



15/16 September & 14 October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Schools Water Polo South Africa (SWPSA) Tournament 2018

Congratulations on your child's selection to the Western Province Schools' Water Polo Team to take part in the SWPSA Tournament (IPT) in East London from 13 to 17 December 2018.

This letter contains important information relating to the tournament. We ask that you ensure all deadlines are met with regards to the handing in of information and making of payments.

1. High Performance Programme

The high performance programme we initiated previously is still in play. All coaches and managers have already completed a series of pre-season workshops and training sessions and the players will be exposed to the results of these activities in the lead up to and during the IPT. Players' daily snacks and hydration requirements have been included in the tournament fee.

2. Capping Ceremony

The Capping Ceremony will take place on Monday 22 October at Rondebosch Boys' High School. All players are to report to their respective coaches by no later than 17h45 and the ceremony will commence sharply at 18h15.

3. Important dates

Payment for kit on day of selection – 15/16 September (U13s on 14 October)

Capping Ceremony (Rondebosch Boys' High School) 17h45 for 18h15 Monday 22 October

Initial 50% tournament fee payment 15 October 2018 (U13s 30 Oct)

Final 50% tournament fee payment 15 November 2018 (U13s 30 Nov)

Opening Ceremony- Joan Harrison Swimming Complex 17h00 to 18h00 Thursday 13 December

Closing Medal Ceremony – Joan Harrison Swimming Complex after U19 final Monday 17 December

4. Playing venue and accommodation

Age group

U19 Boys (A&B)

U19 Girls (A&B)

U16 Boys (A&B)

U16 Girls (A&B)

U15 Boys (A&B)

U15 Girls (A&B)

U14 Boys (A&B)

U14 Girls (A&B)

U13 Boys (A&B)

U13 Girls (A&B)

Pool venue

Joan Harrison

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Hudson Park High

Selborne College

Clarendon High

Port Rex Tech High

Merrifield Prep

Joan Harrison

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Accommodation

All girls will be accommodated in the Winsor Cabanas and all boys in the Hotel Osner.

Please note, these venues may change at short notice.

5. Kit

The kit remains the same style as last year. Kit must be ordered and paid for at the conclusion of trials and notification of selection. No team may include an extra item of 'non-authorized' kit. If there is a sponsor willing to supply an additional item they must be prepared to provide for the entire WP team – that would be 260 players.

Please note that only official Western Province Schools' Water Polo kit is to be worn when travelling, at all official functions, events, matches and when supporting other teams at the SWPSA Tournament.

Title Sponsor



6. Transport

As you can imagine transporting a 305-member team is a mammoth task. This year we will be travelling by luxury coach using the Springbok Atlas fleet. Each bus will have two drivers and they will rotate driving duties as stipulated by their company's best practice. It is mandatory for all players to accompany the team to the IPT.

Those players not returning by bus at the conclusion of the IPT must inform their coach and manager by 1 December. This must be corroborated by the player's parent or guardian. Those not returning by bus will still be eligible for the full tournament fee.

The buses will depart from Diocesan College (Bishops) around 18h00 on Wednesday 12 December. Players must be on site by 17h00. There will be a brief farewell function for all players starting at 17h30. Attendance by all players is compulsory.

7. Costs

The Exco is very aware of the financial burden on parents and much has been done to minimise costs without negatively impacting on the performance of the team. We are pleased to inform parents that the tournament cost is less than 5% above the 2017 fee. Consider also that we are travelling further and all players are accommodated in hotels this year.

Tournament cost per player **R7 700**. This excludes kit costs which vary according to what the individual player orders. An invoice for the tour costs will be emailed shortly.

Payment Schedule

- The first **R3 850** of the total invoice is due by **15 October 2018 (U13s 30 October)**
- The remaining **R3 850** is due by **15 November 2018 (U13s 30 November)**

Payments – EFT is the preferred method
 Standard Bank of SA, Account # 071459448
 Branch code: 025009
 Reference: Surname/team eg van der Merwe/19A Boys

8. Code of Conduct and Indemnity form

Each player and parent/guardian must read, understand and sign the Code of Conduct and Indemnity Form. Players who are 18 years or older must sign the indemnity on their own right. These must be handed back to the team manager today. A spectator's code is also attached for your information.

9. Contact persons

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| • Clothing and Capping Ceremony | Samantha Ackerman | Samantha@ackerman.co.za |
| • Tour logistics – accommodation etc | Mandy Fisher | mandylynfisher5@gmail.com |
| • Financial issues | Gary Fisher | gary@capitalgro.co.za |
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| • Other matters | Cullum Johnston | cullum@imbongi.co.za |