



## **JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT – SA MASTERS & SA GRAND MASTERS**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – SA MASTERS & SA GRAND MASTERS**

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce the conclusion of a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two bodies representing Masters Hockey players in South Africa. It is the culmination of an extended process and we regard it as a new dawn which will enable us to maximize the advances seen in Masters Hockey over the last few years.

Both organizations felt that we did not want to “fix things that are not broken” and as such that it was important for SA Grand Masters to continue their normal operations within the framework of SA Masters. We recognise the contribution that so many Grand Masters have made to the development of SA Masters and we see this as a coming-together of two strong organisations who share an absolute commitment and passion for the betterment of Masters Hockey in South Africa.

The salient features of the MOU are as follows:

- SA Grand Masters will become an affiliate member of SA Masters with effect from September 2020
- The Chairperson of SA Grandmasters will become an ex officio member of the SA Masters Executive and in turn SA Masters will have a seat on the SAGMHA Executive
- Both organisations will continue to operate separate bank accounts and shall continue to run their own tournaments. Payments for international tournaments will be channelled through SA Masters
- SA Grand Masters will have the right to appoint one delegate on SA Masters delegations to SAHA and World Masters Hockey

We have further agreed to embark on a joint strategic process to develop a high-level strategic road map for Masters Hockey in South Africa. The compilation of a single player database is integral to this process. Our focus on the short term will be to get our WC squads ready for 2021.

We know that there has been considerable co-operation at provincial level between Masters and Grand Masters bodies and several initiatives have benefited from this taking of hands. We want to encourage this as we see real benefit from this continued process. We are very excited about the prospect of both organizations enriching the game of Masters Hockey into the future. Both Barry and I share a vision to see an occasion in which all SA over 35+ teams take to the field against international competition.

SA Masters would like to express our appreciation to Barry Froneman for the sterling work, foresight and initiative shown by Barry in energising this process. His leadership in this regard has been a significant contributor to this achievement.

**For the Love of the Game & Be Safe**

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**Reg Marais**  
**President**  
**SA Masters Hockey Association**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Froneman".

**Barry Froneman**  
**President**  
**SA Grand Masters Hockey Association**