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South African Team
Elite Men

Date: 16 October 2026

I am pleased – on behalf of the SAUWHF Executive committee – to formally announce the selection of the South African Elite Men's Underwater Hockey team.

This group has been carefully chosen following a rigorous selection process that assessed skill, fitness, dedication and potential to represent our nation with pride and distinction.

The following have been selected and endorsed by the Executive Committee:

➤ Austin Elferink	NUC (Gauteng)
➤ Christiaan Swanevelder	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Elmar Cilliers	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Ethan de Villiers	NUC (Gauteng)
➤ Joshua Cooke	NUC (Gauteng)
➤ JP du Toit	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Liam Elferink	NUC (Gauteng)
➤ Marius Branquino	NUC (Gauteng)
➤ Matthew Bester	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Mathew van der Walt	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Nicolas Lipinski	Cape Town Club (Western Province)
➤ Ryan van Zyl	NUC (Gauteng)



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Reserves are:

- **Logan Bowman** **NUC (Gauteng)**
- **Luke Mattheus** **Cape Town Club (Western Province)**
- **Nic Venter** **TUKS (Gauteng North)**

The management team consists of:

- Men's Elite Coach – Brent Borstlap
- Manager – Vanessa Gartland

This selection reflects our commitment to excellence and our focus on building a competitive team to achieve success on the national and international stage.

We extend our congratulations to all selected athletes and look forward to their contributions towards raising the profile of our sport nationally and internationally.

**Sincerely,
Kevin Cooke
President SAUWHF**



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