



Coen Teuling during his tour of the Teulings Sports Challenge competitions at the OYDC.

Put Zambia on the map, sportsmen told

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THE Teulings Sports Challenge competition sponsor, Coen Teuling, has called on athletes in different sports disciplines to make use of the league games in the country to shape their sports careers and bring out positive results which will put Zambia on the world sports map.

Speaking after visiting the Olympic Youth Development Centre OYDC, the venue for the Teulings Sports Challenge competition, Teuling said he was impressed with the sporting skills exhibited by many youths at the OYDC.

He said Zambian athletes have the potential to mint gold during the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

"It is gratifying that athletes who are part of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge are showing motivating sporting skills which I never expected to see.

"There is impressive talent in the young athletes who have continued to be nurtured through the Teulings league games," Teuling said.

And Krayenhoff Teuling, wife of the sports challenge sponsor, commended the participation of girls in sports.

Krayenhoff noted that the number of girls in different sports disciplines was impressive, adding that the joy on their faces showed an enormous opportunity to develop their skills.

She disclosed that some athletes identified during the couple's visit will be rewarded with a Teulings Academy support or sponsorship.

"Some individual athletes from other sports codes that have been identified to have exceptional talent have been drafted in the Teulings Academics or sponsorship programme where they will be supported with, among other, accommodation and meals in camp, medicals, transport and school support," Krayenhoff said.

Meanwhile, OYDC director Clement Chilshie commended the Teuling family for contributing to the development of sports in Zambia.

Chilshie said the centre has produced a lot of athletes who have represented the country at international level through the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge.

"In the six years that the Teulings leagues have been successfully hosted at the centre, we have produced a number of athletes who have represented the country at international level.

Prosper Chilya (football), Lovness Mwendu (hockey), Sydney Shame (athletics), Daniel Mbewe (athletics), Chooowe Hamalambo (table tennis) and Hazembe Chindamba (athletics) are among some of the athletes who have greatly benefited from the Teulings Academy sponsorship," Chilshie said.

The Teulings Youth Sports monthly competitions have helped change the lives of many Lusaka youths and has contributed to the formation of youth leagues that have given a lot of youths the opportunity to participate in organised and competitive sport.