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# **THE WHITE PAPER ON SPORT AND RECREATION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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physical activities with the subsequent loss of all the benefits that the country attached to this.	explored to ensure the optimal utilisation of existing facilities.
In terms of a Cabinet decision taken on 5 March 2003, all infrastructure funds allocated by national departments were incorporated into the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) as from April 2005. This resulted in the termination of the Building for Sport and Recreation Programme (BSRP) of SRSA. Within the new arrangement the main responsibilities of SRSA were defined to be policy formulation, advocacy and monitoring the performances of municipalities in the provision of relevant sector infrastructure.	The building and upgrading of sport and recreation facilities must simultaneously address the important areas of facility management, training and maintenance.
The Cabinet decision resulted in SRSA losing the momentum in addressing the backlog in sport and recreation facilities with municipalities prioritising MIG funding for the delivery of basic services rather than building sports facilities.	Municipalities are key role-players in the provision of sport and recreation facilities. Municipalities should, among others, include the building of sports facilities in their planning; ensure maximum and equitable access to facilities by reviewing municipal by-laws and tariffs and developing effective partnerships with lease holders; carefully consider the advantages of multi-purpose sports facilities; and develop a way forward for the effective coordination, monitoring and management of the 2010 stadia.
One of the major challenges related to sports facilities is the disparity in the placement and number of sports facilities. Furthermore, many facilities are under-utilised and in poor condition due to vandalism and lack of maintenance, lack of security and ineffective management.	

## **CLUBS**

**Strategic objective:** To provide formal sports participation opportunities through an integrated and sustainable club structure.

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Policy directives</b>
A network of club structures integrated into provincial and national sport structures spanning urban and rural areas across the country forms the basis of sports provision in any sports system. Sports provision, development and excellence will not be possible if there is not a strong foundation of club structures in place.	<p>An integrated and sustainable club structure is recognised as a prerequisite for the foundation of the South African sports system. NFs must take responsibility to ensure that the growth of their sport is supported by a well developed club system.</p> <p>The formation or revitalisation of clubs and leagues must be supported at a local level by introducing programmes and procuring sports equipment and attire.</p>