

Dear Tshwane Titans Parents

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the **11th** edition of the u11 & u12 PSi North Nationals tournament in Durban from the 26th to the 29th September 2024. Last year was an enjoyable 10th birthday celebration and we hope to create more amazing memories on and off the court in 2024.

Please register as a Tshwane Titans on our shop before participating in trials - this also covers our insurance. BHSC registered players do not need to do this again:

<https://store.sticitt.co.za/TITANS>

We also have opportunities for non-tourers to play locally.

POTENTIAL FRANCHISES PART OF NORTH NATIONALS

- Tshwane Titans
- Bethlehem Badgers
- Durban Panthers, Tigers and Pumas
- East Rand Quaggas
- Limpopo Leopards
- West Rand Lions
- Lowveld Rhinos
- Vaal Vultures
- Mpumalanga Mambas
- Bloemfontein Bears
- Newcastle Dragons
- Gauteng Gryphons
- Midlands Stallions
- Joburg Giants
- Northerns United
- Ermelo Cheetahs

TOURNAMENT DATES

U11 & U12 AGE GROUP (BOYS & GIRLS)

Matches will take place on the 27th, 28th and 29th September 2024.

Expected times will be as follows:

Match Day 1 & 2: 08h00 to 18h00

Match Day 3: 08h00 to 15h00

Please take note when booking accommodation and flights.



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TRANSPORT

The PSI arranged transport last year was really not on standard, so we want to make it easier this year by suggesting that we rent an 11 seater per 2 teams and/or ask parents on tour to also be part of the transport solution if/when needed.

VENUES & HOCKEY

The following courts will be used:

UKZN Westville Campus (2 courts), Durban Girls High School, Danville Girls School, St Mary's, Thomas More, Ashton Ballito, Kloof High and Maris Stella.

As per previous Nationals we will guarantee a minimum of 7 matches over the 3 days. Team entries need to be confirmed by **1st August 2024**.

Each Section will have their own prize giving at their venue to hand out medals and individual awards at 14h30 on Day 3.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday evening: team photos and short welcome

There will be a PSI arranged fun filled hockey evening during the tournament at UKZN Westville Campus. Currently we are busy finalizing plans with the SA Indoor teams however we will host the u11's on Friday night and the u12's on Saturday night! Dinner will be provided for all participants this evening. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend the function. Food and drinks will also be on sale.

The other evening we will have a Tshwane Titans talent show i.e. u12's on Friday night and u11's on Saturday night.



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ACCOMMODATION FOR INCOMING TEAMS

We have received the following quotes from AHA Hotel in Umhlanga - it is centrally situated and a safe area. There is also a walkway between Gateway Mall and the Hotel which makes logistics very easy.

Rate is R2200 for 3 nights (twin i.e. 2 sharing) bed&breakfast incl. tourism levy. Accommodation is an added cost – we definitely prefer having the players together in the hotel as a team, but it is a choice of the parents. Parents can also book to stay at the AHA but take into consideration that both us and Mambas will be staying there. If the hotel has space, parents will stay on another floor than the players (for your sanity). Rate per night is R1465 pn in Twin (sharing 2) and R1220 pn single standard room B&B incl tourism levy.

We recommend the following Check IN and Check OUT dates:

Check In: All day Thursday 26th September 2024

Check Out: Afternoon Sunday 29th September 2024

FOOD and DRINK

Breakfast

The AHA hotel has a great buffet hot/cold breakfast and also food parcel option for the early days included in the accommodation price.

Lunches

Teams need to purchase their own lunches. Every venue has an adequate tuck shop or food vendor. We will add R100 per player per day in the tour budget for lunch for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Parents must please provide/pack for Thursday (travel day).

Suppers

It works the best if teams have dinner at the mall depending on their playing program each day, however supper will be provided at the event function on Saturday for all players, coaches and managers. The hotel also has a dinner menu. We will add R150 per player per day in the tour budget for this - Thursday, Friday, Saturday minus one day.

We will request a parent per team to assist the coach in arranging meals.



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KIT

Please order your Tshwane Titans kit timeously from the Tshwane Titans kit store:

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Obligated kit: Playing shirt R300
 Playing skort / short R280
 Socks R100

Teams wanting the alternative kit must be sensitive to the financial need of some players in the team.

Kit are the same as previous years.

The deadline for kit will be Monday **29th July 2024.**

TOURNAMENT COSTS

Tournament fee per player (Sleep IN) R 8,600 (preferred)

Tournament fee per player (Sleep OUT) R 6,500

This is an 8% increase on 2023 with R600 food kitty for dinners/lunches added.

Tournament fee can be paid in one/two payments or on the payment plan below.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE PLANNING

Skills period: 3-14 June

Midweek @ Brooklyn hockey; weekends @ Constantiapark

Sat 8 June Trials #1 (13h-19h)

R450 for all / R150 for trials fee / R100 per session walk-in fee

Mon 3 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Tue 4 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Wed 5 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Thu 6 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Fri 7 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30 / 17h30 - 19h

Mon 10 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Tue 11 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Wed 12 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Thu 13 Jun	14h30-16h / 16h-17h30
Fri 14 Jun	14h-15h30 / 15h30-17h / 17h-18h30



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Sat 13 July/Sun 14 July	Trials #2 @ R150 (13h-19h) Open for tour players and non-tourers as a games day Information session for parents / Trial entry forms Individual Titans photos in Titans kit (will be supplied)
Monday 15 July	R1500 PSI tour commitment deposit (Balance R5000)
Sat 20 July/Sun 21 July	Trials #3 @ R150 (13h-19h) Open for tour players and non-tourers as a games day No deposit, not eligible for tour selection Information session for parents / Trial entry forms Individual Titans photos in Titans kit (supplied)
Sunday 28 July	Tour group announcement
Monday 29 July	Kit order deadline (Sticitt)
Wednesday 31 July	R1000 payment-2 (Balance R4000)
22 July to 19 September	9 midweek practices included for tour players R100 per session for non-tourers
27/28 July, 3/4 August	weekend practices Included for tour players R150 per session for non-tourers
Friday 9 August	R1500 payment-3 (Balance R2500)
Monday 19 August	Team announcement
17/18 Aug, 24/25 August	weekend practices Included for tour players <i>No non-tourers</i>
Friday 30 August	R1500 payment-4 (Balance R1000)
31 August/1 September	Woodlands games Included for tour players R300 for non-tourers
7/8 September	Capping ceremony Weekend practices Included for tour players <i>No non-tourers</i>
Friday 6 September	R1000 payment-5 (Tour balance Nil)
14/15 September	Witbank Mambas inter games Included for tour players (only)
Monday 16 September	R2200 accommodation payment
21/22 September	OFF weekend
Thursday 26 September	Travel to Durban



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CANCELLATIONS

Monday 22 July	Only attended trials' fees due
Tuesday 23 July -Monday 14 August	R1500 (23%) cancellation fee
Tuesday 15 August-12 September	R3250 (50%) cancellation fee
After 12 September	R6500 (100%) cancellation fee

NON-TOURERS SEASONAL FEE

R1600 seasonal fee (R200 discount and less admin):

- Trials# 2 and Trials# 3 as games days (R150x2)
- 22 July to 19 September 9 midweek practices (9xR100)
- 27/28 July, 3/4 August weekend practices in applicable age group (2xR150)
- 31 August/1 September Woodlands games day (R300)

All these events can also be entered as single events.

In the 4th term we will also have game days when the u13-u18 are playing - this will be confirmed in due course.

CONCLUSION

We look forward to another memorable season followed by the tournament in Durban and seeing the future P*S*i stars in action. Good luck with the preparations for 3rd term outdoor hockey and also for Tshwane Titans P*S*i North Nationals.

Yours in sport

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