

6.11 PREFERENTIAL TRIAL DATE

1. A request for a preferential trial date must be made only after following the procedure for the allocation of a trial date as set out in Transvaal Rule 7.
2. A request for a preferential trial date is made by delivering a letter to the registrar marked for the attention of the Deputy Judge President. The letter must set out -
 - 2.1 the names of the parties to the trial and the case number;
 - 2.2 the nature of the dispute;
 - 2.3 an estimate of the probable duration of the trial;
 - 2.4 the motivation for the allocation of a preferential date.
3. If the aforementioned letter is not directed by all the parties to the trial, proof that a copy of the letter has been forwarded to the other party or parties to the trial, must be provided.
4. Any party who is in receipt of a letter referred to in paragraph 2 above, and who wishes to make representations in respect thereof, may do so forthwith by delivering a letter to the registrar for the attention of the Deputy Judge President. A copy of the letter must be delivered to the other party or parties to the trial and proof thereof must be provided.
5. The Deputy Judge President shall inform the parties in writing of the outcome of the request and of the date allocated for the trial in the event of the request being acceded to.
6. After being informed of a trial date, all the parties to the trial must comply with Transvaal Rule 7(5). The letter from the Deputy Judge President allocating the trial date must be attached to Notice of Set-down delivered in terms of Rule 7(5).