

SAGMHA NEWSLETTER NUMBER 4:

N.B.THIS NEWSLETTER COMPLIMENTS THE SAMHA DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A. TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

- It is imperative in the interest and development of South African Masters Hockey that the “best” available players are available for selection for the South African Teams participating at the World Cup Tournaments.
- SAMHA will not enter a team which is deemed to be non-competitive in a WMH tournament.

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

- Players who **have** registered for WC2024 trials and potential team selection via the Registration Application are required to comply with the following:
- No players will be allowed to play “down” unless specifically authorised by SA Masters Executive. (Dispensation can be requested but the WMH rules will apply and dispensation is therefore not automatic.)
- To be eligible to compete a player must be over the designated age limit on 31 December 2024 or who will reach the designated age by/on 31 December 2024.
- Players must also comply with the following criteria:

- **Effect the commitment fee of R8000.00 to be reflected in the SGMHA bank account, no later than 28 FEBRUARY 2024 (Refundable if not selected for a WC2024 team no later than 10 May 2024.) (ALL WORLD CUP PAYMENTS FOR OVER 60'S ARE TO BE EFFECTED TO THE SAGMHA NEDBANK BANK ACCOUNT)**

- **Branch code** **193305**
- **Branch** **Sandton**
- **Acc: Number** **1022379879**

- **Please refer to the Masters Newsletter December 2023 for Milestone Payments.**
- Players must be affiliated to SAHA and have a SAHA membership number.(Further details will be provided)
- Be a fully paid- up member of a club or association.
- Have a valid South African passport or be a permanent resident of South Africa.
- Meet the age criteria as per WMH tournament rules.
- Must attend and participate in the final WC2024 Team Selection Trials.
- Final team selection will be announced at the National Camp/SAGMHA IPT.
- Must attend 3 x training camps. (Dates and Venues will be advised)
- Must meet all the WC2024 payment deadline dates.
- It is a requirement that all players in each team will occupy the appointed accommodation, as has been the case at all previous Masters World Cup Tournaments.
- Players must participate in local age group hockey leagues on at least a weekly basis.

- Whereas it is not expected that players participating in IPT2024 AND TRIALS will be adequately fit for WC2024 it will be required of all participating players to be mobile and provincial match fit.
- All the S.A. WMH WC2024 (Cape Town and New Zealand) participants will be wearing the same S.A. kit.

B: FINAL TEAM TRIALS for MASTERS W.C.2024 AUCKLAND TOURNAMENT:

The Final Team Trials for the **Ladies age group 60+, Men's age groups 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+** will be held in Johannesburg from 21 to 24 March 2024 and will be incorporated in the Annual Grand Masters Inter Provincial Tournament from 22 to 24 March 2024.

- Players will be required to submit to relevant age group fitness tests.
- Teams will be selected from the final trials selection process and will include non-travelling reserves.
- Players who are unable to attend the SA Masters Trials and IPT2024 are required to apply in writing to request dispensation, which request should clearly state the extenuating circumstances or reasons for not being able to attend.
- Dispensation is however, not a guarantee for team selection.
- Final age group team selections will be announced on the 24th March 2024, the last day of SAGMHA IPT 2024.
- Independent qualified, and experienced hockey selectors will assist the Team Coaches with the selection of the appropriate age group teams.

C. TRAINING CAMPS

- All selected players will be required to participate in the WC 2024 squad fitness program and local Provincial training and preparations for the World Cup.
- Nominated Regional training coordinators will ensure consistency of training/coaching approaches in their respective provinces.
- Whereas it is not expected that players participating in these training camps will be adequately fit for WC2024 fitness, improvement tests will be conducted on a regular basis.
- Two of the camps will be scheduled in the province which favours lower hosting costs and/or where the majority of the selected team players reside.
- Preliminary dates for the first two training camps are June 2024 and August 2024
- The third and final camp will be scheduled in conjunction with the Masters teams who will be participating in New Zealand.
- Equalization Funds and billeting will always be considered and implemented.

D: WC2024 S.A. MASTERS PLAYING KIT:

A spreadsheet reflecting the kit that was purchased by the players for WC2022 will soon be communicated.

The intention is to ascertain the feasibility of not purchasing alternative kit for WC2024. (For those players who were selected for WC2022 and who are also selected for WC2024 teams)

Please review and indicate on the spreadsheet the WC2022 kit that you still have in your possession and kit that you may require, due to lost and/or kit that was swapped.

The final decision as to the feasibility of not procuring kit for the WC2022 players will be evaluated, once all the players have returned their spreadsheet containing their kit details.

Your anticipated co-operation is appreciated.

SPONSORSHIP IS ENCOURAGED AND SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION LETTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Costs for preparation of the teams prior to and participation at W.C.2024 will always be a key consideration.

Please refer any queries pertaining to the above in the first instance, to barryfroneman2023@telkomsa.net and Rob Birt birtfam@iafrica.com.

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