

Kobus van der Walt

Kobus van der Walt studied and lectured in Physical Education at the University of Northwest from 1971 to 1980. He then worked as National Organiser of Sport and Recreation Research, a function that was carried forward to the SA Association for Sport Science, Physical Education and Recreation for which he worked until 1992. During this time, he managed the multi-disciplined membership association and, amongst other things, organised numerous local, national and international symposia and conferences on all aspects of Sport Science and Medicine, Sport Management, Physical Education and Recreation.

During his early careers he coached gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, presented coaching, coaches and administration courses and organised many competitions and championship events in from local to international level.



He joined the Nelson Mandela University in 1992 as Director Sport. He was member of the Executive Committee of the National Sport Council (NSC) Eastern Province from 1992 to 1999 as well as the Eastern Cape NSC from 1993 to 1999. He was member of a number of international fact-finding groups during this time. Visiting Australia to study their Sport Academy System and AIS in Canberra were instrumental to his contribution to the establishment of numerous academies of sport in South Africa. He served as Chairperson of the Board of the Eastern Province Academy of Sport as well as board member of the Eastern Cape Academy of Sport from 1996 to 1999.

Kobus joined the University of Pretoria as Director of Sport in July 1999. A position he held until February 2017 when he retired. During his term of office at UP he focussed solely on the task at hand and contributed extensively to the formation and development of the Heads of Sport at SA Universities Forum which he served as Chairperson from 2004 – 2010. He was also involved in the formation of Varsity Sport and the University Sport Company (USC) from the beginning and still serves on the Varsity Sport Executive Committee.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALISATION

- Participation and Performance Management in a Multi-Sport Programme ranging from recreational and club participation to professional participation also accommodating special needs of international athletes.
- Strategic Planning, Sport Management and Stakeholder Relationship management.
- High Performance and Athlete Management
- Management of Scientific and Medical services in sport
- Coach Education and Management

EDUCATION

1974 BA Hons. (Physical Education), North West University

CAREER

1975 - 1979 Lecturer, North West University

1980 - 1981 National Organiser, Sport and Recreation Research, SA Sport Federation.

1981 - 1992 Director, SA Association for Sport Science, Physical Education and Recreation

1992 – 1999 Director Sport. Nelson Mandela University

1999 – 2017 Director Sport. University of Pretoria

Present Involved in a number of Sport Education, Management and Performance Projects and Initiatives

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALISATION

- Participation and Performance Management in a Multi-Sport Programme ranging from recreational and club participation to professional participation also accommodating special needs of international athletes.
- Strategic Management including relationships with Macro, National and Provincial bodies of sport; Industry, Public Sector and various other stakeholder groups
- Business Management (Financial and Legal) and Strategic Planning
- High Performance and Athlete Management
- Management of Scientific and Medical services in sport
- Sport Facility Management and Technical Support
- Coach Education and Management

INVOLVEMENT IN SPORT

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1976 - 1982 Presented coaching, coaches and administration courses and organised many competitions and championship events in gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling.

1980 - 1992 Organised numerous local, national and international symposia and conferences on all aspects of Sport Science and Medicine, Sport Management, Physical Education and Recreation.

1993 - 1999 Executive Committee. National Sport Council (NSC) Eastern Province and Eastern Cape

1996 - 1999 Chairperson: Board of the Eastern Province Academy of Sport as well as board member of the Eastern Cape Academy of Sport.

2004 - 2010 Chair: Forum for Directors of Sport at South African Universities

2012 – present Member of Varsity Sport Exco