



Dear Pirates Hockey members

We hope you are looking forward to another great year for Pirates Hockey!

In preparation for the year ahead, the committee has already been hard at work setting up and rolling out improvements for the 2024 season:

## 2024 Fees

We have done our best to maintain our cost base during these challenging times, however we have had to increase the 2024 fees as a result of the inclusion of the SAHA levy, the increased staffing costs as well as the utility (electricity and water) / generator power costs to ensure that we can have uninterrupted training.

As ratified in the AGM, the first and second teams will have an additional training session on Monday nights in order to cope with the rigors of Premier/Promotion league (a separate charge for this slot will be billed to these players accordingly). There has also been an annual increase of 5% increase on main club fees.

Furthermore, Goalkeepers will be paying a reduced rate due the high equipment costs required for the position.

Therefore, please see below for the 2024 the fees break down below:

- Player costs:

- Full member: R4,700.00 (includes club fee of R1,260.00)
- Student: R3,900.00 (includes club fee of R1,260.00)
- Scholar: R3,100.00

- Goalkeeper Fees

- Full member: R3,900.00 (includes club fee of R1,260.00)
- Student: R3,300.00 (includes club fee of R1,260.00n)
- Scholar: R2,750.00

Please note:

\* All fees are VAT inclusive.

\* The cost for the additional astro session for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team players will be R400.00.

\* Fees do not include the cost of the kit.

\* Fees include the SAHA fee of R450.00 (In 2023, players were required to register and pay directly to SAHA. This year however, the cost will be collected by the club and paid to SAHA on your behalf as directed by SGHA).

\* To qualify for the student rate, you need to be under the age of 25 and provide proof that you are registered at either a university or higher institute for the 2024 season.

We will need to push our fundraising and social events this year as these revenue streams assist with subsidizing our fees.

## Preseason

Following communication from SGHA, the season will most likely commence on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.





Training squads for the 1/2s & 3/4s have been announced in preparation for the season. These will be preliminary squads to align teams with the same principals / expectations for the season ahead while allowing coaches further time to review players, and fine tune their proposed teams. Our drive this year is to provide players with clear feedback on selections and opportunities for player movement which will in turn create a healthy and competitive environment at Pirates.

Training sessions will take place at Linden, with the Ladies section on Wednesday nights from 18:30 - 21:30 & the Mens section on Thursday nights: from 18:30 - 21:30.

From the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, the 1/2s' additional training session will commence and availability polls will be put up on the main groups.

During our preseason we will also be hosting a sectional day of hockey to introduce new players to the Pirates cultural as well as to have some fun before the season starts. Earmarked for the final weekend of the February.

## 2024 Season

For the 2024 we will be training and playing matches out of Linden due to the back up power available to ensure that we have uninterrupted sessions.

In terms of our season training sessions, they will be as follows:

- Monday night (1/2s additional session): Ladies 18:30 – 19:30 / Mens 19:30 – 20:30
- Wednesday night: Ladies section from 18:30 - 21:30
- Thursday night: Men's section from 18:30 - 21:30

## Sponsorship / Fundraising

Our sponsorship team has been hard at work and has already secured a sponsorship for the season Keep an eye on our socials for further sponsorship opportunities and communication on this.

In order to keep our subs as low as possible, we have to fundraise. The club has allowed us to sell boerie rolls during rugby days and this is something we will continue to do in the coming year. This coupled with hosting Joker draws, where we receive a percentage of the income will be our main drivers. We will need all the team's participation to help us on these days.

On a lighter note, our fundraising team has proposed a number of events during the course of the year. The focus of these events is more on generating Gees and promoting our amazing section rather than raising money.

## Social Media

As you will have seen our Socials have been thriving with content and appreciation of our teams from last year, showing the hockey community what a vibe Pirates is. Jade will be pushing for content in the upcoming season, so please share and don't forget to tag both @pirates\_hockey\_greenside and @pirates\_club.

Keep an eye on our socials in the coming weeks for more announcements, our upcoming events as well as a Pirates hockey Preseason day.

We are looking forward to the new season and as always, please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Pirates Hockey Committee

