



6 December 2018

Dear Parents

### **Important final tour information**

It's less than a week until Team Western Province departs en masse for East London for one of the world's largest age-group water polo tournaments. And we're excited!

### **Let's get the financial stuff out of the way...**

There are still a number of parents who have not met their financial obligations or discussed alternative payment plans with us. Please remember, this is a self-funded tour; every player that does not pay their own way needs to be subsidised by someone else. If you need assistance – payments spread over an extra month or two for example – please speak to us urgently. We can always try to make a plan but not informing us is a real problem. These discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### **What to pack...**

Players must travel in their track pants, plain white unbranded t-shirt, hoodie and running shoes/sneakers. Back packs should contain their valuables, toiletries, swimming costume, cap for girls and towel for the swim on arrival in EL, plus blue shorts, white WP golfer and slip slops for the registration team picture.

All the remaining kit should be in one labelled kit bag (please include player's name and team) that will be stowed in the bus luggage compartment.

Players must be in current branded WP kit at all official events, so civilian clothes are not really necessary. It's suggested that players bring two swimming towels for the tour.

Personal medical requirements are a good idea – insect repellent, sun block, ear/nose/eye drops etc. Please remember, any player with specific medical needs **MUST** notify the team manager beforehand.

### **Departure Wednesday 12 December**

Players are to be at Bishops College by 17h00 on 12 December. There will be a final team meeting at 17h30 before the busses start departing at short intervals from 18h00. Each player will be given a packed supper for the bus in a small cooler bag with snacks, juice and water for the road. There will be loo stops along the way as drivers rotate. We plan to breakfast in Grahamstown around 06h00 on Thursday morning and arrive in East London around 10h30.

It's at this event that WP managers take formal charge of the players until we deliver them safely back to you at the end of the IPT. We ask parents to please respect the structures, accommodation and catering arrangements that are in place. Every aspect of the tour has been checked and re-checked and there should be no reason for parents to be concerned about the players' sleeping or catering arrangements.

If any player is not returning to Cape Town with the bus on 17 December, **a release form signed by the parent must be handed to the manager by 7 December.**

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For the journey home we plan to depart directly after the closing ceremony on 17 December, our expected arrival in Cape Town will be around 07h00 on Tuesday 18 December.

### **On arrival in East London...**

Once we arrive in EL the Team will go to registration and team pictures. They will then have an acclimatisation swim before checking into their accommodation. Teams will head off to the Opening Ceremony at the Joan Harrison Swimming Pool Complex that gets underway at 15h30. This event will be over by 16h30.

The U19 boys and girls and U16 boys will have games on the Thursday evening. The final fixtures – and all IPT information – is now available on the smartphone app.

### **Staying in touch...**

There is no printed programme this year. The best way to stay abreast of anything tournament related is to download the SWPSA smartphone app from the iStore or Play Store. This app is updated as new information comes to hand.

### **Any questions...**

If you have any questions, these are the people to make contact with:

Clothing	Samantha Ackerman	samantha@ackerman.co.za
Tour logistics	Mandy Fisher	mandylynfisher5@gmail.com
Financial matters	Gary Fisher	gary@capitalgro.co.za
Player issues	relevant team manager or Kevin Adriaan	kevinadriaan@gmail.com
Anything else	Cullum Johnston	cullum@imbongi.co.za

As you can imagine this is a large and complex venture, largely undertaken by volunteers. If you are unsure of any arrangement, please make contact with the appropriate team manager or escalate it to Kevin Adriaan or the relevant contact person above.

### **It's about sportsmanship...**

It goes without saying that while we do our best to excel at these kinds of events, the most important aspect for the players is about participation; making new friends and having new experiences in a safe yet competitive environment. Let's ensure that we all provide the space and place for the players to enjoy themselves within the bounds of the various codes of conduct that are in place.

Here's wishing you, the players and entire Team WP a most wonderful and energizing IPT 2018.

Sincerely



Cullum Johnston