



Players fight for the ball during the DNC competition.

## Danone Nations Cup provincial finals loom

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Four schools will battle each other on Saturday in the provincial finals of the Danone Nations Cup.

The overall winner will qualify for the national finals set to take place in June, whereby national winners will get a chance to represent South Africa in the world finals scheduled for later this year in London.

Teams which will be taking part in the provincials are Agincourt Public School, Tlaseeng Primary School, DP Kgotleng Primary School and Educare Primary School.

This will be the second time Tlaseeng Primary School will be playing in the provincial finals.

The school won all their games at cluster and regional level and will be looking forward to prevail on Saturday.

Its coach, Arthur Rapoo said they trained very hard preparing for the competition and are looking forward to win the title.

He said the team will be depending on their defender Thato Mpetsi, captain and midfielder Siyabonga Sibanyoni and striker Thabiso Mokothu to win the game.

The trio are the team's key players.

Sibanyoni was part of last year's squad and his experience play a major role in helping the team.

Agincourt Public School is quoted as one of the toughest teams in the group and has a good squad of players this year and stands a good chance of getting to the national finals.

The school has competed in the Danone Nations Cup for five years and this will be their first time in the provincial finals.

They have two midfielders in Karlego Boareng

and Kgotlato Mogami to perform for them.

Organised by Danone South Africa and approved by the South African Schools Football Association (SASFA), the tournament has always proved fruitful and was in the year 2000, aiming to reach as many pupils as possible to bring health through food and sport to millions of children throughout

the world.

South Africa is the only country to have won the tournament three times, in 2003, 2007 and 2009, and will again be one of the 40 countries to compete in this prestigious event.

Danone has built the tournament on four fundamental pillars which are fair play, openness,

accessibility and passion for the game and through the Danone Nations Cup they promote healthy habits and encourage the youth to believe in their dreams.

It was organised not just for teams to win but for the players to enjoy the game and share their experience.