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1. INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the 17th edition of PSi Nationals in Cape Town from the 13th to the 21st of December 2023.

It's been a crazy year so far with the PSI All Stars tour to Europe (I went as manager and Steven as coach), the Indoor World Cup in Pretoria (MANY of our personnel involved), Champ of Champs (3 teams), Skills Club @ BHSC, clinics, Hoco Fest, PHSOB Outdoor Leagues junior (6 teams) and Senior (10 teams) @ PHSOB with men1 in Premier League also off to Belgotex Riverside, Hoco Cup (3 weekends in succession) and North Junior Nationals coming up in Durban in October so we would like to top it off with an incredible Nationals 2023 in Cape Town.

2. TOURNAMENT DATES

U13 & U14 AGE GROUP (BOYS & GIRLS)

The Opening day activities will take place on Wednesday 13th December at Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard with the matches taking place on 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th December.

Times will be as follows:

13th Dec Wednesday - Opening day activities: from Check in

14 th Dec Thursday - Match Day 1: 08h00 to 18h30 15 th Dec Friday - Match Day 2: 08h00 to 18h30 16 th Dec Saturday - Match Day 3: 08h00 to 18h30

17 th Dec Sunday - Match Day 4 (Medal matches & Prize giving): 08h00 to 13h30

U16 & U18 AGE GROUP (BOYS & GIRLS)

The Opening day activities will take place on Sunday 17th December at Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard with the matches on 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st December. Times will be as follows:

17 th Dec Sunday - Opening day activities: from Check in

18 th Dec Monday - Match Day 1: 08h00 to 18h30 19 th Dec Tuesday - Match Day 2: 08h00 to 18h30 20 th Dec Wednesday - Match Day 3: 08h00 to 18h30

21st Dec Thursday - Match Day 4 (Medal matches & Prize giving): 08h00 to 13h30

Please take note when booking accommodation and flights.

3. VENUES & HOCKEY

We are looking at utilising the following 12 venues during the tournament:

University of Cape Town (UCT 1 & 2), Wynberg Military Base, Herschel Girls' School, Fish Hoek High School, La Rochelle Girls School, Sunningdale Sports Complex, Hoërskool DF Malan, College of Cape Town, Bel Har Sports Complex, St Cyprians Girls School, Somerset College and Fairmont High School.

Exact venues will be confirmed for relevant sections closer to the tournament. We won't centralise sections anymore however teams will play on similar size and quality courts for the 4 days. Over



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the period of both events, we are expected to play over 1100 matches. Each team will play a min. of 7 and max. of 9 matches over the 4 days. We will be splitting the u13 and u16 tournament into 3 sections (A, B and C), and the u14 andu18 tournament into 2 sections (A and B) in each age and gender group. The A section will be 12 teams, spilt up into two round robin pools of 6, then Quarters, semi's and final placings.

However, this will be confirmed once final team entries have been received. We will formalise pools and fixtures which will be uploaded onto the website www.psihockey.co.za/Nationals2023 as soon as they are final (+- 2 week prior to the tournament).

4. OPENING DAY ACIVITIES

Instead of having teams rushing off to an Opening function like in the past we have decided to have an opening activities day at the Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard hotel. This will take place all day whereby teams can check in and enjoy festivities by the pool area. On this night, teams can book dinner at the hotel or go to the Waterfront once they have settled in.

5. TEST SERIES (NKOSI CUP)

Since the Indoor World Cup early this year, it was realised that we need to host an annual international event where our national teams compete against the top Nations to bridge the gap between us and the rest of the world. With more International Series and events leading up to the next Indoor World Cup we have a very good chance of our national teams medalling. SA Hockey have invited interested countries, (Men - Argentina, USA & Namibia and Women - Argentina, Ireland & Namibia) to make up the Four Nations tournament AKA the "Nkosi Cup". We aim to create and develop a unique identity for the event that captures its' authenticity and the African essence with the PSI vibe. In the name, Nkosi Cup, we honour the Indoor World Cup mascot by keeping his legacy alive. One of our priorities would be to broadcast the event on TV in addition to it being live streamed across the world via online platforms such as Facebook and YouTube. The Nkosi Cup will run simultaneously with both PSi events giving the kids the opportunity watching and learning from some of the best indoor players from around the world. Each age group will have an evening whereby PSi will provide dinner for all players, coaches and team managers on each specific night.

- U13's Friday 15th December
- U14's Saturday 16th December
- U16's Monday 18th December
- U18's Tuesday 19th December

Currently we are doing upgrades at the Wynberg Military Base and we plan to accommodate 1200 spectators. Each night approximately 450 to 650 complementary tickets will be given to PSi participants (as above) and the rest will be on sale for the public. Unfortunately, we can't have a free for all system due to capacity health and safety constraints so the public will need to purchase tickets each night. Tickets will be on sale soon, through itickets.co.za



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6. TITANS TEAMS CONCERT EVENING / TALENT SHOW

U13/14 tour: Teams must come prepared to showcase their off-court talent Thursday 14th December. Coaches will arrange with their teams.

7. PRIZE GIVING

We will be centralising the prize-giving's to create an exciting finish to the event however we can't host everybody at one location due to overcapacity. We will therefore be hosting the medal matches and prize-giving's at the following locations:

Sunday 17th December

- U13 Boys and Girls at UCT
- U14 Boys and Girls at Wynberg Military Base

Thursday 21st December

- U16 Boys and Girls at UCT
- U18 Boys and Girls at Wynberg Military Base

8. ACCOMMODATION

PSi will be facilitating the accommodation but Franchisee's need to pay for the accommodation directly to the hotel. We have made provisional bookings for the Titans at Hotel Sky conveniently close to V&A and with a bunk bed budget option—other Hotels available are the Stay Easy in Town and the Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard.

- 8.1 Quad rooms sleeps 4 kids in bunk beds for 4 nights R1850pp incl tourism levy and breakfast or if only 3 kids R2450pp as we pay per room.
- 8.2 Twin rooms sleeps 2 kids (max) in 2 standard double beds for 4 nights R2850pp incl tourism levy and breakfast.
- 8.3 Standard Queen or single rooms for 4 nights R4850 incl tourism levy and breakfast.









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Parents can also buy accommodation through the Titans Sticitt shop for themselves on the rooms quoted as we do get a discount. You can also book on the website at normal rates for the other available type of rooms.

https://www.hotelsky.co.za/accommodation/hotel-sky-capetown-accommodation/

It is a daunting task and always a "best fit" to host the players in the Hotel. **The tour fee will be quoted without accommodation and everybody will be invoiced according to their preference / placing.**

Check IN and Check OUT dates:

U13's & U14's

• Check In: Wednesday 13th December

• Check Out: Sunday 17th December

U16's & u18's

Check In: Sunday 17th December
 Check Out: Thursday 21st December

9. TRANSPORT / TRAVEL TO THE EVENT

Each player is responsible to arrive in Cape Town before the games commence on own cost / arrangements. This cost is **excluded** from the fee. We have requested a quotation from SAFAIR for a group booking for players travelling alone and will communicate the price as soon as it is available. This cost is NOT included in the tour fee and is has to be funded over and above.

10. TRANSPORT DURING THE EVENT

HG Travel have once again offered a transport solution for franchise teams. This includes both Airport transfers, the opening function, daily shuttles to and from venues. HG Travel has agreed to transport teams staying in either hotel to any of the venues. The cost will be R550 p/p which is **included** in the tour cost. PSi will be facilitating the transport and will appoint a dedicated transport manager during Nationals to assist franchise with schedules, requests and queries.

11. FOOD AND DRINK

PSi Head office will be supplying one dinner for all players, coaches and managers at the Nkosi Cup. Incoming teams must arrange the balance of their dinners and lunches. Breakfast included in Hotel Sky rate. Each venue will have an adequate tuck shop. Additional dinners can also be arranged at the hotel. There are options close to sky Hotel as well as Uber Eats, so please ensure the players have funds available for this. Dietary requirements need to be submitted prior to the event for halaal, kosher or wheat free participants for the one dinner supplied.



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12.KIT

Please order your kit from the Titans Kit Shop : https://store.sticitt.co.za/titans

<u>Obliged kit:</u> playing shirt; playing skort/short (navy); socks (skye) – consider buying 2 pairs. Recommended: warmup top

All other kit is NOT obliged – parents can also order any of the non-playing kit as **supporter gear**, Also check out the website – www.HockeyCompanyTshwane.com for details and pictures.

The deadline for kit orders will be Sunday 1st October 2023.

13. UMPIRES

The bulk of the umpires will come from the Western Cape however PSi will accommodate strong travelling umpires. This year we have place for 18 travelling umpires whereby PSI will cover their accommodation, meals (breakfast & dinner) and transport during the event. Umpiring will need to arrange their own transport to Cape Town. Nationals will have a dedicated Senior umpire at each venue and all umpires will be completing an online grading exam. They should be available for both tournaments and need to be of a Nationals standard and have plenty of indoor experience within their franchise. Nationals is not an event for beginner umpires.

14. AFRICA ALL STARS SELECTION

We will be selecting an Africa All Stars team for u14, u16 and u18 from PSi Nationals 2023 from the A league games. The u14 & u16 teams will travel to Europe in 2025 to play against top clubs in Germany & Holland. The u18 team will NOT be travelling.

15. SEASON and TOURNAMENT COST & PROGRAM Costs included:

The seasonal/tour fee will be R6500 and includes:

- Administration
- Practice sessions x9

Week of 26 Sep; 11 Oct – 30 Nov as per coach/team decision

- League #1 (3 weekends)
 - 14/15 Oct; 21/22 Oct; 28/29 Oct
- Mambas inter-franchise games day
 - 4/5 November
- League #2 (3 weekends) (in PSI teams)

11/12 Nov; 18/19 Nov; 25/26 Nov

We will be considered when scheduling so the league games will be a good exam / study break.

- Coach cost (coaching, T-shirt, flight, accommodation, tour transport, food, PSI levy)
- Manager cost (coaching, T-shirt, flight, accommodation, tour transport, food, PSI levy)
- Photographer on tour (2 team photos included and free link to possible action photos)
- Transport on tour from touching base at Cape town airport to being returned there
- **PSI tournament** (halls, umpires, technical staff etc)



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Costs excluded:

- Kit
- 30 September Funday
- 2/3 December Funday @ Woodlands College Boksburg
- Flights to Cape Town
- All Lunches
- 3 of 4 Dinners
- Accommodation in Cape Town

16. DATES & TERMS & CONDITIONS

22/23 Jul – Trials 1 (done)

29/30 Jul - Trials 2

4 Aug – non-refundable commitment deposit R1500 (payment1)

31 Aug - payment2 of R1500

11-17 Sep – Trials 3

21 Sep – squad announcement

28 Sep -payment3 of R1500 and 50% of accommodation

1 Oct – kit order deadline

15 Oct – Team announcement

31 October - payment3 of R1500 and balance 50% of accommodation

30 November - balance payment4 of R500

17. CANCELLATION FEES

A lot of work goes into the setting up and selection of the teams. Cancellations really upsets the apple cart as a child with similar or better abilities AND playing position needs to be sourced. Any cancellation after 21 Sep squad announcement will carry a 50% cancellation fee of R3250. Any cancelation after 15 Oct team announcement will carry a 75% % cancellation fee of R4875. Any cancelation after 13 Nov will carry a 100% % cancellation fee of R6500.

18. CONCLUSION

Nothing beats PSI Nationals in Cape Town in December, so let's make more incredible memories.

Yours in hockey

Cobie Odendaal