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NYEWASCO EMERGES AS THE SECOND BEST IN THE WASCO 11TH EDITION NATIONAL GAMES

Nyeri Water and Sanitation is known in the country and beyond as the best water services provider. 13 years in a row.

To add to the list of firsts, NYEWASCO brought home the WASCO games second runners up trophy overall in the just concluded 11th edition of the WASCO games that were held in Kisumu County.

The co-curricular activities which involve staff of the water companies are meant to ensure that personnel interact to bring integration and national cohesion. The participants also have an opportunity to benchmark, co-exist, learn different cultures and also exchange ideas. The 11th edition of WASCO games involved over 6000 participants with NYEWASCO being on top of the list with over 140 participants, who participated in 13 disciplines. The ball games and choir were held in Kisumu National Polytechnic, while the other games were held in Cosmopolitan, Aga Khan Hall, Mama Grace Onyango Social hall and Mambo Leo grounds where the closing ceremony was held. The theme of the 11th edition of the WASCO games was “Fighting non-revenue water through consumer engagement and sports”

NYEWASCO is an all rounded company that is not only geared to providing water, sanitation and allied services to its customers in an efficient, effective manner through its highly skilled staff but also instilling growth of its employees in all areas through activities such as sports that help to foster teamwork

NYEWASCO as a company participated in 13 disciplines namely: Volleyball, Folk song and dance, Table Tennis (Both men and women), Netball, Scrabble, Squash, Athletics (men and women). Pool, Chess Football, Ajua, Draft, Darts where we managed to win a total of 7 trophies.



NYEWASCO staff celebrate a well-earned win during the WASCO 11th edition games which were held in Kisumu County

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Pomp and Color dominates the Opening Ceremony of the 11th Edition of WASCO Games at Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Kisumu.

The official opening of the 11th edition of Wasco games 2022 was held at the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium (Mambo Leo grounds) on 19th April 2022. The ceremony which was filled with pomp and color commenced with a procession of all the water and sanitation companies participating in the WASCO 11th edition games beginning at Lake Basin Mall. NYEWASCO was not left behind. The team led by the MD Eng. Peter Kahuthu, flew the company's flag high as it proceeded to the stadium.

The ceremony was graced by the Cabinet Secretary, Defense and Ag. Devolution, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS), Honorable Eugene Wamalwa, E.G.H. He congratulated the WASCO governing council for the good planning of the games especially after the break occasioned by the outbreak of Covid 19 in the country. He urged all participants to interact, share experiences, benchmark and expand their network to aid them in reducing the non-revenue water in their respective areas. Speaking while addressing teams drawn from over 40 Water Service Providers from all over the Country, the CS reiterated the importance of conserving the country's water towers as well as the environment in general. He also urged the participants to put their best foot forward as he officially declared the WASCO games open



1. The NYEWASCO team poses for a photo at the Lake Basin mall before the procession.
2. NYEWASCO MD Eng. Peter Kahuthu leads his team in marching to the stadium during the procession.
3. Honorable Eugene Wamalwa EGH has a chat with some of the team captains before proceeding to officially inaugurate the WASCO 11th edition games.
4. The NYEWASCO team registering their presence at the Mambo Leo grounds high during the opening ceremony.

NYEWASCO team clinch first position in different disciplines and brings home trophies from Kisumu.

As the Chairman of the Board of Directors Patrick Munuhe flagged off team NYEWASCO to participate in Wasco games in Kisumu County that were held from 18th- 22nd April 2022, he urged them to bring back trophies with them. He also urged the team to observe a high level of discipline both in and out of the field.

The team did not disappoint as the Men's Volleyball, Folk dance and Ladies' Table Tennis flew the company's flag high in the 11th edition of WASCO games after clinching the first position in the fiercely competitive games.

This was after a tireless period of training by teams having set their goal in winning and not settling for less. The company's core values of teamwork and being result oriented were the guiding principles of the team which was fostered through hard work and resilience.



NYEWASCO team celebrating the wins during 11th edition WASCO games

Date	Matches	Result (sets)
18/04/2022	Nyeri Water Vs Thika Water	3-0
20/04/2022	Nyeri Water Vs Nyahururu Water	3-0
20/04/2022	Githunguri Vs Nyeri Water	0-3
20/04/2022	Nairobi Water Vs Nyeri Water	3-0

Nyewasco volleyball team qualified for semi-finals as Pool B 1st runners-up. They played against Eldowas in the semifinals who had qualified as pool A winners. Nyewasco volleyball team won the match in 3 sets to 1 qualifying for the finals. The final match was against Nairobi Water who won against 1st runners up in Pool A (KIWASCO). Nyewasco volleyball men won the match in 3 straight sets to Nil emerging the winners of the 11th edition Wasco games. This was a remarkable improvement from position 3 attained at 11th Edition Wasco Games in Embu.

Results of the NYEWASCO Volleyball team in the 11th edition WASCO games



The overall Men's volleyball Champions in the 11th edition WASCO games 2022

1. Folk Dance



The NYEWASCO Folk Dance team doing what they do best during the WASCO 2022 Games

The team performed on Thursday 21st April 2022. There were 11 teams from other water companies. Nyewasco team had 2 items to perform namely folk song and folk dance.

We emerged position 1 in folk dance and position 2 in folk song. This was a great improvement from the year 2019 where they had clinched position 4 in folk dance and position 6 in folk song.

3. Table Tennis Women category



The overall Champions Women's Table Tennis at the 11th edition WASCO Games

In this category, there were 4 pools. NYEWASCO team was in pool C where they played as follows:

Pool C Games/ Group Stage			
NO.	GAME	SCORES	POSITION
1.	Nyeri vs Othay a	2-0	1
2.	Nyeri vs Nithi	2-0	1
Quarter Finals			
3.	Nyeri vs Thika	2-0	1
Semi Finals			
4.	Nyeri vs Nairobi	2-1	1
Finals			
5.	Nyeri vs Ny ahururu	3-0	1

The team attained position 1 out of 13 water services providers as compared to WASCO 2019 where the team had been awarded

The NYEWASCO Men's Table Tennis Retains Position 3 Trophy in the WASCO 11th Edition Games

The NYEWASCO men's table tennis team has always maintained an exemplary performance in the WASCO games by winning a trophy each game edition they play. This has helped the team to establish themselves as a powerhouse not only in Nyeri County, but also national wide. This has attracted the attention of the Kenya Table Tennis Association (KTTA) which recently arranged talks with the respective coaches to absorb some of the NYEWASCO table tennis players in the national team.

This was made possible by the overwhelming support the team has received from the management in terms of facilitation of equipment and mentoring through involving of the best coaches.

On an interview with the men's table tennis captain he asserted that, "For the women's team, being number one is an achievement and we intend to maintain it. For the men's team, we have also achieved a lot and we retained number 3 but we need to do more so that we bring home the number 1 trophy since NYEWASCO is not only number one in provision of quality water and sanitation but in all round". The Managing Director has reiterated the management's support to all teams in the subsequent competitions. He has also urged staff to make games a way of life so as to keep fit.



NYEWASCO Men's Table Tennis Team during the 11th edition WASCO Games

This category comprised of 4 pools, pool A-D. NYEWASCO was in pool C where they played as follows:

<u>Pool C Games/ Group Stage</u>			
SNO.	GAME	SCORES	POSITION
1.	Nyeri vs Limuru	3-0	1
2.	Nyeri vs Nithi	3-0	1
3.	Nyeri vs Eldoret	3-0	1
4.	Nyeri vs National Water	3-0	1
<u>Quarter Finals</u>			
3.	Nyeri vs Meru Water	3-0	1
<u>Semi finals</u>			
4.	Nyeri vs Nakuru	2-3	2
5.	Nyeri vs Mathira	3-1	1

The team was awarded position 3 overall out of 14 water services providers. The team retained third position same as what they had attained in WASCO 2019 edition

NYEWASCO participates in an overall of 13 Disciplines in the WASCO 11th edition games

In the 11th edition WASCO games, NYEWASCO was one of the leading companies in terms of participation with 150 participants in the various 13 disciplines, bringing home 7 trophies and other added 7 medals from the Athletics group, (shot put men, long jump men, 5000m men race, 4 by 4 women race(4medals)). NYEWASCO is equipped in competitive and talented men and women who are not only passionate about offering of their services in water and sanitation, but in all areas that require their participation. The dedication exhibited in the members of staff in the quest for trophies is admirable. The management promotes games and sports as a way of fostering team work and staff wellness.

1.Badminton



The NYEWASCO Men Badminton team playing at the WASCO 2022 11th edition Games in Nyanza club

2. Athletic team (Men and Women shot put and discus)



The NYEWASCO Athletics team (shotput and discus sports) competing at the 11th edition WASCO Games at Moi stadium

3.Athletics team (Javelin and Marathon runs)



The NYEWASCO Athletics team (Javelin and marathon run) at the WASCO 11th edition games

4.Ajua and Darts team doing what they do best



The NYEWASCO Ajua and darts team at the WASCO 11th edition games.

5. Football



NYEWASCO Football team at the WASCO Games 2022, Kisumu County.

6. Scrabble and drafts team



The NYEWASCO Scrabble and Drafts team playing at the WASCO Games 2022

7. Netball



8. Golf



Netball team at the WASCO Games 2022

Golf team with representation from the Board of Directors and staff

8. Squash



The Squash at the WASCO Games 2022 in Kisumu County.

9. Pool



The Pool team at the WASCO Games 2022 in Kisumu County.

INTERVISTA/

Interview:



CAPTAINS OF THE YEAR: TABLE TENNIS WOMEN \$ TABLE TENNIS MEN CAPTAINS

1. QUESTION

2. ANSWER



ESTHER KABOO- Captain Women's TT



ROBERT MBOGO- Captain Men's TT

1. When did your passion for Table Tennis start and what does this game mean to you

→ “.... (clears throat) ...In high school mathematics was my best subject and I wanted to choose a game that would help me equip more on my mathematical skills. Table tennis requires a lot of calculation and concentration. This are the two main techniques in mathematics. Going deep in my research, table tennis is the second most intelligent game in the world and the fastest game (looks keenly) one has to be very accurate and sober. This prompted my curiosity that led to an interest and finally a talent. Table tennis is my way of life, I like challenges and every game comes with its own challenges where I learn from each in every game”

1. “I used to play football during my teen years but I got injured and then decided to try out table tennis...(pauses). To my surprise, I came to realize I had a hidden talent in table tennis. I played for Kenya in the under 18 category where I went to Uganda and Nigeria. From there onwards I never stopped winning. (Silence)..... It really means a lot to me coz my mum who sadly passed away used to come and watch me play and brought lunch for me and kept on motivating me to do my best. I remember practicing each day from 8am to 5pm as she watched (Pauses).... I owe much to her....”

2. When were you elected as captain and why do you think they elected you

"This year in March. I majorly think it is because of my leadership skills, and previously, I was an assistant captain whereby I showed dedication in my responsibilities as an assistant captain even whenever the captain was not around and I had to take up the responsibilities"

→ "I was elected this year. I think majorly it's because I am a good team player and am dedicated to the game "

3. How many games have you participated in the WASCO games?

"From 2015 when I joined the women's table tennis NYEWASCO team up to now, where we have always brought a trophy home that is number 1 or 2 or 3. This 11th edition games has been our best where we became number 1"

→ "I have participated for approximately 5 years. Before I used to play for Thika Water, where I then came to NYEWASCO as a coach in 2017 and 2018 as a player when my prayers were finally answered of working in the number one water and sanitation company NYEWASCO. We have always won trophies 1,2 or 3 this year we retained position 3."

4. What notions and values have you brought to the table as captain that has led the team to winning in this 11th edition WASCO games

"I majorly stimulated the importance of working smart rather than hard for the team. This is whereby we implemented strategies for singles and doubles in relation to game situations which helped in our preparation for the big day as a team. Jackson Brown, Jr once said, 'The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today...'"

→ "I really coerced seriousness among the teammates both for the ladies and men, as we work closely as teammates both for ladies and men. Making sure that we keep time during our training sessions, and ensuring helped my teammates work on their weak areas as I worked closely with the coach. This helped in building teamwork and within no time we were on another level comparing on how we started."

5. Describe the feeling you had when you found out that you emerged (number one in the WASCO 11th edition games: Esther), (number 3 : Robert)

"whoof..... (smiles broadly) ...it was the best feeling ever, I felt so excited and relieved since we have been fighting all along and finally the number one trophy was ours. I remember there were days we used to practice past our scheduled training time..... (little grin) we really thank God and the management for the facilitation they offered."

→ "..... (maintains serious face) For the ladies being number one we have achieved a lot congratulation to them. For the table tennis men, it was fairly a good achievement maintaining number 3 but we need to do more to bring both trophies home. I believe we can and we will do it "

6. What is the mind game behind table tennis and what is your advice to anyone who would like to venture into this game

"The mind game is.... you have to be a fast learner to master your opponents game for you to knock him out since in table tennis you don't play your own game but you adjust according to how your opponent plays, fast decision making is also paramount. For BEGINNERS: feed that interest and it will become a passion, AMATEAURS: practice consistently and don't give up, PROS: Play as many games as possible 'practice makes perfect'"

→ "As you know it is the second most intelligent game in the world, the legend Bruce lee once said, "Empty your mind, Be shapeless, be formless, like water" this is a very important value in this game, he meant that you need to have a very sober mind and one that is not rooted in some form of laws and standard but an adaptive mind...., For BEGINNERS: hehe....I warn you once you start you will get addicted. AMATEAURS: train more. PROS: Once you stop you start going down so never stop. Adding on this; 'I advise all who are elderly to try this game out ...'

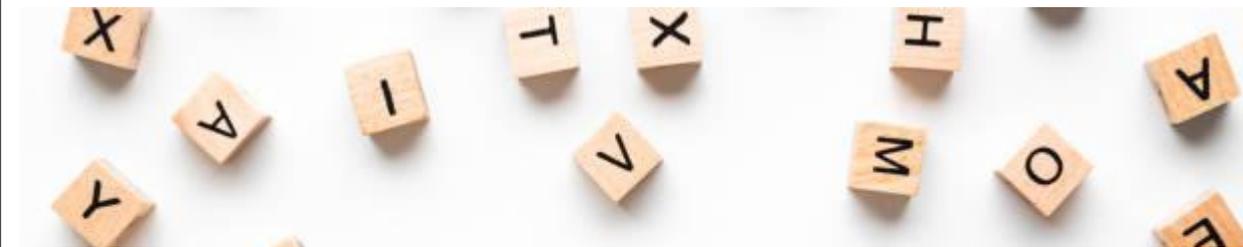
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WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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The Board of Directors and Management would like to thank the members of staff who participated in the recently concluded WASCO games in Kisumu County. Our gratitude also goes to the members of staff who were left behind and ensured that we continued to offer our customers exemplary services throughout the period. The Board of Directors takes pleasure in commending the whole team for their commitment and hard work. We urge you to continue with the same spirit as we strive to deliver exceptional services to all our customers.



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