

USRA goes to schools

By Gabriel Esiku

Uganda Squash Rackets Association (USRA) president Isa Bbale Sseremba has outlined capacity building among the key priorities the association is focusing on in order to advance the sport to the grassroots.

Sseremba who was elected at the helm of USRA recently believes that training teachers, coaches and student players is the core mission of the association.

"We are committed to making squash one of the fastest-growing sports in Uganda. by working with key stakeholders like UOC and NCS, we believe we can achieve significant progress in the coming years," said Sseremba who emphasised the need to make squash more accessible to players of all ages.

According to Sseremba, the association is looking at empowering a total of 1,000 coaches and 3,500 players in the next two years in the U-12 and U-18 categories in both primary and secondary schools as well as universities.

He said the association is trying to secure strong partnerships with corporate organisations in order to secure to secure funding for training.

"Expanding squash beyond Kampala remains a key priority, with plans underway to set up regional training centres, introduce school-based programs, and increase national tournaments to expose young players to competitive environments," Sseremba added.

With the initiatives in motion, Uganda's squash community is set for a new era of growth, with stronger institutional support and broader participation expected to propel the sport to new heights.

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Coach Ivan Wasswa trains games teachers