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## Poor state of sports facilities hinders players

I write this letter to express my concern over the bad state of sports facilities in Nelson Mandela Bay.

Over the past three weekends of October, I watched the Safa Nelson Mandela Bay Inter Local Football Tournament.

I was impressed with the talent displayed by the players, but I was disappointed with the bad standard of the facilities that denied the players the opportunity to display

their God-given talents.

I don't think the fields are being maintained at all. If so, someone must prove that to the sports people and the community at large.

Surprisingly, while there is no service rendered to the people of this metro in terms of improving their standard of living, councillors are busy fighting for suite tickets, ignoring the people that elected them to the positions they are holding.

As a sports activist, I salute all the Local Football Associations and Safa NMB for continuing to provide the players with the opportunity to display their God-given talents under the difficult conditions they are subjected to.

It will be difficult for Chip-pa United and Highbury to get local players under these conditions, and people should not complain when these teams import players from other provinces.

Why is the municipality not appointing security officers under the EPWP programme to guard the facilities? I hereby wish to encourage all the other sporting federations to continue with their sporting development programmes regardless of the challenges experienced.

Forget about the VIP ticket leaders, continue with the task you were elected to do — that of development of sport.

*A concerned sports activist*