



Grey High School

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December 2017

Dear Grey Water Polo Parents and Boys,

We are looking forward to 2018 which promises to be another very busy, entertaining and enjoyable season of water polo. Included in this newsletter is all the important information pertaining to Term 1 2018 which you may find useful when planning your calendars.

A few in-house matters and termly reminders:

- **Dress code:** Waterpolo boys are to arrive and depart the pool areas dressed correctly. Full school tracksuit and suitable footwear should be worn to and from practices and matches. Coaches are going to be asked to be strict in this regard as the correct dress sends the correct message. The water polo attire, available at the School Shop, includes the blue and white golf shirts along with the navy and azure blue shorts. Please ensure your son has these items for the water polo season.
- **Punctuality:** It is deemed disrespectful toward the coach and team mates if you do not arrive / arrive late for practices and / or matches. Excuses for non-attendance must be communicated timeously with the coach involved.
- **Conduct:** Grey boys are reminded that they are an advert for the school and as such should always display the necessary sportsmanship. Yes, we play to win but not at all costs. Disputing referee decisions and /or showing dissent is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

➤ **Coaches for Term 1 2018:**

1 st	Mr Luke Crawford	u/15A	Mr Cameron Mukheibir / Mr Nic Beswick
2 nd	Mr Zaine Marx	u/15B	Mr Hannes Roelofse
3 rd	Mr Leejay van Niekerk	u/15C & u/15D	Mr Rogan Scheepers
4 th	Mr Cameron Mukheibir / Mr Nic Beswick	u/14A	Mr Seko Zondani
5 th	Mr Zaine Marx	u/14B	Mr Leejay van Niekerk
6 th	Tyler Botha	u/14C	Mrs Annaliese van Niekerk
7 th	Tyler Botha	u/14D	Mrs Suzie du Plessis



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- **LEAGUE:** The season is split into various leagues in an attempt to accommodate all our players.
 - **EP LEAGUE** - The 1st and 2nd team players are split amongst clubs and compete in the Premier League hosted on a Thursday night at Alexander Road High school. Mr Luke Crawford will oversee the boys' involvement from a school perspective.
 - **JUNIOR LEAGUE** – The Junior School league is hosted by Alexander Road on a Tuesday night, where our u14C, D and u15C and D teams compete on a weekly basis. Mrs Annaliese van Niekerk, Mrs Suzie du Plessis and Mr Rogan Scheepers will oversee the Grey High School commitment at Alexander Road.
 - **GREY LEAGUE** – The Grey High School league will take place on a Thursday afternoon (15:00 – 17:30), and consist of the following Grey teams: 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 6ths, 7ths, u15A & B, u14A & B. Other local schools participating will be Pearson High, Alexander Road, Woodridge, and few Grahamstown schools have also shown an interest. Our Powerade Aquatic Centre will play host to these fixtures, and Mr Zaine Marx and Mr Tyler Botha will oversee this commitment.

All the above mentioned leagues will have a match day schedule posted on the water polo notice board, in the Covered Way, by Tuesday first break. We will also endeavor to inform players and parents of any fixture changes via the schools D6 Communicator and / or via Email.

➤ **PRACTICE DAYS & TIMES : POWERADE POOL**

Practice days and times: Powerade Pool				
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
06:00 – 07:00	GHS	GHS	GHS	GHS
14:15 – 15:15	Grey Junior	Grey Junior	Grey Junior	Grey Junior
15:15 – 16:15	u14A & u14B 1st & 2nd	2nd 6th & 7th	u14C & u14D u15C & u15D	GHS League
16:15 – 17:15	1st & 3rd u15A & u15B	1st	2nd 1st, u14A	GHS League
17:15 – 18:15		1st u15A & 4ths	1st u15A & 4ths	
Practice days and times: Small Pool				
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
06:00 – 07:00	GHS	GHS	GHS	GHS
14:15 – 15:15	Grey Junior	Grey Junior	Grey Junior	Grey Junior
15:15 – 16:15	u14C & u14D	u14A & u14B	u15B & 5th	GHS League
16:15 – 17:15	u15C & u15D	3rd & 5th	6th & 7th	GHS League
17:15 – 18:15				



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IMPORTANT!! All Grey High School Boys are NOT permitted to swim / enter the polo pools during Grey Junior time slots. Please take note of your scheduled practice times.

ALSO, no Grey Boys, junior or high, may use the pools unsupervised. No unauthorized practices are permitted. Practices may only be with a coach and dress code rules apply. This applies to weekends as well when the swimming pools are out of bounds. The only exception is where the 1st team may require training times.

Scheduled practices will commence on Monday 22nd January, with trials taking place during the first week and weekend. Players must consult the water polo notice board for further details.

➤ 2018 TERM 1 TOURNAMENTS & FESTIVALS.

DATE	TOURNAMENT / FESTIVAL	VENUE	TEAMS
Jan 25-27	Grey College ITEC Tournament	Bloem	1sts
Jan 26-27	GHS FESTIVAL (PRG, SC, PHS, StA)	PE	u14A, u15A, 2nds
Feb 1-3	National 2nd's Tournament	PE	2nds
Feb 2-4	Grey High u15 Tournament	PE	u15A & B
Feb 9-10	Jason Murray Tournament	EL	u14 A & B
Feb 15-18	Oakhill Chukka Festival	Knysna	2nds
Feb 16-17	Vides Tournament 2017	EL	1sts
Feb 17.	Woodridge Polo Day	PE	u15B, u14B
Feb 23-24	Port Rex Tournament	EL	u15A & B
Feb 23-25	SAC Shield	GHT	1sts, 2nds
Mar 1-3	KES Tournament	JHB	1sts
Mar 10.	Kingswood u15 Tournament	GHT	u15A & B

Please note that for each fixture mentioned above, teams will be furnished with a letter detailing all relevant information. A reminder to please ensure your payments are made on the specified date and referenced correctly – as per letter received. Please make the necessary savings arrangements to plan ahead for any prospective tour that your son may be on. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this regard.



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A full trial day for u15s and open teams will be held on the first Saturday, the 20th of January. The u14s will have earlier trials set by the head coaches of the age groups – Mr Zondani and Mr Beswick – to take place in the first week of term. The boys will be informed in advance.

The water polo club are really looking forward to a very enjoyable and successful water polo season. I trust that you will find the information contained in this letter useful and look forward to seeing you on the side of the pool supporting our Grey Men!

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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