



SA Grand Masters Hockey Association

South African Grand Masters Hockey Association World Cup 2024

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Good Morning to all the SA Masters over 60 hockey players, previously known as "Grandmasters" and still referred to as such in this newsletter.

I hope that you are all well and still enjoying the winter hockey season in your Provinces

Please note that this Newsletter complements the most recent Grand Masters Newsletters and any additional relevant information previously communicated, should be obtained by referring to the previous Newsletters. **(Most recent is JOURNEY TO WORLD CUP 2024, June 2023).**

This Third SAGMHA Newsletter for 2023 is to provide all the Over 60 Ladies and Men Masters Hockey players, with updates and details pertaining to the following Masters Hockey Tournaments.

A.REGISTRATION PROCESS (Masters Men and Ladies Ages 60 to 80) for the African Masters Invitational Series 2023, scheduled to take place in Johannesburg from 24 to 26 November 2023.

Participating teams at the African Masters Invitational Series 2023 will be the following:

1. New Zealand World Cup 2024 Trialists Ladies and Men age groups 35 to 60
2. Non-W.C. 2024 Trialists (New Zealand and Cape Town) Ladies and Men age groups 60 to 80
3. Cape Town World Cup 2024 Candidates, Men, age groups 65 to 80
4. Potential non-South African Teams, age groups unknown at this stage.
5. In the absence of non-South African Age Group participation, games will be arranged amongst the South African teams.

I.E. Men Over 65 will participate against Men Over 60 and Men Over 70 etc.

Ladies Over 60 will participate against W.C. 2024 Ladies Over 60 players and/or Over 55 Ladies.

Program and match details will be published well in advance of the **African Masters Invitational Series 2023 commencement date.**

The intention is therefore to accommodate as many S.A. Masters Players as possible to participate in the African Masters Invitational Series 2023, irrespective of intentional **NEW ZEALAND and/or CAPE TOWN W.C. 2024** participation or not. (Mini IPT)

The request is therefore that all Masters Ladies and Men Over 60 to 80 register for the **African Masters Invitational Series 2023, irrespective of whether or not you have previously registered on the Masters August 2023 Trialists Application.**

N.B. There is no need to effect a further R500.00 payment (already registered on the Masters August 2023 Trialists Application and/or any other monies at this point in time.

Costs associated with the African Masters Invitational Series 2023, will be communicated in due course.

APPLICATION LINK A TO REGISTER FOR African Masters Invitational Series 2023

<https://forms.gle/4Dgs7RcmcNYLMeZE7>

B. REGISTRATION PROCESS (Masters Over 65 World Cup 2024) scheduled to take place in Cape Town from (12th to 21st October; Opening Ceremony 11th October).

Whereas a few Masters Over 65 to 80 Players may have already registered for the **African Masters Invitational Series 2023**, it is required that you also register for the **(Masters Over 65 World Cup 2024)**

APPLICATION LINK B TO REGISTER FOR Cape Town World Cup 2024

<https://forms.gle/inopG3TEfyRFHoir8>

In addition to a different indemnity clause the above player registration “duplication” process, is necessary so as to differentiate from players who only intend to participate in the **African Masters Invitational Series 2023** and not participate in any **World Cup 2024 Tournaments** and alternatively for those players who intend to avail themselves for **Cape Town World Cup 2024** and not **African Masters Invitational Series 2023**.

Your co-operation regarding adherence to the above process will be greatly appreciated.

C) SUMMARY OF THE ABOVE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1) Interested in participating in African Masters Invitational Series 2023 Ladies and Men age groups 60 to 80 please access and populate APPLICATION LINK A (Registration deadline is 31 August 2023)

2) Interested in participating in Cape Town Masters World Cup 2024 age groups 65 to 80 please access and populate APPLICATION LINK B Please register as soon as possible for AMI planning purposes but for non-deciders, the (Registration deadline is 31 January 2024) Commitment fee of R500.00 may be effected any time but final payment is due no later than 31 January 2024)

3) 65+ Players who had earlier registered on the Masters 35 to 60 Application must please re-register due to separate database sources and references.

D) SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Whereas the official Masters Cape Town Players sponsorship guidelines have not been established as yet, it would be useful for potential W.C.2024 players, to commence with the process of canvassing for prospective sponsors.

Please refer any queries pertaining to the above to Rob Birt birtfam@iafrica.com and or myself barryfroneman@telkomsa.net

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