



You are invited to participate in the

## **Limpopo Open 2018**

FFSA National Ranking Competition

National Qualifying Event for:  
Senior African Championships,  
Senior World Championships,  
Commonwealth Junior Fencing.

Hosted by the Limpopo Fencing Association

DATE/S: Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

VENUE: "Mokopane Education Multi-Purpose Centre",  
1830 Rufus Seakamela Steet, Mahwelereng-C,  
MOKOPANE, 0626, Limpopo

GOOGLE MAPS reference is = "Mokopane College"

(2h 40 min Drive - North from O.R. TAMBO International)  
(1h Drive - South from Polokwane International Airport)

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON OPHARDT ON 28 February 2018**

You must register on the Ophardt system, yourself or via your Club Administrator.  
No late entries are accepted. No Withdrawals will be refunded.  
For Ophardt entry queries contact Jo Ann Saner on [fencing@li.co.za](mailto:fencing@li.co.za)



**ENTRY FEE:**

RSA Fencers:

1. R350.00 for One or first Two events and then R50 per additional event.  
NB: An event is defined as a distinct age and weapon category.

2. R50.00 for Development Fencers for One or first Two events and then R50 per each additional event.

Foreign Fencers

3. R350 for entry (as above) and plus the R150 Once-Off FFSA License fee or full Annual License Fee of R350 where applicable.

**PAYMENT:**

No cash will be accepted at the venue.

**EFT payment to be made by: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.**

Please add R20 to Cash Deposit Entry fees.

Please use the reference code:- FENCER'S INTIAL AND SURNAME - LO18  
For example: -A.Smith-LO18

Email proof of payment to Leon de Villiers - [leon.devilliers@icloud.com](mailto:leon.devilliers@icloud.com)

Banking Details:

Payable to: Limpopo Fencing Association (LFA)

First National Bank

Branch code: 250 655

Account type: Current Account

Account No.: 62 43 37 60 875

**FFSA License Fee:**

FFSA License for 2018 must be obtained by a Fencer, from their Provincial Association prior to entry into this event. The annual fee is R350.

Provincial administrators: Please send proof of license payments and Name list to the FFSA Treasurer at [we@rades.co.za](mailto:we@rades.co.za)

and cc: Leon de Villiers - [leon.devilliers@icloud.com](mailto:leon.devilliers@icloud.com)



## COMPETITION RULES:

1. **ENTRY:** A Fencer will only be permitted to enter his/her own age group, and ONE up.  
Except where there is no event offered in the Age Group of the Fencer e.g. Cadet Sabre.
2. Fencers must sign-in for each competition at the Registration Table.
3. Fencers are to sign the provided Attendance Register & Indemnity Forms with registration, at the Registration Table.
4. **The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the order of the programme. Finishing times can only be estimated once all entries have been received. Such times are dependent on the number of entries, availability of Referees and the promptness of Fencers to present themselves on the Piste.**
5. **AGE GROUPS: Season 2017/2018**  
**Minimum age:** No fencer under the age of 12 years as on the 31st December 2017 may enter in the official Ophardt categories.

### **Cadet (u17)**

Under 17 years of age at midnight December 31, 2017. (2001, 2002, 2003)

### **Junior (u20)**

Under 20 years of age at midnight December 31, 2017. ( 1998, 1999, 2000)

6. Only the top 4 Nationally ranked Cadet fencers may enter the Senior Event. These fencers will however not be allowed to fence Cadets if they choose to fence Senior.
7. A competition will only take place if there is a minimum of four (4) entries by the closing date.
8. No fencer will be allowed to fence without a 2018 FFSA license.
9. The competition will not be delayed by waiting for fencers – fencers must sign-in by the Roll Call time before the competition, and if a fencer is not at Roll Call they will be excluded.
10. Fencers must present themselves at the piste 10 minutes before the announced starting time of an event. Any fencer not present at the piste and ready to fence (may not still be fencing in another event at that time), will be scratched from the event.  
Fencers are therefore cautioned against entering events that are likely to partially overlap. This particularly applies to fencers entering more than one weapon in more than one age group.



11. The progress of the schedule depends on the availability of pistes & referees.
12. FFSA Competition regulations will apply and are to be adhered to.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

1. Weapons, Masks, Electric Jackets, Body Wires, Mask Clips, Sabre Manchettes & Gloves are to be submitted to weapons check before the event, and will be checked again by the officiating referees before pool and DE bouts.
2. 350N Plastrons must be worn.
3. No tracksuit pants may be worn. Breeches and long socks only.
4. All fencers on the piste must have access to at least one spare working weapon, body wire and mask clip at the side of the piste.
5. Electric jackets, mask bibs, sabre gloves & manchettes will be tested for dead spots.

### GENERAL

1. Provinces must confirm the names of their **accompanying Referees** to Mike Stafford, (Head of the Referee Commission) via email, and the organizers by the 28 February 2018 (closing date). Referees sent by their province may not refuse if called upon to referee.
2. **Referees:**

Provinces are reminded of their **obligation to make Referees** available - and to enter them on Ophardt by the closing date according to the table below (source FFSA Minutes July 2017) :

- 1 - 10 fencers = Nil Referee
- 11 - 20 fencers = 1 Referees
- 21 - 30 fencers = 2 Referees
- 31 - 40 Fencers = 3 Referees
- 40 plus = 4 Referees

This should not be confused with the **hosting Province** supplying referees, over and above its obligation, to run an efficient competition. In this instance, a referee from a different province may be requested to assist at the event, where his/her travel expenses will be paid by the L.O.C.

Where a **Visiting Province** wishes to employ a local resident referee to meet their Provinces Referee obligation, a request for that referee must be made to the L.O.C. In this instance, the requesting province will pay the equivalent of R600 per day for the services of that referee to the LOC.



3. Fencers must be aware of **doping regulations**. Any fencer may be tested.
4. If anyone needs **repairs** done to their weapons, or body wires, please contact Thulani. Please note repairs done at the Competition are at a cost and payable to the person/s doing the repair.
5. **Medals**
  - Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded for each Event, and a Gold Medal for top placed Veteran in the Senior Events.
  - If an Event has less than 6 entries only Gold and Silver medals will be awarded.
  - All Fencers receiving medals are required to be dressed accordingly in Fencing attire (Jacket zipped closed) or their Club / Provincial / National official track suit. No t-shirts or branded attire will be permitted.
  - Medals will be presented shortly after the end of an event, but bearing in mind that other bouts are to continue and may not be interrupted unless agreed to by the Referees.
6. Current National Rankings can be found on <http://www.fencingworldwide.com/en/>
7. Spectators, Fencers & Coaches are reminded to refresh their understanding of rules t82, t83 & t92 & t93 with regard to behavior.

### **Issued on behalf of the FFSA by the Limpopo Fencing Association**

On 8 FEB 2018 Initial

#### **FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES:**

Chairman of the LFA & L.O.C : Mark Howitt [howitt.mj@gmail.com](mailto:howitt.mj@gmail.com) - 082 496 1800  
National Competition Supervisor: Jo Ann Saner ([fencing@li.co.za](mailto:fencing@li.co.za)) - 082 5735739

#### **TRANSFERS**

- **NB:** Please **allow at least 1 hour additional travelling time** to be in time for return flights on Sunday Night – Roads and tollgates are very busy .... So book the late returning flights back home.
- **Transport Assistance:** save on car rentals
  - LFA has secured the services of a local transporter to assist in faring people from OR Tambo International to Mokopane on Friday Night and return Late Sunday Afternoon.
  - Only one trip out to Mokopane and one trip return to OR Tambo
  - Can carry 12 people with luggage in trailer.



- Cost is R700 per person for the round trip from OR Tambo and return
  - (this fee is based on a minimum of 10 people to keep the fee at R700 per person, but if more the fee could be less per person, BUT if less than 10 the fee would be more per person)

Depending on demand, we could source a second vehicle.

To book contact:

Co-coordinator: Herman or Amanda Smith

+27 73 283 4140 or +27 83 773 2119 (WhatsApp is preferred)

Reference "Fencing" in your discussion with them.

### **Accommodation:**

Accommodation List will be forward, by Tuesday (13 February) once the contact numbers have been verified.



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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Sign in on arrival. Roll call: 45 min before scheduled starting time. Please be waiting 10min prior to starting time at Piste.**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 <small>On 11.02.2018 Initial</small>				
07:00		Weapons' Check		
07:30		Referee Meeting		
		<b>Epee</b>	<b>Sabre</b>	<b>Foil</b>
07:30	08:00	Cadet (u17) Men's Epee	Junior (u20) Women's Sabre	
08:00	08:30			
08:30	09:00			
09:00	09:30		Cadet (u17) Women's Sabre	
09:30	10:00			
10:00	10:30		Senior Women's Sabre	
10:30	11:00	Senior Men's Epee		
11:00	11:30			Cadet (u17) Women's Foil
11:30	12:00			
12:00	12:30			Senior Women's Foil
12:30	13:00			
13:00	13:30			
13:30	14:00	Junior (u20) Men's Epee		Junior (u20) Women's Foil
14:00	14:30			
14:30	15:00			
15:00	15:30			
15:30	16:00	<b>Veteran's Mixed Epee</b>		

#### **EPEE TEAM EVENTS**

<b>Time will be informed</b>	SENIOR MEN'S EPEE	(8 Fencers selected by FFSA Team Manger)	JUNIOR WOMEN EPEE
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07:30		Referee Meeting		
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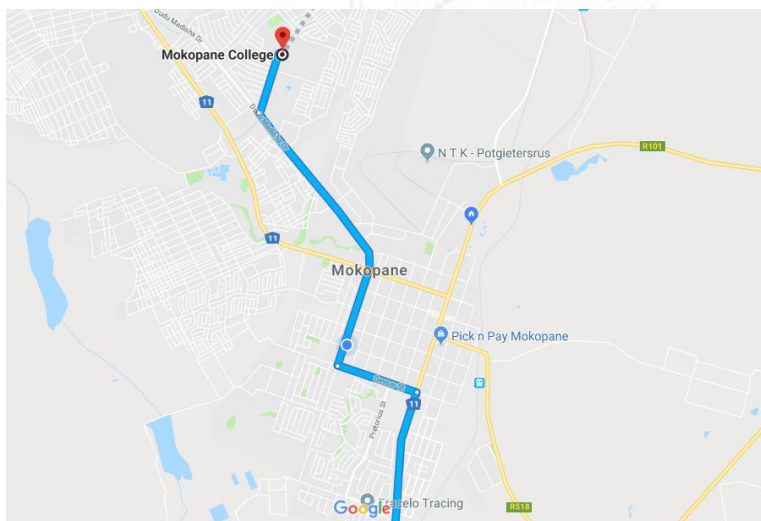
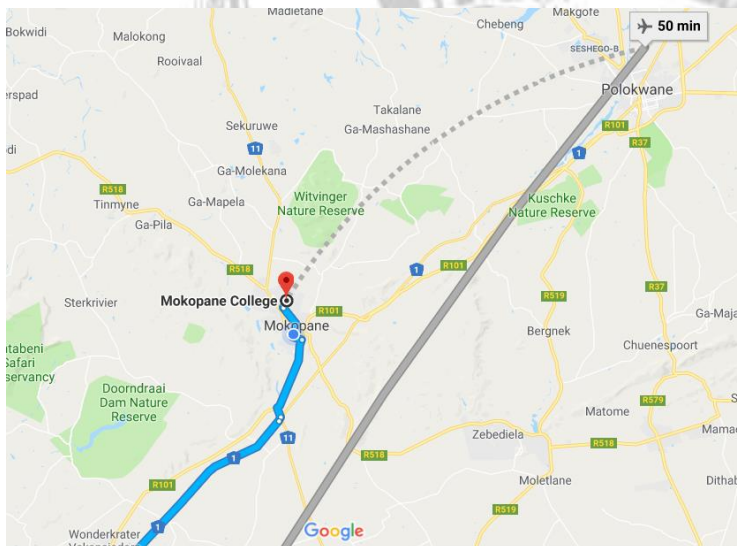
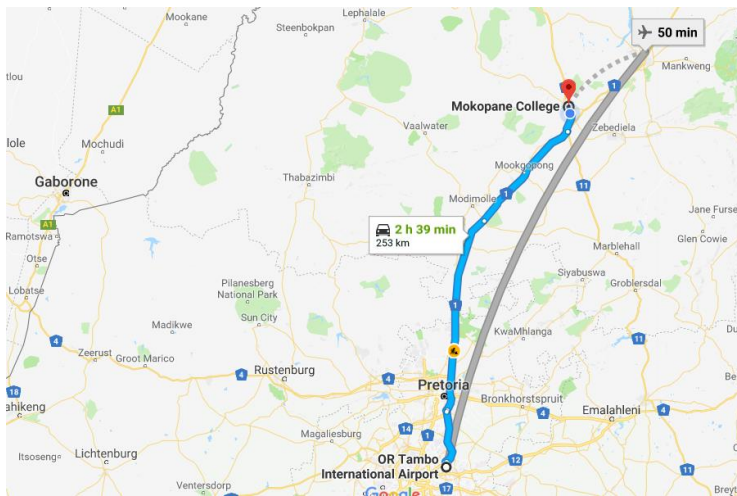
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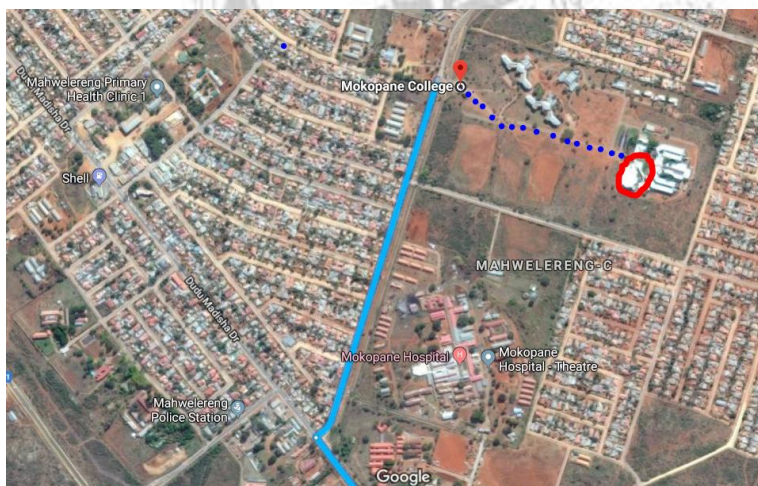
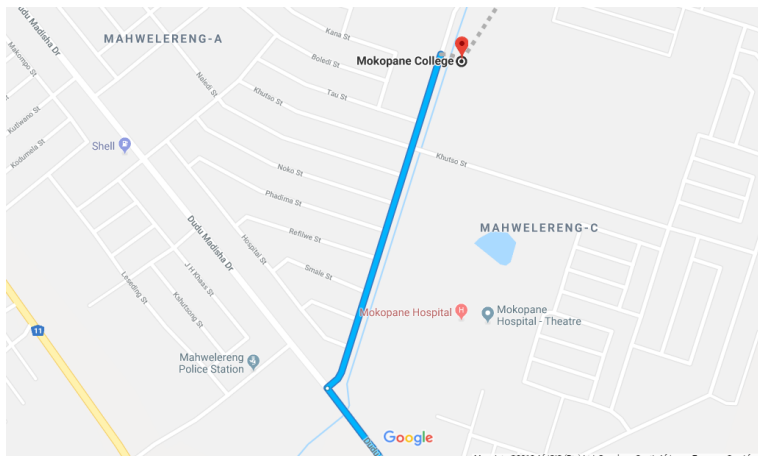
### **DIRECTIONS: to Mokopane College**

#### **- From OR Tambo / Pretoria**

- R21 – North to Pretoria
  - Off ramp to left (N1 to Polokwane)
- N1 – Northerly direction
- 3 \* Toll Gates (Phumalani Plaza; Carusel Plaza; Kranskop Plaza)  
(All are E-Tag compatible, budget R 150 one way)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Toll Gate “Nyl Plaza”
  - **Left hand lane** – off ramp .....to Mokopane.
- Off Ramp T-Junction -
  - Left to Mokopane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> T-Junction -
  - Right to Mokopane
- Into Mokopane
  - First Robot
    - Left (into Geysers Street)
  - Second robot
    - Right (into Dudu Madisha Street)
  - Across 4 robots
  - One block before the 5<sup>th</sup> Robot
    - Right (into Rufus Seakamela Steet)
  - “Mokopane College”
    - Will be on the right
    - Through security gate – down to Parking Area.

The Fencing Hall is on the right as one walks through the main entrance structure.





**Red Pin** - is Security gate at entrance to “Mokopane College” ,  
**Blue dotted line** - is the drive to the parking area,  
**Red Circle** - is the fencing hall.

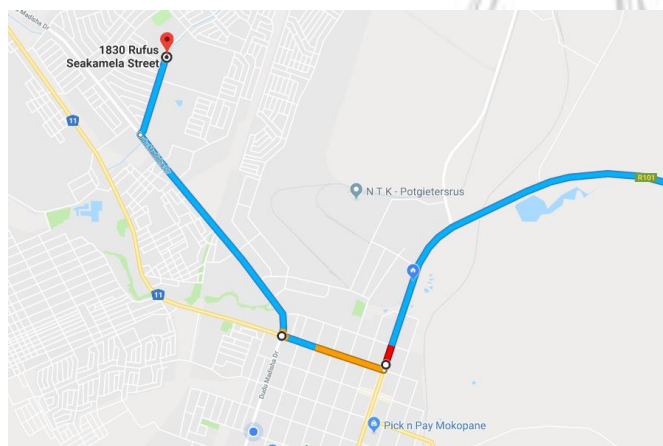
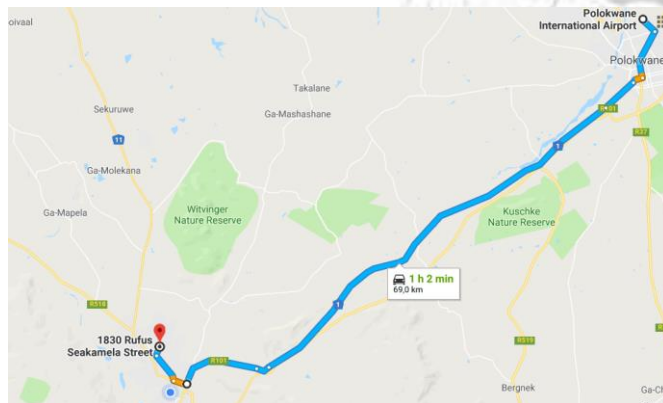


## DIRECTIONS: to Mokopane College

### - From Polokwane

- N1 – South to Mokopane
  - Off ramp to left (R101 to Mokopane)
  
- Toll Gate “Zebeteila Plaza”
  - ....to Mokopane.
  
- Into Mokopane
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Robot
    - Right (into Nelson Mandela Drive)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Robot
    - Right (into Dudu Madisha Street)
  - Across 1 robot
  - One block before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Robot
    - Right (into Rufus Seakamela Steet)
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