

# SAPF Honorary Members

*"... being held in high esteem by the membership of this organization, and in recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding service to Powerlifting"*

## Vicki Botha

Vicki Botha started powerlifting when she was 19 years old, and received her NorthWest colours in the same year. She went on to get her National Colours in 2003 and represented South Africa for the first time in Chicago at the IPF World Women's Powerlifting Championships. Vicki has represented SA in numerous World Championships since then. She has set many Equipped and Classic national records, and still holds many of these in the Open and Master 1 categories.

Vicki is the most female lady referee in the IPF, having received her Cat II certification in 2005 and her Cat 1 certification in 2009. She is also the IPF Technical Chairwoman of FISU, the international University Sports body.

Vicki also earned her national colours in Body Building, winning the IFBB Lightweight division four years in a row. She is the owner of Bezalel Gym in Fochville, the venue for many NW Club and Provincial Powerlifting competitions.

As an athlete, coach, referee and administrator, Vicki is synonymous with Women's Powerlifting in South Africa and has been an inspiration to many. Vicki is always ready to encourage, help, volunteer, and generally roll up her sleeves and go what needs to be done.

It gives the SAPF great pleasure to present this Honorary Membership Award to Vicki Botha.





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