

Dear Tshwane Titans u23 Players & Parents (letter version1)

## **INTRODUCTION**

After 18 years of PSi Nationals, the time has come to launch u23 PSi Nationals. It has been a hot topic for many years, but we are READY to bring back PSi to this age group and relive the memories and magic of past National events.

The tournament will take place directly after Nkosi Cup from 18th to 20th December.

Please register as a Tshwane Titans on our shop before participating in any of the hockey as this covers our insurance. Brooklyn Hockey Club 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.

## **TOURNAMENT DATES**

### **U23 AGE GROUP (BOYS & GIRLS)**

Excepted times will be as follows:

17th Dec – Arrival Day: from lunch time and watch Nkosi Cup finals in the evening.

18th Dec - Match Day 1: 08h00 to 20h00

19th Dec - Match Day 2: 08h00 to 20h00

20th Dec - Match Day 3: 08h00 to 19h00

21st Dec – Check out: from breakfast.

*Please take note when booking accommodation and flights.*

## **VENUE**

We are looking at utilising the Wynberg Military base as the main venue and surrounding venues. Exact venues will be confirmed closer to the tournament.

## **TEAM MAKE UP**

Players must have played for the franchise or currently reside or study in the province. Hand picking individual players from across the country to create an All Star teams will not be permitted. Players need to reunite in the best possible way. Each franchise should have enough players from the past and (or) currently in the province to make up a competitive team. No under 18's are allowed to play in the tournament.



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## **HOCKEY & FORMAT**

We will be looking to have one Section in 2024 and hopefully we can grow this over time. However, this will be confirmed once final team entries have been received. We will formalise pools and fixtures which will be uploaded onto the website [www.psihockey.co.za/NationalsU23](http://www.psihockey.co.za/NationalsU23) as soon as they are final (+- 2 week prior to the tournament).

We can't expect the players to play more than 2 games a day at this level so teams will play a maximum of 6 games over the 3 days.

## **NKOSI CUP EVENING**

On Tuesday 17th December, we would like to give each u23 participant a complimentary ticket for the final's day of the Nkosi Cup. This will form part of their opening event on arrival day. As far as I can determine players will get a meal that evening too.

The inaugural Nkosi Cup was a great success in December 2023 and showcased some of the best moments and matches on the international stage. It will run simultaneously with the PSi events giving the players the opportunity of watching some of the world's best indoor players.

Each night complimentary tickets will be given to PSi participants and the rest will be on sale for the public. Spectators will need to purchase tickets each night. Tickets will be on sale through the SA Hockey fan App and [itickets.co.za](http://itickets.co.za)

For 2024, we will be adding a big LED screen in the outside marquee for parents and siblings that can't get tickets to watch the Nkosi Cup. This will be free to the hockey public and we will be setting up stalls and vendors in this area.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

We will be staying at Wink ONE Thibault Cape Town (foreshore) - this is close to V&A, which worked well for us last year.

The rooms all have a Queen size bed (big enough for two if you don't mind sharing) and an added single bed with an ensuite bathroom and kitchenette with a fridge.

The hotel has a great outside pool and gym.



The accommodation is optional and **not included in the tour price.**

R1,100 per night per apartment - can sleep 1, 2 or 3 people. No breakfast included but there are many options in the area or even self serve in the rooms with the kitchenette. There is also a Food Lovers over the street (open weekdays only)

So for 4 nights 3 sharing (2 on Queen; 1 on single) it will be: R1,467 pp excluding Tourism levy.

Players part of Tshwane Titans staff will only need to pay for the added nights from the night of the 19th of December.

We recommend Check IN and Check OUT on the following dates:

- Check In: Tuesday 17th December
- Check Out: Saturday 21st December after breakfast

### **TRANSPORT DURING THE EVENT FOR INCOMING TEAMS**

We want to suggest that we book 2 sedan motors per team (or make use of a parent or player's car should one be available), **not included in the tour price.** It should come to about R700 pp over the 4 days.

### **FOOD AND DRINK**

There will be vendors at all venues for players to purchase food and refreshments. Teams can either eat at the venue, hotel or out. Cape Town boasts many restaurants. No budget has been added for food.

### **UMPIRES**

The bulk of the umpires will come from the Western Cape however PSi will accommodate strong travelling umpires.

### **PRIZE GIVING & OFFICAL AFTER PARTY**

On Friday the 20th December we will be hosting a prizegiving after the u23 Men's and Women's finals at Wynberg Military Base. The tournament will end with a big Afterparty in the Marquee for all participants. There will be a bar and we will have a top DJ playing and make it a special night for all.



## **KIT**

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

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

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

The u23's can do a funky kit and don't need to be same as the u11 to u18 PSI, although I think most still have their Titans kit. This must be urgently discussed by the team as a collective.

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

The deadline for the kit will be Tuesday 15 October 2024.

## **TOURNAMENT COSTS**

We understand this is a difficult age group regarding tour payments and costs. PSI have managed to find a sponsor to subsidise a part of the tournament costs.

**Tournament fee per player including all prep and coaches' costs R 4,250**

**Excluding food, accommodation, transport on tour and transport to tour.**

Titans managers and admin on tour working pro bono.

## **TEAM PHOTOS**

We will take and print team photos either before on or before tour and also have a photographer on tour for some tour memento photos to be uploaded to Drive for free downloads.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Cancelation fee 10 to 27 October 50% of tour fee

From 28 October 100% cancellation fee



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## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE PLANNING

### 30 Sep to 20 October Practice weeks (3)

midweek practices included for tour players

R100 per session for non-tourers

### Fri 4 Oct - Sun 20 Oct 3 weekends NBHA club league / blue court practices

Enter through Outdoor Clubs or if no committed club, enter through Brooklyn Hockey Club

### Tuesday 15 October Kit order deadline (Sticitt)

Tour payment1 R1,500

### 21 Oct to 10 Nov Practice weeks (3)

3 week & 1 weekend practices & 2 weekend League Games

Included for tour players

Non-tourers can join League games price tbc

### Sunday 27 October payment2 R1,500

### Monday 28 October final Team announcement

### 11 Nov to 7 Dec Practice weeks (4)

4 midweek practices included for tour players

1 weekend practice/league game included for tour player

Non-tourers can join League games price tbc

2 weekend inter Games (16,17 Nov & 30 Nov - 1 Dec)

1 weekend technical practice short corners etc 7-8 Dec

*No non tourers*

### Saturday 16 November Capping ceremony

Friday 29 November R1,250 payment-3

Friday 6 December payment for accommodation and transport option.

Tues 17 Dec Travel to Cape town u23



## **NON-TOURERS**

Events as indicated can be entered as single events.

## **CONCLUSION**

We look forward to another memorable season followed by the tournament in CapeTown and seeing the future IPT and SA stars in action.

In summary:

Registration R 100

Tour fee R4,250

Accommodation R1,100 per room per night (1/2/3 pax)

Car rental R 700 pp

Yours in sport

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