



Schools Water Polo South Africa

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Re: An update on preparations for the 2021 SWPSA Inter Provincial Tournament in Cape Town

Dear Schools' Provincial Chairpersons, water polo coaches, parents and players

Our world remains in a state of flux, with every aspect of our lives impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the face of this we are planning to continue staging the 2021 iteration of the Schools' Water Polo South Africa Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) in December.

Obviously, we are directly impacted by the playing status of water polo as regulated by the Department of Basic Education. So, while our planning is already well advanced, the final decision on whether to stage the event, or not, is out of our control. A final decision on this will be made at the end of August 2021.

The purpose of this communication is twofold:

- a) to make the schools' water polo community aware of our intention to proceed with the event this year; and
- b) to understand each Province's expected participation level.

The event...

- a) The event will be staged in Cape Town from Wednesday, 15 December to Sunday, 19 December 2021.
- b) The 15th of December will be the registration and acclimatisation day – however, some local games may take place if scheduling requires this.
- c) The 16th, 17th & 18th will be tournament days, with all finals being held on the 19th of December.
- d) Relevant and applicable COVID-19 protocols will be in place at all venues.
- e) At this time, the tournament will likely be for players only, with no onsite spectators allowed.
- f) Our objective is that every game will be live streamed, so parents and others can monitor their team's progress in real time.
- g) The tournament fee will likely be R760 per player, which is inclusive of the SWPSA Levy and the Development Levy.

Your Province's participation...

- a) We understand that it is early days, but do you have an indication as to the number of teams you are likely to send?
- b) Would you consider school or university hostel accommodation if it were available at a cheaper price than hotels?

We are living in strange times. However, we are, within the bounds of prevailing regulations, of the opinion that it is important, not only for the sport but also the psychological development of the players, to re-instate the IPT. Your feedback on the issues posed in this communication before 18 June to Robyn Swanepoel at rswanepoel@crawfordschools.co.za would be most appreciated.

Alternatively, email me directly at Richard.Irvine@standardbank.co.za if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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