations, adjustment of quarter lengths, reduction of warm-up periods, or modification of game intervals. Any such changes will be communicated to coaches, team managers, referees, and officials as soon as reasonably possible. All decisions made by the Tournament Director and Organising Committee regarding schedule amendments shall be final and binding.

Match Results During a Lightning Suspension

In the event that a lightning suspension occurs during a game:

- **Any match that has completed the third quarter shall be deemed a completed match, and the score at the time of suspension will stand as the final result.**
- Matches suspended before the completion of the third quarter will be dealt with in accordance with the tournament contingency schedule and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Compliance

All teams, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators are required to comply immediately with the instructions of tournament staff and venue marshals during any weather-related suspension.

Failure to comply with safety directives may result in removal from the venue and/or disciplinary action by tournament management.

Safety first. No match result is more important than the wellbeing of our participants and guests.



Points of Interest



Liberty Midlands Mall
S: 29 34.965 E: 30 22.592
9.1 km

Woodburn Square
15 Woodhouse Road
2 km

Athlone Circle Mall
1 Montgomery Drive
7.1 km

Brookside Mall
Gumtree Road & Willow Road
5 km

Cascades Lifestyle Centre
23 McCarthy Drive
7.9 km

Hayfields Mall
28 Blackburn Road
3.3 km

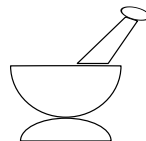
Medics and Emergencies

Mediclinic Hospital
90 Payn Street
033 845 3700
2.3 km



St Anne's Hospital
331 Burger Street
033 897 5000
3 km

Msunduzi Daynite Pharmacy
273 Alexandra Road
033 346 1067
160m



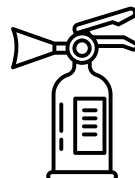
Duzimed Pharmacy
352 Burger Street
033 342 1200
3.1 km

SAPS Alexandra Road
101 Alexandra Road
033 845 7703
1 km



SAPS Town Hill Police Station
5 Montgomery Drive
033 845 7789
7 km

Pietermaritzburg Fire Station
324 Pietermaritz Street
033 845 5900
4 km



Oribi Fire Station
120 Oribi Road
033 392 3116
2.2 km

Vendors

Food Vendors will be located at PMB Girls' High on 6 - 9 August.



Please note that a small tuck shop will be available at St John's
Note that this tuck shop will be CASHLESS

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