



SOUTH AFRICA GRAND MASTERS INTERPROVINCIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

IPT 2027

Newsletter no.1 June 2026

Dear Grand Masters Hockey Players.

A decision has been made at SAGMHA Exec Committee level that Mpumalanga Masters Hockey Association – White River will be hosting GMIPT2027.

WPGMHA had agreed to forfeit their SAGMHA IPT2027 and SAGMHA IPT2028 will therefore be hosted by Western Province.

SAGMHA IPT2028 will be the official forum for WC2028 primary team selections.

The above further relates to the SAGMHA Constitution which reflects that Grand Masters Hockey (Masters Over 60) should wherever possible be hosted in the smaller provinces, in order to promote Grand Masters Hockey and provide the local hockey players with the opportunity to participate in provincial hockey tournaments.

Mpumalanga Masters are therefore honoured to invite you to the 17th S.A. Grand Masters hockey tournament in Nelspruit and White River from midday on Friday 23 – Tuesday 27 April 2027

Travel day – Friday 23 April – Meet and Greet

Play days – Saturday 24, Sunday 25, Monday 26

Travel day - Tuesday 27 April (public holiday)

Tournament Hosting Date cognisance has been taken regarding the weather patterns associated with the region.

The tournament will take place at four of the following venues :- Uplands College, Penryn College, Rob Ferriera High School, Curro Nelspruit and Nelspruit Hoerskool, while Uplands College will be our centralised tournament hub. All venues are within 25kms of each other.

Newsletter no.2 will provide further details of the registration process, costs, payment details and deadlines.

Additional information regarding accommodation, entertainment and travel options will be included in Newsletter no.2. We are currently liaising with hotels and self – catering apartments in close proximity to the various venues in order to negotiate good pricing.

There will be an O55 hockey section, so please submit your teams accordingly.

In addition, there is a “call” to possibly have some teams/age groups playing 4 games, instead of the usual 3, but this will depend on the number of team entries in these age groups.

We are therefore calling and appealing to all provinces to advise the Secretary, Sharon Barnard as to how many teams are likely to be entered – at this stage you only need to indicate Province; men / ladies ; age groups).

Please also indicate as to whether or not you have umpires who intend to umpire and/or participate at SAGMHA IPT2027.

Umpires will however not be umpiring their provincial games.

Attached find an initial OVERVIEW of GMIPT2027.

Please do not hesitate in contacting either Shazi or Mark regarding any initial queries pertaining to the above.

Please respond by 31 July. This information will assist us with planning and costing.

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For The Love Of Hockey,

Sharon and Mark