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A) WELCOME

DEAR GRAND MASTERS AND FELLOW HOCKEY PLAYERS

In this the 2nd Newsletter of 2021 I would like to repeat my wishes of good health and implementation of sustainable COVID-19 Practices and Protocols to all the members of the Grand Master Hockey fraternity. It is regrettable and sad that we will all know of families, friends and loved ones affected by Covid as it continues to cause havoc in our personal and sporting lives.

Notwithstanding this obstacle many of you have, as administrators and players, persisted with your hockey enthusiasm both on and off the field. Thank you for keeping that spirit for the love for the game uppermost in your mind.

B) REMAIN VIGILANT

It has been 2 months since the last Newsletter and incumbent on us, as your Committee to keep you informed of the developments over this period and to appraise you of our plans up to and including the October 2022 Masters World Cup in Tokyo and Ladies World Cup in Cape Town in the same month for players over 60. Key to our preparations is the Grand Masters IPT from the 15th to the 17th October 2021 in Johannesburg.

Key to our future is the amalgamation of Grand Masters under one umbrella, Masters, the term we are required to recognise in the future. International developments in this regard are progressing well but much work is still required locally.

C) JOINT COMMUNICATION WITH SAMHA

Whereas an effort to co-ordinate a joint SAGMHA/SAMHA communique was attempted, with the most recent SAMHA Newsletter, an unfortunate WORD GREMLIN contributed to the omission of certain information. All the information pertaining to the Over60 Masters Hockey is however contained in this document.

D) GRAND MASTERS I.P.T. 2021 (COVID PERMITTING)

15 – 17 OCTOBER 2021

Much has been said about the 3rd Covid wave in Gauteng and now affecting other Provinces in various degrees. There is National talk by experts of a 4th wave, in all likelihood affecting all Provinces. At the moment your committee retains the view that that GMIPT tournament in Johannesburg from **Friday 15 until Sunday 17 October 2021 will go ahead**. The tournament venues have been booked and Michael Broughton and his organizing Committee have made significant progress in making tournament arrangements and estimating playing levies based on budgeted costs.

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E) COVID VACCINATIONS

Whereas Covid Vaccinations are currently not mandatory within South Africa, we urge those hockey players who can, are able to and who are willing to, to be vaccinated.

Social gatherings/planned entertainment activities have as yet not been planned/catered for during the 2021 GMIPT in view of the current National Covid Protocols.

Certain of these Covid Protocols may be relaxed prior to the Tournament and entertainment activities may very well be catered for.

Right of admission to these entertainment activities may however at the discretion of the venue, be restricted to players who are not vaccinated.

Player IPT registration documents will however request confirmation of COVID vaccinations, please respond accordingly. **Players who have not been vaccinated will not be disqualified to participate.**

F) SAGMHA IPT 2021 COSTS

Players must be registered on the SAGMHA DATABASE. Check this with your local Provincial Chairman.

Capitation Fee: Players in the **+60 and older age group** are required to pay their annual capitation fee of **R330** while players in the **+55 age group** pay **R110.00** capitation fee. These fees must be paid to their Provinces no later than **22 September 2021**. Capitation fees paid during 2020 will be carried over to the IPT tournament in 2021.

Players in the +75 age category are exempted from paying capitation fees.

Tournament levy: The cost of hosting the GMIPT tournament is provided by the hosts, in this case SAGMHA. (Final Budget will be submitted to SAGMHA for review and approval). It is anticipated that the 2021 GMIPT tournament Levy will not exceed R500.00 per player. Whereas Entertainment may not be provided, Covid Officials and Protocols dictate additional costs not normally associated with the GMIPT.

Tournament fees of R500.00 paid to their Provinces no later than **22 September 2021**.

World Cup Commitment fee: All Grand Masters Players who intend to participate in the TRIALS and who wish to be considered for W.C.2022, will be required to register and pay a once off commitment registration levy of **R500.00**. This levy will be refunded within **10 days** if the player is not included in the final team/squad selection, either as a player or non-travelling reserve. The payment will be credited to selected players against the World Cup costs. **Must effect payments to their Provinces no later than 22 September 2021.**

Payment of Fees: PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN are responsible for ensuring that their players pay the required fees and that their names are listed as having paid **Capitation Levy, Tournament Levy and Commitment Fee** respectively.

Payment of all three fees/levies must be made by Provinces no later than 30 SEPTEMBER 2021.

G) PRE-REQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENTS

The GMIPT2021 will be the only opportunity to attend and qualify for 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.

Applications for dispensation must be received by the President of SA Grand Masters (Barry Froneman: barryfroneman@telkomsa.net) and the SAGMHA Secretary (Rob Birt: birtfam@iafrica.com) by no later than **01 OCTOBER 2021**. Acceptance or declining of the request will be communicated to applicants no later than **08 OCTOBER 2021**.

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Payment of the **Capitation** and **Commitment** fees as described above must however still be payed, irrespective of a dispensation submission. **Tournament levies** do not apply to those players whose dispensation requests are accepted.

The pre-requisites for selection were communicated in the 1st newsletter and are not repeated here. Players wishing to be selected are advised to read the contents of Newsletter Number One.

Dispensation application documents are available from your Provincial Chairmen.

H) SELECTION AT GMIPT2021 (In addition to Newsletter Number One.)

- Strict Covid Travelling Protocols instituted by most of the overseas countries and exorbitant quarantine costs upon returning may result in overseas players applying for A Covid related dispensation, for the October 2021 Trials.
- In addition to the above, local players who may be recuperating from Covid may need to apply for dispensation, for the October 2021 Trials (Medical certificates will however be requested).
- In view of the potential number of the Covid related dispensation submissions, FINAL TEAM SELECTIONS may not be possible for all the AGE GROUPS and FINAL SQUAD SELECTIONS will then take place. The number of players to be included in the SQUAD SELECTION should not exceed 18 but will be based on the then circumstances.
- Attendance at a 1.5 days camp prior to commencement of the February 2022 GMIPT will however be compulsory for the entire squad.
- **Team Selection Must be finalized at the GMIPT2022**
- Team Coach Appointments for a particular age group team will fulfil the role of **Convener of Selectors**.
- Whereas players may wish to be selected for W.C.2022 in a lower age group SAGMHA Committee has decided that in order for all the age groups to be competitive at the World Cup 2022, eligible W.C. players will be required to avail themselves for selection within their age group.
- Under Age Dispensation Application to WMH for W.C.2022 participation players, will only apply to the Men's 75+ age group. Two (2) underage players will be permitted as per WMH dispensation guidelines.

I) ALLIANCE PLAYERS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 2021 GMIPT and W.C.2022

South African Grand Masters Hockey Players are to avail themselves to the S.A. Provincial Teams, prior to availing themselves to an Alliance Team.

It is imperative in the interest of South African Grand Masters Hockey that the "best" available players are available for selection for the South African Teams participating at the World Cup 2022 and beyond.

"Best" is normally associated/referred to as the most experienced, skilful and versatile player who is available to represent South Africa at the Masters World Cup and/or any International Tournament.

Whereas the opportunity to have a second bite at the cherry i.e. not selected for a South African Grand Masters Team, but still have an opportunity to participate at the World Cup under the banner of a non- South

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African team is welcomed in the interest of the development of the player, **the following mandatory rules must please be adhered to:**

I1) PARTICIPATION AT THE GMIPT 2021:

- If a South African Provincial Grand Masters Team has sufficient players within an Age Group to participate at the 2021 GMIPT, a player who wishes to represent Alliance at the GMIPT may request dispensation from the Provincial Chairman and avail themselves to the Alliance Team.

- **DISPENSATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN NO LATER THAN 15 SEPTEMBER 2021)**
- **Provincial chairmen to respond to dispensation requests no later than 22 SEPTEMBER 2021**

I2) PARTICIPATION AT THE 2022 WORLD CUP:

- If the Alliance player who was selected to represent the Alliance Team at the GMIPT, wishes however to participate at the Masters W.C. 2022 they must however avail him or her first and foremost, for selection for the South African Team.

If the Alliance player is not included in the **October 2021 South African Team Squad**, the player may lodge a request for dispensation to be considered for selection in the W.C. Alliance Team, to the President of SAGMHA

The dispensation process referred to in Section "G": PRE-REQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENTS must however be adhered to.

- **DISPENSATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE SAGMHA PRESIDENT NO LATER THAN 20 OCTOBER 2021**
- **SAGMHA PRESIDENT to respond no later than 25 OCTOBER 2021**

In addition to the above, the **SAGMHA IPT COSTS Section "F"** apply to S.A. players who will be representing the Alliance at the GMIPT and to be considered for selection i.e. **COMMITMENT DEPOSIT.**

Refunds as note in **SAGMHA IPT COSTS Section "F"** will also apply to Alliance Team Members.

J) SELECTION OF TEAM MANAGERS AND TEAM COACHES

The Job Profiles for both these positions have been circulated to Provinces. The requirements for consideration and appointment, including the roles and responsibilities are described in detail in the Job Profiles. Nominations are required by the **31 August 2021** and the successful candidates will be announced on **09 September 2021.**

K) SELECTORS FOR G.M.IPT 2021

Nominations for selectors have been distributed to all the Provincial Chairmen
The opportunity therefore exists for the Provinces to submit selectors for the various age groups, Ladies and Men.

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Non-hosting provinces selectors, who have been accepted, will be partially subsidized by SAGMHA for expenses incurred.

SAGMHA Team Coach Appointments will fulfil the role of **Convener of Selectors** for the particular age group team.

The final player selection of the teams to attend the respective World Cups 2022, will however be the responsibility of the Team Coach, assisted by the Team Manager and if arbitration is required, the President of SAGMHA.

It will be required of the selectors to convene at “close of play” each day in order to identify Key Players and discuss potential squad members and playing positions.

Nominations for Team Selectors must be submitted to the Regional chairmen who must submit the nomination to the President of SAGMHA no later than **07 SEPTEMBER 2021**.

Provincial chairmen and the successful Team Selectors will be notified no later than **17 SEPTEMBER 2021**.

The final list of squad members will be submitted to members of the SAGMHA Committee for review and endorsement, prior to the announcement of the squad members.

The introduction of the above is to ensure that the selection process is fair and transparent.

L) THE ROADMAP TO THE WORLD CUPS TOKYO 2022 and CAPE TOWN 2022

At this stage, despite Covid, assumptions have been made about the holding of the IPT in Johannesburg. On that basis the following milestones have been planned for participation in the World Cups; Tokyo and Cape Town

Masters Ladies Over 60 World Cup- Cape Town	1-10 Oct 2022
Masters Men's Over 60's to Over 80's World Cup- Tokyo	19 – 29 Oct 2022
Distribute Team Manager/Team Coach Profiles to Provinces- Rob	04-Aug-21
Issue Invitations for Manager/Coach Nominations based on Reviewed Job Profiles- Provincial Chairmen	04-Aug-21
Submit Team Manager/Team Coach Nominations and CV's- Potential Candidates	23-Aug-21
Distribute Team Selectors Invitations- Rob	23-Aug-21
Distribute Player Dispensation Applications to Provincial Chairmen- Rob	23-Aug-21
Review and Shortlist Team Coaches/Managers- Provincial Chairmen	24-Aug-21
Issue Invitations for Team Selectors- Provincial Chairmen	24-Aug-21
Submit Team Shortlist of Team Coaches/Managers to SAGMHA President and Secretary Provincial Chairmen	30-Aug-21
Submit Team Selectors Nominations to SAGMHA President and Secretary- Provincial Chairmen	07-Sept-21
Conduct Manager and Coach Selection Process-SAGMHA President and Secretary	06-Sept-21
Notify Successful Managers and Coaches via Cellular/Telephone Call	08-Sept-21
Announce Names of Successful Managers and Coaches- SAGMHA President and Secretary	09-Sept-21
Conduct Zoom Session with Successful Managers and Coaches	10-Sept-21
Conduct Team Selectors Review and Selection Process- SAGMHA President and Kevin Nicol	13-Sept-21
SAGMH PLAYERS WHO WISH TO REPRESENT THE ALLIANCE AT THE GMIPT MUST	15-Sept-21

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SUBMIT A DISPENSATION REQUEST TO THE PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN	
Notify Successful Team Selectors- SAGMHA President and Secretary	17-Sept-21
PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN TO RESPOND TO GMIPT ALLIANCE DISPENSATION PLAYERS	
Receive 2022 GMIPT Dispensation Applications	01-Oct-21
ALLIANCE W.C.2022 DISPENSATION PLAYERS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO SAGMHA PRESIDENT	
Notify 2022 GMIPT Dispensation Applicants of the Outcome- SAGMHA President	08-Oct-21
SAGMHA PRESIDENT TO NOTIFY ALLIANCE W.C.2022 DISPENSATION APPLICANTS OF THE OUTCOME	
Pay Capitation Fees 55+(R110.00)60+(R330.00)75+(R00.00) to Regional Province	22-Sep-21
Pay Tournament Levy of R500.00 to Regional Province	22-Sep-21
Pay World Cup Commitment deposit R500 to Regional Province	22-Sep-21
Confirmation of player SAHA registration	27-Sep-21
Provincial Chairmen to Effect Payment of CAPITATION FEE to the SAGMHA ACCOUNT	30-Sep-21
Provincial Chairmen to Effect Payment of WORLD CUP COMMITMENT DEPOSIT to the SAGMHA ACCOUNT	30-Sep-21
Provincial Chairmen to Effect Payment of TOURNAMENT LEVY to the SAGMHA ACCOUNT	30-Sep-21
ALL THE ABOVE PAYMENTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY NAMES OF THE PAYEE'S	30-Sep-21
Camp One for W.C. 2022 Selected Squads- KZN Durban	
GMIPT KZN Durban	23-24 Feb 2022
Announce the Names of the W.C.2022 Teams and Non-Travelling Reserves	
Camp Two will be communicated to the respective Teams at the 2022 GMIPT	25 - 27 Feb 2022
It is envisaged however that the individual age groups arrange and conduct their own Camp Two.	27-Feb 2022
A final Camp for all the participating W.C.2022 Teams is planned for August 2022.	AUGUST 2022

M) PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR LADIES CAPE TOWN W.C.2022

The current estimated cost of the Ladies O60 WC participation in Cape Town should not exceed R20000.00
Certain costs have been confirmed.

- Accommodation=R6000.00(Confirmed)
- Transport=R1800.00(Confirmed)
- Tournament Levy=R2000.00 (Estimate)
- Kit=R5000.00(Maximum)
- 40% contribution to Manager and Coach(to be finalized)

An up-to-date cost will be distributed on 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

N) PRELIMINARY COSTS FOR MEN'S TOKYO W.C.2022

The current estimated cost of the Men's O60/O65/O70 and O75 WC participation in Tokyo is approximately R46000.00

No definitive costs are available but SAGMHA will endeavour to provide more accurate known costs, no later than 30 SEPTEMBER 2021.

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All attempts to get sponsorship per individual or team to reduce these costs are encouraged.

Players will be required to commit to a financial plan and payment schedule which will be distributed no later than **30 SEPTEMBER 2021**.

O) SAGMHA WEBSITE

A revised website is being developed by Karl Luff and Warren Machanic and is in an advanced stage. It will be in use prior to and during the IPT but also beyond. It will be populated with: Names, Date of Birth, availability for IPT, Age Group, medical forms (blood pressure, Covid status etc.), indemnity forms, availability for WC selection.

It will also include: Fixtures, results, a photo gallery, a map on venues, Social events, Security arrangements etc.

The site will have the facility to download to excel for use by Selectors/Managers/Coaches for lists and with a record of payments of various fees/levies.

The web-site is planned to be commissioned (GO LIVE) by 06 September 2021

P) SA GRAND MASTERS CONSTITUTION

The constitution is still being reviewed in order to incorporate changes and the affiliation of SA Grand Masters Hockey Association with SA Masters Hockey Association, SAHA and WMH.

The redrafting process will be as follows:

The first draft of the constitution will be presented to the SA Grand Masters committee during September 2021 for discussion and then submitted to the Provincial Chairmen for discussion with the Provincial players.

Documented feedback and proposed amendments will be considered by the SA Grand Masters Committee and following consensus, a final SA Grand Masters Hockey Association constitution will be drafted and sent to the Provincial Chairman for final ratification.

The amended SAGMHA Constitution will be ratified at the Grand Masters IPT AGM in October 2021.

Q) AMALGAMATION: SAGMHA and SAMHA

Whereas there has been limited progress on Items requiring a common understanding and resolution to ensure that we are all part of the Masters and World Masters Hockey Associations for the past few months, a recent discussion with Reg Marais has ensured that we are “back on track”.

The amalgamation will consist of a two (2) phase approach, **Transition** and **Transformation**

1) Transition Phase:

Activities to be implemented:

- Blueprint for Masters/Grand Masters “amalgamation/unity” and ONE MASTERS ENTITY.

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- To serve as a guideline for Provinces to commence with the integration of the two (2) Masters and Grand Masters entities.
- Southern Gauteng is on track and has been for quite a while, adopting a common constitution, attending each other's committee meetings. but retaining separate Bank Accounts
 - Selected Attendance at each other's Committee Meetings.
 - Joint Masters Communications regarding tournaments/trials.
 - Joint Masters Roadmap regarding tournaments, trials, etc.
 - Exposure at SAHA level, regarding all Masters Communications, attendance at SAHA meetings, tournaments schedules, sliding scale SAHA Levies etc.
 - SAGMH Invitation to participate at the African Cup Tournament-November 2021.
 - Establishment of a Common Masters Player's Database.
 - Standardize on Masters W.C. hockey kit with affect W.C. 2022. (Grand Masters do however **not** change kit for every W.C. Tournament. i.e. every 2 years.)
 - Current Masters Logo to be adapted to cater for Over 60 Masters players. (Crown addition as discussed and agreed at the previous Randburg Camp One.)
 - Review all the associated costs of participating in S.A.Masters and S.A.Grand Masters Hockey
 - Establishment of a Joint SAGMHA/SAMHA Committee to investigate the implementation of short and medium term "low hanging fruit" benefits.

S.A.Grand Masters Status Quo during the Transition Phase:

- Grand Masters to retain Grand Masters Communication Logo's during the transition phase.
- Grand Masters to review and update the current Grand Masters Constitution and retain the updated Grand Masters Constitution but include and emphasize, the AFFILIATION to SAMHA, SAHA and WMH. Certain Current Masters constitution clauses/statements may be incorporated in the SAGMHA updated constitution.
- Grand Masters to upgrade the current SAGMHA web-site to cater for interim Grand Masters Tournaments, Grand Masters Relevant Communications etc.
- Grand Masters will retain control of all the finances pertaining to the receipt and payments of financial transactions within the SAGMHA Current Account and Money Trader Financial Vehicles.

2) Transformation Phase:

- Action Items and Prioritization thereof, of the Outcome of the Joint SAGMHA/SAMHA Committee
- Single Masters Constitution
- Single Masters Web-Site
- Single Master Players Registration Portal
- Single Masters Entity
- Potential Alignment to WMH Masters Age Group Tournament Hosting Parameters.

R) SAGMHA AGM

The annual AGM of your Association will take place on Saturday 16th October.

All Committee Members, Provincial Chairmen, Managers and Coaches are expected to attend and at least 25% of each Provincial team including a nominal amount of +55 players.

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The new committee will be elected and nominations for each of the following roles need to be submitted to the Secretary, Rob Birt (birtfam@iafrica.com) by the 1st October.

It is in the interests of each Province to have their Provincial Chairperson on the committee. Serious consideration should be given to this suggestion. In addition the committee must consist of enthusiastic and proactive members who will drive their portfolios without having to be reminded of activity deadlines. The task of achieving the deadlines on the Road map to Tokyo/Cape Town is a huge responsibility requiring a commitment in time and energy.

The portfolios on the committee are:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Playing Affairs Coordinator Ladies and Men: two positions.
5. **Marketing Co-ordinator - potentially combine 5 and 6**
6. **Transformation Co-ordinator - potentially combine 5 and 6**
7. Potentially Social Media, I.T. and Governance (New suggested Portfolio)

On behalf of the SAGMHA Committee,
For the love of Hockey

Barry Froneman
President of SAGMHA

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