



Department of Health

Grand Final Competition

100 competitors, 20 trainers, 9 judges and 30+ cheerleaders descended on Turffontein Race course on June 24th for the Regional and Grand Finals of the Gauteng DOH Handwashing Championships. All teams competing had won the right to attend the finals by winning at the District competitions held in early June. After 8 months of training and competing at their local facility and at the district level every team came ready to win one of the prizes in the R100000 finals sponsored by Kimberly Clark Professional. The teams had already proven their ability to win; these were the best teams in the province and had proven they deserved their spot in the competitions.



REGIONAL COMPETITION:

Tension filled the room as the players, trainers and judges knew that today was the final day of the greatest hand hygiene competition ever held in South Africa. The players were tense but ready. The trainers provided final words of advice and encouragement as the Regional play downs got underway. The competition was intense and the scoring very close but the best of the best rose to the challenge. It was a close contest as teams tried their hardest to ensure they qualified to compete in the final for the top prizes. After two hours of washing and scoring the judges announced the top 6 teams (2 from each Region) that would advance to the Grand Finals.

The 6 REGIONAL WINNERS advancing to the final competition were:

- 1. Johan Heyns**
- 2. Yosuf Dadoo**
- 3. Laudium**
- 4. Kopanong**
- 5. Sebokeng**
- 6. Edenvale**

The Regional winners celebrated their success as the remaining teams consoled themselves that they had done their best but, today, their best fell short. Next time they would do better, they would advance to the finals.

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS:

The 6 finalists were ready to WIN and eager to prove up to the challenge. The R100000 in prizes, sponsored by KIMBERLY-CLARK PROFESSIONAL* were now within reach. The competing teams were enthusiastic and ready to win. But in the end there could only be 3 grand prize winners and 3 runners up.

AND THE WINNERS ARE



1st Place WINNER Kopanong Hospital. For being the very best hand washers in Gauteng, Kopanong received R50 000 in equipment. In addition, each team member was awarded a R1000 voucher.

- ⇒ **2nd Place WINNER** was **Edenvale Hospital**. For coming 2nd the hospital received **R25 000** in equipment and each team member was awarded a **R500 voucher**.
- ⇒ **3rd Place WINNER** was **Johan Heyns Hospital**. For 3rd place the hospital received **R15 000** in equipment and each team member was awarded a **R300 voucher**.
- ⇒ **Runner Up awards**. Each team member on the 3 runner up teams was awarded a **R200 voucher**.

The trainers, team members and facilities all celebrated their skills and their success and are now busy deciding the equipment of their choice according to their individual needs.

EVERYONE WINS WHEN WE WASH OUR HANDS

The biggest winners of all were **THE PATIENTS** of all the health care professionals who took part in this competition. For these professionals it was all about ensuring that the patients in their care recover safely. They are committed to ensuring a reduction in health care associated infections by adopting proper hand hygiene practices.

“WASHING IS CARING”