

# SOUTH AFRICAN GRAND MASTERS 2021

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## WELCOME

DEAR GRAND MASTERS FELLOW HOCKEY PLAYERS

I wish from the outset, to convey my wishes of good health and implementation of sustainable COVID-19 Practices and Protocols to all the members of the Grand Master Hockey fraternity, their families, friends and loved ones.

The COVID pandemic has caused havoc in our personal and sporting lives and continues to do so.

Thank You to all of those who have persisted with your hockey enthusiasm both on and off the field and of not forgetting the banter and messages via social media (WhatsApp).

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# STAY SAFE

## PLEASE STAY SAFE

Your committee have deemed it appropriate to provide you with the latest information regarding Grand Masters HOCKEY 2021 and specifically the plans and preparations for GRAND MASTER WORLD CUP 2022 (Cape Town and Tokyo Venues).

We will at all times endeavour to reflect and communicate transparency and communicate relevant issues regarding hockey developments within WMH, SAHMHA, SAHA and SAGMHA pertaining to proposed constitution amendments, hockey rules, finances, tournaments, trials and selection criteria.

WHEREAS THIS NEWSLETTER REFERS TO GRAND MASTERS (WILL BE CHANGED TO "MASTERS" IN FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE AND IN THE SAGMHA CONSTITUTION), WMH ONLY RECOGNISES THE TERM "MASTERS".

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WMH WILL THEREFORE ALWAYS REFER TO MASTERS AND NOT GRAND MASTERS, THE MASTERS AGE GROUP WILL BE THE ONLY DIFFERENTIATOR.

## GRAND MASTER I.P.T. 2021 (*COVID PERMITTING*)

15 – 17 OCTOBER 2021

Southern Gauteng Grand Masters Hockey Association will be hosting the GMIPT tournament in Johannesburg from **Friday 15 October 2021 until Sunday 17 October 2021**.

The GMIPT 2021 tournament venues are Randburg Hockey Astro (2 x Astro turfs), Bryanston High School Astro turf and Morningside Country Club Astro turf.

Michael Broughton is the Chairman of SGGMHA. Michael and the GMIPT organizing Committee will distribute tournament details and costs in due course to all the Provincial Chairmen.

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# PRE-REQUISITES & FEES FOR PARTICIPATION AT GMPIT 2021

## PRE-REQUISITES



- Players must be registered on the SAGMHA DATABASE and this will imply affiliation to SAGMHA (SAGMHA IS AFFILIATED TO SAMHA)
- **Capitation Fee:** Players are required to pay their annual capitation fee of R330 AND IN THE CASE OF 55+ an annual capitation fee of R110.00 to their Provinces no later than 15 September 2021
- Capitation fees which were paid during 2020 will be carried over to the IPT tournament in 2021
- The 2020 list of players who have already paid their capitation fee has been distributed to Provinces and must be reconciled to determine and collect any unpaid capitation fees
- The PROVINCES must submit the consolidated payments and the names of players who have effected payment, to the SAGMHA NEDBANK ACCOUNT, no later than **22 SEPTEMBER 2021**

## FEES

- CAPITATION FEES: LADIES AND MEN OVER 60 = **R330.00**
- CAPITATION FEES: LADIES AND MEN OVER 55 = **R110.00**
- CAPITATION FEES: LADIES AND MEN OVER 75 = **R000.00**

# GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP 2022

## CAPETOWN & TOKYO – JAPAN

The dates and venues for the 2022 Outdoor World Cup as confirmed by World Masters Hockey are as follows:

AGE CATEGORY	DATE	VENUE
Ladies Over 60	01 - 10 October 2022	Cape Town
Ladies Over 65	01 - 10 October 2022	Cape Town
Men Over 60	19 – 29 October 2022	Tokyo - Japan
Men Over 65	19 – 29 October 2022	Tokyo - Japan
Men Over 70	19 – 29 October 2022	Tokyo - Japan
Men Over 75	19 – 29 October 2022	Tokyo - Japan
Men Over 80	19 – 29 October 2022	Tokyo - Japan

# S.A GRAND MASTERS SELECTION PRINCIPLES

- External selectors will complement existing Grand Masters Senior Players
- Team selection will be fair and transparent and additional input may be provided by the Managers / Coaches and nominated SAGMHA Committee Members prior to official communication to the players

# WORLD CUP 2022 TRIAL REGISTRATION

All the Grand Masters Players who intend to participate in the TRIALS and be considered for selection for W.C.2022, will be required to register and pay a once off registration levy of **R500.00/R1000.00**.

This levy will be refunded within 10 days if the player is not included in the final selection, either as a player or non-travelling reserve.

SAGMHA endeavors to provide a web-site registration facility in due course but if this is not achievable, a Template will be compiled and sent to the G.M. Provincial Chairman for distribution.

**A closing date for TRIAL REGISTRATION and PAYMENT will be advised in due course.**

**GRAND MASTERS WORLD CUP 2022 TRIALS WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE GMIPT 2021 TOURNAMENT.**

# PRE-REQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENTS

- To be eligible for potential selection, interested players will be required to attend the GMIPT 2021/ W.C. Trials in October 2021
- Players must be registered and affiliated to SAGMHA (which is affiliated to SAMHA)
- In addition, players must be affiliated to SAHA
  - Confirmation of their registration with that Association is required in writing from each player's own Provincial hockey administrators. SAHA membership numbers must be provided as proof of such registration
- The GMIPT2021 will be the only opportunity to attend the W.C. 2022 G.M. Trials
- Players who are unable to attend the Grand Masters IPT/Trials are required to apply in writing and **request dispensation** clearly stating the extenuating circumstances
- The acceptance of dispensation applications is however **not** a guarantee for selection to a team
- Players who submit a dispensation request are still liable for CAPITATION FEES to be paid to their HOCKEY PROVINCES NO LATER THAN **15 SEPTEMBER 2021** (please click [here](#))
- Dispensation must be accompanied by a Proof of Payment, reflecting the 2021 CAPITATION FEE, if payment has not previously been effected and/or carried over
- Applications for dispensation must be received by the President of SA Grand Masters (Barry Froneman: [barryfroneman@telkonsa.net](mailto:barryfroneman@telkonsa.net)) and the SAGMHA Secretary (Rob Birt: [birtfam@iafrica.com](mailto:birtfam@iafrica.com)) by no later than 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021
- Players wishing to be considered for selection to the teams attending the World Cup must make payment of a commitment deposit confirming their interest in being selected. The amount to be deposited (i.e. R500.00 or

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# COSTS FOR W.C. 2022

**Preliminary Costs** for both the Ladies and the Men's will be communicated on or before 30 June 2022 and will cater for the following:

- Accommodation
- Flights
- General Expenses
- Kit Meals
- Transport

**Revised Costs** will be communicated on or before 15 September 2021.

# S.A. GRAND MASTERS WORLD CUP PLAYING KIT

In order for all S.A. Masters Hockey Players (age 35 to 85) who represent South Africa to be unified in appearance and due to the current outdated S.A. Masters Kit (Ladies Over 60's have never represented S.A. and do not have kit), SAGM will be standardizing with the same hockey playing kit as the current Masters Hockey Players (Over 35's to Over 55's).

Michael Broughton and Sam Strover have accepted this portfolio and further details will be published in due course.

R1000.00 to be determined) and due date will be advised in due course

- Such deposit will be returned in the event that the payee/player is not selected
- The names of the selected teams and non-travelling reserves will be announced on Sunday 17 October 2021
- Selected Players must commit to the W.C. 2022 deposit and payment schedule timelines (To be advised)
- Players must have a valid South African Passport or be a Permanent Resident of South Africa (W.M.H. rules will apply for foreign nationals)
- To be eligible for the selection and trial process, players must commit to attend the scheduled Post Training Sessions and National Camps (Dates To Be Advised)
- Participation in the WC 2022 squad fitness program and regional training sessions as set out by SA Grand Masters, once squads are announced (To be advised)
- Participants must comply with the age criteria as per FIH tournament rules below:
  - FIH Tournament rules: In order to be eligible to compete in any Masters competition, a player must be over the designated age limit on the 31 December of the year of the relevant competition
  - As per the above, players participating in the GMIPT 2022 will participate in the age group teams as per the designated age by/on 31 December 2022
- Players who wish to participate in the lower age group trials and ultimate selection for W.C. 2022 should notify their province of this intent and motivate their request in writing to their Provincial Chairman. The Provincial Chairman will forward these requests to the SAGMHA President and SAGMHA Secretary for consideration
- In the interest of **South African** Grand Masters Hockey and in order to ensure that the strongest teams per age group are selected to represent GMWC2022, the final decision as per age group W.C. selection will be that of the selectors SA Grand Masters President and one other nominated member from the SA Grand Masters committee
- **S.A.G.M.H.A. Men's Players will unfortunately not be permitted to participate as a player at both the W.C.2022 Tournament in Cape Town and the W.C. 2022 Tournament in Tokyo (due to conflicting priorities and interests regarding training and finance)**
- Selected players including non-travelling reserves will be required to sign a World Cup 2022 declaration form regarding attendance at training camps, achieving fitness levels, providing medical declaration certificates and a commitment to payment timelines

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- To be eligible for selection during the trials players are required to commit to the planned scheduled national camps prior to the World Cup (Dates to be advised)
- Selected players will be required to participate in the World Cup 2022 SA squad fitness program and regional training sessions as set out by SA Grand Masters, once squads are announced. The dates of these training sessions will be announced in due course

Grand Masters Hockey Provincial Chairmen will be provided with a copy of all the names and contact details as reflected in the current SA Grand Masters Hockey Association player's database. Provincial chairman will be encouraged to contact all the Ladies and Men hockey players over 60 within their Province and other players who do not appear on the database to encourage them to participate in the Grand Masters IPT and the World Cup 2020 trials.

## ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION PRINCIPLES & PRE-REQUISITES

It is common knowledge that many South African Hockey players have successfully represented Alliance International Hockey Teams as opposed, and in preference, to attending SAGM Trials for possible S.A. selection. There may be many personal reasons for such a team participation preference but in the interests of South African Masters Hockey we need to ensure that the most competitive teams are selected when a South African Hockey team is represented, either locally or internationally.

**SAGMHA wishes to encourage players to represent South Africa, as the Primary Choice.**

The following Alliance International Hockey selection procedure will therefore be implemented with immediate effect:

- S.A. Masters Hockey players who may consider playing for Alliance International as an option, will be required to attend S.A. trials prior to possible Alliance International selection
- The selection principle has always been that if S.A. Master Hockey Players are not included in a S.A. team selection either as a player or as a non-travelling reserve they may apply for inclusion in the Alliance International Teams
- Players who prefer not to represent South African Masters hockey but prefer to represent Alliance International for personal reasons are required to apply in writing and request dispensation clearly stating the extenuating or personal circumstances
- The dispensation application will be viewed and considered with the utmost confidentiality and must be addressed to the President of S.A. Grand Masters ([barryfroneman@telkomsa.net](mailto:barryfroneman@telkomsa.net))
- The dispensation requirement also applies to the participation in the Ladies W.C.2022 tournament, which will be hosted in Cape Town
- All S.A. Grand Masters players are however liable for the CAPITATION FEE, irrespective of possible Alliance International Hockey team representation
- The deadline for all dispensation applications and payments, is 15 September 2021 and must be sent to the President of S.A. Grand Masters Hockey ([barryfroneman@telkomsa.net](mailto:barryfroneman@telkomsa.net)) and the Secretary of S.A. Grand Masters Hockey ([birtfam@iafrica.com](mailto:birtfam@iafrica.com))
- If a S.A.G.M. hockey player attends TRIALS and is not selected as per the above, the South African Alliance International representative, also (VICE PRESIDENT OF ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY) currently Roy Wilson will be advised of the consent for the player to be available for the International Alliance Hockey
- A similar consent will be provided if a dispensation request has been considered and granted

The above process has been endorsed by Roy Wilson and is not intended to serve as a punitive measure but will assist and complement the transparency and fairness of S.A. Grand Masters Trials and Team Selections.

**The co-operation of all the Grand Masters Hockey Players will be greatly appreciated.**

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# SELECTION OF MANAGERS & COACHES



- Profiles are currently in the process of being reviewed and will include details pertaining to 60% players' contribution, SAGMHA activity personal bank accounts, expense claim procedures and a few more general items
- Updated Profiles will be distributed to the Provincial Chairmen no later than **30 June 2021**, who in turn will send to potential candidates
- Provincial Chairmen are to endorse potential candidates and submit names and corresponding C.V.'s of potential candidates, to the SAGMHA President and Secretary, no later than **15 August 2021**
  - Manager/coaches signed acceptance of profiles are to accompany Provincial Chairmen recommendations and submissions.
- Successful Candidates will be advised no later than **31 August 2021**

**DUAL ROLE OF PLAYER COACHES AND PLAYER MANAGERS WILL UNFORTUNATELY NOT BE PERMITTED for W.C. 2022.**

## SA GRAND MASTERS CONSTITUTION

- The constitution is currently being reviewed and will incorporate the affiliation of SA Grand Masters Hockey Association with SA Masters Hockey Association and SAHA and linked to World Masters hockey requirements
- The redrafting process will be as follows:
  - The first draft of the constitution will be presented to the SA Grand Masters committee for review and comment by a prescribed date to be determined
  - Following consensus within the SA Grand Masters committee the draft constitution will be submitted to the Provinces where Provincial Chairman will facilitate discussion within Provinces with the players
  - Provincial chairman will co-ordinate and feedback, minute proposals and submit written feedback and proposed amendments for consideration by the SA Grand Masters committee
  - Following final discussion, if required, consensus must be obtained and a final SA Grand Masters Hockey Association constitution will be drafted and copied to Provincial Chairman with the decision that the draft will be proposed for ratification at the Grand Masters IPT AGM in October 2021. Time frames will be prescribed to facilitate and finalize the revision of the constitution
  - Time will be of the essence and fast turnaround will be a key component of the timeous and successful Constitution Revision

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# FUNDS CARRIED OVER FROM W.C. 2020/2021

- Concise and clear REFUND instructions were sent via my e-mail to all the W.C. 2020/2021 teams on 17 January 2021
- Certain players elected to request a REFUND and other than the Tournament Levy and pro-rata Fund Raising Refunds, these refunds have all been effected
- SAGMHA has been informed that a WMH Tournament Levy has been refunded to SAMHA but that a query has been lodged with WMH regarding the deduction of GBP59.07 per team, due to the cancellation of W.C.2020/2021
- As soon as clarity has been obtained, all the outstanding REFUNDS will be effected
- Players still have the choice to request W.C. 2020/2021 REFUNDS provided the procedure issued on 17 January 2021 is adhered to
- Players may still currently elect to leave their funds in the SAGMHA Bank Account, pending selection for the W.C. 2022 Tournament
- Detailed Players Finances pertaining to their FUNDS in the SAGMHA Bank Account will be issued on 31 July 2021
- Players may then elect a REFUND or continuation of their funds in the SAGMHA Bank Account

Please direct any queries pertaining to SAGMHA funds to [barryfroneman@telkomsa.net](mailto:barryfroneman@telkomsa.net) in the first instance.

## CO-OPERATION WITH SAMHA

Communication and Co-operation with SAMHA is ongoing and Work in Progress.

A fair deal of communication and co-operation is however still required and a report back on the progress, will be included during the AGM in October 2021.

For The Love Of Hockey,



Barry Froneman  
President of SAGMHA

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