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Interview with NSF President

Good day President, how are you doing?

Good day Chief, I am doing well

What is the NSF website?

The Nigeria Squash Federation official website is:

What is the current state of the website?

The website is functional though we are still updating the different sections and we are open to suggestions on further developments to the website; suggestions on information the public would like to see that is not currently available on the site.

We need site visitors to send us comments and suggestions on what we can do to improve the site.

We have been asked by the NSF to register our players, coaches, referees, clubs etc. What is the state of this registration?

This was the initial focus in putting up the site, to gather data on the human resources and squash infrastructure across Nigeria. Currently from our database, we have Only 218 Players, 24 Coaches, 16 Referees, 4 Clubs and Zero courts registered on our database. Please see snapshot below.



Boye Oyerinde



Initially, we had about 350 registered players but the data was incomplete with a lot vital information missing. We redesigned and tidied up on the loose ends, now we have better information on the records on our database.

However, as you can see from the numbers, we have a long way to go as we are aware, that we have over 400 players, many more coaches and referees in Nigeria. Also, we are over 30 facilities and clubs in Lagos alone but we have only 4 registered presently with incomplete data. We need information on Squash courts entered into the database to give us detailed information on available courts across the country showing their current state and location.

We would like to have details of squash players of all ages across the country registered on our database. The federation is planning to have a National Squash Festival to include the masters event in different age categories: 30+, 35+ 70+ .. 80+, the only way we can achieve this successfully is to handle the registration online and we need the records to achieve this and support our planning.

How is the website being funded?

The website is being funded mostly out of pocket for now and contributions from tournament registration which is very low.

We are working towards having the website being self-sustaining through adverts, Tournaments' registration and/or sponsorship.

What advise do you have for squash stakeholders in Nigeria with respect to the website and registration?

We kindly request that stakeholders visit the website from time to time for information on Squash in Nigeria and globally. We seek stakeholders support in providing information on squash players, coaches and referees and on facilities across the country. We are aware that this could be tasking but this only needs to be done once. We kindly seek your support in populating the database.

What are the benefits of the website to the general public, squash enthusiast etc?

The NSF website has a lot of benefits for the general public/squash enthusiast visiting the site www.nigeriasquashfed.com

Firstly, visitors to the NSF site would be able to view online, detailed information on registered coaches, referees and Nigerian squash players showing the demography and ranking across different categories: Juniors (U13, U16, U19) and seniors. This would also assist the federation in addressing challenges that come with age grade competitions and aid our planning considerably.

We hope to be able to provide details of clubs and Courts across the country to include location and contact details at the different clubs such that if you find yourself in any state and would like to play or watch the game of squash, you just visit the website and this information is made available to you.

The site also contains information on past and upcoming squash events with links to old videos and online streaming of live matches during competitions. <https://nigeriasquashfed.com/events>

The general public can also advertise their goods on our site at minimal cost.

Does the NSF website have anything for Squash Clubs?

Yes, we do. We have a link for clubs where clubs can register the club details including location, facilities, contact details, club programs, details of the courts <https://nigeriasquashfed.com/clubs>

These details will be made available to the public. A squash player can do a search for clubs at a particular location, call the listed contact and get a game of squash. We also plan to have a map with all the squash courts and anyone can do a google search for available courts within his or her vicinity.

We also plan to use the site to promote activities of the clubs if the details are made available to be placed on the website. This would help promote the clubs and attract new members who are looking to join such clubs. This is still work in progress though as we are in the data gathering stage. We would like clubs to visit the NSF website and put in details of their clubs and courts at <https://nigeriasquashfed.com/courts>.

We would like to use this medium to encourage Squash clubs and clubs with squash facilities to register on our database to be achieve this. Presently only 4 clubs are registered on the website.

What should we expect to see in the future from the website?

The website is work in progress and we have a long way to go; though we are happy with the progress we have made so far.

We need active participation of all stakeholders to achieve our objective of building a robust database of players of all age grades, coaches, referees, clubs and courts. **For registration, an active e-mail address is required as this would be used for communication with all contacts on record.**

We plan to enhance the website considerably with up-to-date information on the game of squash and related activities both local and international.

However, to be able to achieve this, we need funding which can only come through products' adverts, Contributions from tournaments and Sponsorship.

Thank you President and good luck in all your planned activities.

Thank you Chief

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