



# CAPE TOWN SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION NEWSLETTER

## Dear Hockey friends

As you know, the WMH World Cup will be taking place in Cape Town this October! As we count the days to the tournament, the excitement is growing, and we can't wait to welcome all the different teams, players, and staff to the tournament. We've got all the details you need to know about the event.

### THE WORLD MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP

#### It's a Cashless Event:

Please note the WMH World Cup will be a cashless event. This means that all the vendors at the different match venues will not be able to accept cash and will only be able to accept cards.

The World Cup villages at the Western Province Cricket & Hockey Club and Hartleyvale Hockey Stadium all food vendors, medical services, and any other service provider will only accept card payments including Diners Club and American Express cards.

We have ensured that there will be sufficient Yoko cashless machines available for each vendor to ensure a smooth transaction process. The Yoko card machine will not give you a printed receipt,

however, you are able to request an email receipt at the time of your purchase should you require a proof of purchase. As the hosts of the World Cup, we feel that this will reduce any security risk for participants and suppliers.

#### Practice Sessions, everything you need to know

Any teams wishing to book astro training sessions are to send an email to Andy Stofberg at [andy@psihockey.co.za](mailto:andy@psihockey.co.za) with the requested dates and times. We will try our best to accommodate team requests as far as date and time are concerned, we might not be able to do so, due to the increased demand for training facilities. .

Training sessions are 01h15 minutes and are based on a ½ field which means that you will be sharing the field with another team. The cost per session is R750. Should teams wish to utilise a full field they should indicate this when sending their requests via email.

#### Practice balls and warm up prior to matches

We have had several requests from teams with regards to the provision of practice balls for training sessions and pre-match warm-up by the event organizers



With the number of fields being used for the practice sessions, unfortunately we are unable to provide this service.

Our suggestion is that each player packs in two hockey balls, which will then give teams sufficient balls to practice with during their session.

We are excited to announce that we will be involved in a Legacy Project during and after the World Cup and more information will be announced in our next monthly newsletter. Participants who do not wish to travel home with practice balls after the event are more than welcome to donate these to our Development program. These hockey balls will then be distributed to several underprivileged clubs and schools across Cape Town.

Should teams wish to purchase balls and have them delivered to their accommodation upon arrival that can be arranged. The balls are approximately R80 each. To request an order please request this through the Sports shop which is currently situated at the Western province Sports Club. You can email: Megan Dobson at [mdobson@mweb.co.za](mailto:mdobson@mweb.co.za) and she will be able to take care of any of your requirements and have your balls delivered to your hotel or your first training session.

## The World Masters Hockey World Cup – Opening Function

We are very excited to announce that the opening function for The World Masters Hockey World Cup will take place at the iconic Victoria and Alfred Waterfront also known as the V&A Waterfront. Below are all the details you need to know about the event:

**Date:** Friday, 30th September 2022.

**Time:** Arrival at 3:30pm and starts at 4pm.

## Stay Entertained

The Opening Function will take the form of a “Parade of Nations” through the V&A Waterfront. The undoubted stars of the Cape Carnival, the Cape Minstrels band, consisting of 21 members will welcome you with some famous “Kaapse Klopse” music whilst we arrange teams in a procession format.

Teams will meet at the V&A Harbour. A full map and information will be distributed to all team managers. Teams will line up in alphabetical order led by South Africa and we shall then embark on a public procession through the V&A Waterfront,





across the Clock Tower Bridge and finish up at The Silo Hotel's, open area. This walk is approximately 800 metres. A mere warm up for our elite athletes!

Each country will plant its flag upon arrival followed by the official opening speeches. The open area outside the Silo Hotel is an informal hang-out and consists of a grass verge, seating, and the majority of a large open standing area for all. We expect the finishing time for the grand opening to be no later than 5:15pm and the Cape Minstrels will be there to entertain us until 5:45pm for those who wish to take videos, dance, and simply enjoy the warm welcome to Cape Town.

For those teams who are on the transport solution package – transport to and from this event is included in the package. A collection point has been arranged close to the finishing area so that participants do not have to walk all the way back to the starting point.

The team dress code is entirely up to each country, but we do urge countries to be dressed in similar attire. We urge teams to make a conscious effort to attend this event, to be part of it and for it NOT to be missed.

## The World Masters Hockey World Cup – Closing Function.

### Let's Have a Grand Time!

We are pleased to announce that the closing function will take place on the 10th of October at the Grand Africa Café & Beach in Cape Town which is situated in Granger Bay, next to the V&A Waterfront. This spectacular venue has been in operation for over 13 years and is a popular venue to visit amongst locals and foreigners. The venue has five bars, a magnificent Atlantic Ocean view, decks, nine private function venue areas, and an on-beach dining experience, trust us you're guaranteed to find the perfect spot to capture that unforgettable magic, that's simply grand! Soak in the sun, dig your feet in the sand and enjoy the beautiful sea views, whilst you party the night away.

Dinner will consist of a welcome drink on arrival and a choice of starters and mains. More information to follow in the form of the full menu and ticket offering.

We will be entertained by one of South Africa's most popular bands of international acclaim "Wonderboom" together with a resident DJ who is bound to get your feet moving and keep you on the dance floor.



The music will start from 6 pm and dinner will be served from 7 pm to 10pm, however, the party will carry on late into the evening.

Drop past the Photo Booth and capture some memorable moments of your last Cape Town experience with you and your teammates.

Enjoy the chance to see yourself on the "big screen" with action pictures taken over the week being displayed.

There will be a cash bar onsite with bar staff to ensure your drink orders are met timeously. Please visit their website for more pictures.

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### WMH World Cup Villages

We will have World Cup Villages at both venues we you can relax and enjoy the hockey. Here you will be able to grab a cup of coffee, or something to eat - be it a quick grab-and-go snack or a heartier local dish, or maybe even a healthy meal. You will also be able to enjoy the various non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks on offer in our Beer Gardens whilst you keep an eye on the hockey. The merchandising shop and other specialty retailers will ensure that you have what you need at your fingertips so that you don't have to stray too far from the action.

### MERCHANDISING:

All official merchandising pre-ordered by the players can be collected from the Merchandising Stand at Western Province Cricket & Hockey Club Village

during the tournament. All pre orders have now closed to allow for manufacturing lead times to be met before the tournament starts.

During the tournament there will be various items as per the list below that will be available for sale from the Merchandising Stand.

Back Packs, Golf Shirts, Bags, Hats, Jerseys, Key Rings, Memory Sticks, Shin Liners, T-Shirts, Warm-Up Tops, Towels, Cutting Boards, Wine Glasses and Veldskoek Shoes. There will also be limited stock of a special World Cup Memorabilia Golf Shirt - so make sure you visit the store early in the tournament to avoid disappointment of this item being sold out.

### Live Streaming of Matches:

SA Masters is proud to announce that 230 of the 265 games played in Cape Town will be live-streamed, making this the biggest streamed tournament of its kind. Should you have any interest of sponsoring any of the streamed games please make sure that you contact us and we will send you the rates and make the necessary arrangements. The streaming will be country targeted so that to ensure that brands are marketed during games played by the relevant countries.

We are also looking for any volunteer commentators that may be interested in commentating on games their countries are involved in, so those budding commentators out there or if you just want to gain some experience in this field, please make sure that you contact us as well.





## TRANSPORTATION

### Don't Get Left Behind!

Many teams have taken advantage of the transport solution that we are offering. The fleet has just been topped up with another five brand new vehicles which will be incorporated into the tournament.

The transport solution on offer is R200 per player/partner per day, and includes the following:

- Airport transfer from the airport to the hotel on arrival day. One of the World Cup staff members will be there to greet you and escort you to the bus pick-up area.
- Transport to and from all practice sessions.
- Match day team transfers to and from the game.

- Transfers to the World Cup opening function and the World Cup closing function at Grand Africa Café & Beach (with Metro traffic officers' support if required)
- An internal bus system running between venues to allow individuals or teams participating to freely move between venues to watch any matches of their choosing or to visit either of the World Cup Villages.
- An external bus system running from hotels to playing venues. This allows participants to visit the World Cup Village or another venue at any stage during the World Cup.
- Airport shuttle from the hotel to the airport on the day of departure, regardless of the return date.
- 24/7 support Emergency contact number should you require any emergency assistance at any time.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this regard please contact Ashleigh via email on: [sasdurban@gmail.com](mailto:sasdurban@gmail.com)



## ACTIVITIES

An Activities Desk will be available where enquiries and bookings for transfers, half day tours, full day tours, adventure tours, pre- and post tours, safaris, Garden Route tours and many more can be booked.

Besides the many activities such as the Cape Peninsula Tour, Winelands Tour, Robben Island Tour, Whale Tour, Great White Shark Diving, Township Tour and many more, have a look at the below tours which may wet your appetite.

### **Safari (Half day, Full day or Overnight tours) from Cape Town**

Just 2 hours from Cape Town, situated in the historic town of Touws River, in a valley between the Langeberg and the Outeniqua Mountains in the Karoo, the 10,000 hectare conservancy has evolved from its early days of being residence to various antelope species only to becoming the home of the Africa's Legendary Big 5. A unique opportunity to see Lion, Rhino, Buffalo, Elephant & Leopard, as well as Giraffes, Waterbuck, Oryx, Kudu, Lechwe, Zebra, Bontebok, Red Hartebeest, Springbok, Gemsbok, Steenbok, Caracal (Lynx) Blesbok, Fox, Jackal, Baboon, Black Wildebeest, Cheetah, Impala & Hippo's. Additional wildlife and flora is available to view on the once-in-a-lifetime game drives.

Half day tour: Includes Welcome Drinks, 2-3 hour Game Drive & Buffet Lunch.

Full day tour: Includes Welcome Drinks, Buffet Breakfast, 2-3 hour Game Drive & Buffet Lunch.

Overnight tour: Includes Accommodation as well as Welcome Drinks on arrival, Buffet Lunch, 2-3 hour Game Drive, Buffet Dinner, 2-3 hour Game Drive and Buffet Breakfast.

### **Kruger National Park safari - 3 Day / 2 Night**

Travel to the Kruger National Park for an unbelievable encounter with the Infamous Big Five. Lion, Leopard, Rhinoceros (both black and white species), Elephant, and Cape Buffalo. The term "Big Five" was coined by big-game hunters and refers to the five most difficult animals in Africa to hunt on foot. Visit The Elephant Sanctuary for a hands-on interactive and educational elephant experience.

Includes: Return Transfers, Elephant Encounter, full day Safari Game Drive, 2 nights' Accommodation on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis.

Excludes: Lunch, drinks & flights.

\*PLEASE NOTE: The transport departs from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg to Kruger Park promptly at 10h00 and arrives back at the airport in Johannesburg on the last day at approximately 18h00. (Please note these times when booking flights).



### **Garden Route package - 3 Day / 2 Night**

Travel to the charming town of Oudtshoorn, situated in the Klein Karoo, home to South Africa's ostrich farm industry and the world famous Cango Caves. Visit Knysna which is situated between lush forests and the shores of a peaceful lagoon and offers a wide variety of activities and attractions. Then venture on a 4x4 Safari, on a Private Game Reserve, one of the biggest attractions on the Garden Route.

Includes: Entrance fees as stipulated, Tour Guide, Air-Conditioned vehicle, 2 nights' Accommodation on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis and a 2 hour Safari.

#### **OUDTSHOORN**

- Wine Tasting in Robertson
- Visit an Ostrich Farm
- Dinner and overnight in Oudtshoorn

#### **KNYSNA / PLETTENBERG BAY**

- Cango Caves
- Swartberg Mountain Pass
- Lunch @ "Kobus se Gat" or similar
- Knysna Waterfront
- Elephant Park (optional)
- Dinner and overnight in Knysna

#### **MOSSEL BAY**

- Safari tour on a Private Game Reserve
- Return to Cape Town in the afternoon

For more information, other tours as well as rates please contact Diane or Louise on [wc2020@highline.co.za](mailto:wc2020@highline.co.za)

#### **VISAS**

For any queries on Visa Requirements or Visa Letters please contact Diane or Louise on [wc2020@highline.co.za](mailto:wc2020@highline.co.za), otherwise please visit the South African Department of Home Affairs website for all requirements - Applying for a South African visa.

You will need to apply for your visa in your home country. Your accredited Travel Agent in your country will also be able to assist you with queries as well as applying.

#### **ASTRO BOOKINGS**

We have received astro slot booking requests for the day leading up to the start of the World Cup on 1 October 2022. Anyone who wishes to reserve astros should contact Andy Stofberg at: [andy@psihockey.co.za](mailto:andy@psihockey.co.za).

