





# SPORTS

YSD supports grassroots initiatives that promote healthy living, unity and inclusion among children and youth, including disadvantaged and marginalised groups. The Foundation also supports grassroots and development programmes for world-class athletes, especially those that focus on honing female sporting talent. Towards these ends, YSD makes available the resources to promote sporting activities to help youths realise their full potential; develop sports; cultivate role models who inspire unity, excel in sports and raise the standards of sports.

The amount committed since 2009:



## RM207.8 million

The number of ongoing projects:

## 10

The number of organisations supported (FY2023):



## 7



# POWERING THE TRACK CYCLING SCENE IN MALAYSIA

Following the success of YSD’s long-term support for the elite athletes of the national track cycling team on their journey to represent Malaysia on the world stage which is ultimately the Olympics, YSD embarked on a new initiative to stimulate the development of the national talent pool of track cyclists.

YSD, in partnership with the Foundation for Malaysian Sporting Excellence (SportExcel), launched the YSD Track Series (YSDTS) programme in December 2022 at the National Velodrome in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan. The programme was officially launched by YB Hannah Yeoh,

Minister of Youth and Sports, and Y.A.M. Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD and SportExcel Chairman, with the renowned Mr. John Beasley, the High-Performance Director of Majlis Sukan Negara (MSN) and Technical Advisor of YSDTS.

With the support of MSN and the Malaysian National Cycling Federation, YSDTS intends to boost an interest in track cycling among local young cyclists and encourage the formation of local professional track cycling teams, with the racing series serving as the first-of-its-kind avenue for national talent scouting.



**52** track cycling competitions in 3 years

To date, **916** individuals participated in 5 YSDTS races including:

Targeted participation of **120** cyclists per race



- 87 junior national riders
- 64 elite national riders
- 46 local amateur riders
- 6 international riders



- Elite and Junior categories of U-19, U-17, and U-15
- Licensed local and international athletes
- Both men and women



*Determination on display as cyclists showcase their skills and competitive spirit in a closely contested race at the YSDTS.*



Symbolic cheque presentation from YSD to SportExcel witnessed by YB Hannah Yeoh. (L – R) Nurul Aliana Syafika Azizan, national track cycling athlete; Mr John Beasley, High-Performance Director of MSN and Technical Advisor of YSDTS; YB Hannah Yeoh, Minister of Youth and Sports; Dr Yatela, YSD CEO; Mr Sivanandan Chinnadurai, Executive Director of SportExcel; YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran, YSD and SportExcel Chairman; and Anis Amira Rosidi, national track cycling athlete.

YSD Chairman and the Technical Advisor of YSDTS addressing the media during the highly anticipated YSDTS launch.



YB Hannah Yeoh shared a light moment with Aliana Azizan and Anis Amira, the two national track cycling athletes, at the programme launching in December 2022.



YSDTS provides a platform for junior athletes to demonstrate their speed and endurance as part of the national talent scouting programme.





# EMPOWERING GIRLS IN RUGBY: YSD'S GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA

YSD's collaboration with Malaysia Rugby (MR) with RM1.4 million sponsorship until March 2023 began in August 2019, with YSD sponsoring the National Rugby Development Programme (NRDP) for the Men's U-19 & U-20 and Women's U-20 elite teams.

YSD's support has been instrumental in addressing the disparities in rugby development in Malaysia caused by economic disadvantages and cultural norms. The programme challenges the notion of rugby as solely a men's sport, empowering over 600 young women to participate and excel regardless of socioeconomic background. The programme takes a holistic approach by identifying and nurturing talented athletes through

initiatives like Talent Scouting and Elite Training Camps and providing the women the opportunity to represent Malaysia internationally through competitive exposure tournaments.

As part of our commitment to advancing women and girls in sports, YSD is fully dedicated to promoting gender equality and ensuring that women and girls have equitable opportunities to participate in all sports disciplines, including the traditionally male-dominated realm of rugby. Our funding plays a pivotal role in fostering the growth of both male and female rugby talents, propelling MR's progress in skill development, and significantly contributing to the nation's talent pool.



**Training sessions held – Twice a week**



**90% out of the 757 participants are females from B40 backgrounds**



**35 coaches out of 50 are female**



*Women's U20 Elite teams clash on the rugby field in the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2022.*



At YSD, we are committed to promoting gender equality and fostering inclusive opportunities for talented athletes in sports.

YSD's funding had assisted Malaysia's U-20 Women's Rugby team to secure 4th place in the Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens (Women) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and 6th placing in the Asia Rugby Women's Sevens Series in Thailand last year.



YSD also supported Malaysia's U-20 Men's Rugby team, where they had won third place in the Asia Rugby U-20 Sevens held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

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# TEAMING UP WITH THE NICOL DAVID ORGANISATION TO PRODUCE CHAMPIONS ON AND OFF THE COURT

In YSD’s effort to build the holistic development of young Malaysians, YSD pledged RM1 million to the Nicol David Organisation (NDO) for its Little Legends programme, which provides young Malaysians from underprivileged backgrounds access to squash and English lessons, in line with YSD’s commitment to promoting inclusivity in sports.

Founded by the world-renowned Malaysian Squash Queen Datuk Nicol David and former world-class player Mariana de Reyes, the Little Legends programme focuses on providing physical and soft skills development for Malaysian children aged 8 to 12 years old while promoting gender empowerment to the coaches and students.



“We are honoured and grateful to receive the invaluable support of YSD for our Little Legends initiative. This collaboration resonates profoundly with NDO’s core mission of promoting inclusivity and empowering the next generation through the power of sport. With YSD’s commitment, we have been able to create a nurturing and supportive environment that goes beyond the playing field, instilling values that touch the lives of these young talents. We look forward to continuing this inspiring journey together.”

Datuk Nicol Ann David, Founder and Head Coach of NDO



**150**  
STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAMME



**240**  
HOURS OF TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE 3 YEARS OF THE PROJECT

## Focus of the Little Legends programme:

- One-hour squash classes twice a week
- Return transportation to and from schools in the area of Bukit Jalil and Sri Petaling
- Opportunity to participate in intra- and inter-competitions for exposure
- Life skill workshops
- Squash gears and training materials



Parents’ testimonials



L-R: Elina Emily, Head, Projects; Dr Yatela, CEO, YSD; YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran, Chairman, YSD; Datuk Nicol David, Founder and Head Coach, NDO; Mariana de Reyes, Co-founder, NDO with the Little Legends at the launch of YSD's collaboration with NDO for the programme.



NDO's Little Legends programme unlocks the potential of many underprivileged Malaysian children.

*The Little Legends programme eliminates barriers to sports while establishing talent pathways.*

