

# Chenelle selected for SA Paralympic squad

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**Roodepoort** — It is official.

Roodepoort resident, Chenelle van Zyl has been included in the SA Paralympic squad to compete at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

The London Paralympic Games will take place from Wednesday 29 August to Sunday 9 September 2012.

Known as the SA dream team, Chenelle is part of 62 paralympic athletes in total – four less than the contingent that went to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

It's said that the team would want to better their medal haul of 30 during those games in China, which left them a very credible sixth overall on the final medal table.

Chenelle will be taking part in the women's discus throw (category F35-36) and women's shot put events.

Going to London means that Chenelle will be competing in her third Paralympic Games.

She has competed at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and of course the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

She is yet to bring home a Paralympic medal.

**SA Paralympic squad at London Games announced by South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee SASCOC:**

• **Athletics:** Tshepo Bhebe, Dyan Buis, Andrea Dalle Ave, Pieter du Preez, Charl du Toit, Arnu Fourie, Ilse Hayes, Hilton Langenhoven, Anrune Liebenberg, Michael Louwrens, Teboho Mokgalagadi, Jan Nehro (guide: Duane Fortuin), Zandile Nhlapo, Jonathan Ntutu, Oscar Pistorius, Anika Pretorius, Samkelo Radebe, Casper Schutte, Union Sekailwe, Zanele Situ, Zivan Smith, Marius Stander, Duane Strydom, Fanie van der Merwe, Chenelle van Zyl. Manager: Dion Bishop. Coaches: Suzanne Ferreira, Zelda Hansen, Hennie Koekemoer, Karin le

Roux, Ampie Louw. Team assistant: Neels Matthyser. Helper: Illse du Preez.

• **Cycling:** Roxy Burns, Madre Carinus, Stuart McCreadie, Jaco Nel, Ernst van Dyk, Gerhard Viljoen. Manager: Mike Burns. Coach: Ricky Kulsen. Mechanic: Pieter Jansen

• **Equestrian:** Anthony Dawson, Philipa Johnson, Marion Milne, Wendy Moller. Manager: Tracey Cumming. Coach: Chris Haazen. Vet: Sheelagh Higgerty. Grooms: Enoch Cele, Anton Chimbuanda, Elizabeth Newsome, Teri Smith.

• **Rowing:** Sandra Khumalo. Manager/coach: Marco Galeone

• **Swimming:** Renette Bloem, Charl Bouwer, Natalie du Toit, Emily Gray, Achmat Hassiem, Hendri Herbst, Marika Naude, Kevin Paul, Shireen Sapiro, Tadhg Slattery. Manager: Queeneth Ndlovu. Coach: Karoly Toros. Tapper: Karin Hugo. Tapper/Helper: Eeden Meyer.

• **Wheelchair basketball:** Justin Govender, Siphamandla Gumbi, Stuart Jellows, Kyle Louw, Luvuyo Mbande, Gift Mooketsi, Richard Nortje, Kobus Oeschger, Marius Papenfus, Marcus Retief, Jaco Velloen. Manager: Willie Riechert. Coach: Patrick Fick. Assistant coach: Shadrack Mopeeng. Technical coach: Franck Belen.

• **Wheelchair Tennis:** Evans Maripa, Sydwell Mathonsi, Kgothatso Montjane, Lucas Sithole. Manager/coach: Holger Losch. Assistant coach: Khotso Matshego.

• **General Team Management:** Chef de Mission: Pieter Badenhorst Project manager: Vinesh Maharaj. Manager (logistics): Clifford Cobers. Logistics: Madira Sehlapelo. Manager (athletes services): Chantelle Jardim. Athlete services: Dumisani Mtwana. Chief medical officer: Wayne Derman. Chief physiotherapist: Grace Hughes. Doctor: Paul Maphoto. Physiotherapists: Given Baloyi, Edwin Bodha, Greshne Davids, Shantal Edwards, Dan Nteke, Evah Ramashala. Classifier: Tarina van der Stockt.



Chenelle van Zyl will compete in her third Paralympic Games when she wears the green and gold at the 2012 London Paralympic Games. File picture.