



# WELCOME TO COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS 2026

## 1) INTRODUCTION

With roots dating back to 1933, Collegians' Harriers is Pietermaritzburg's oldest running club and among the most long-standing athletics clubs in South Africa. Originally founded as Maritzburg Harriers Athletic Club on January 24th, 1933, it later merged with Collegians' Club on January 24th, 1950.

Today Collegians' Club has many sub-sections which includes running, cricket, bowls, squash, football, touch-rugby, and darts.

Please note that while participating in other club sports (disciplines) requires joining those specific subsections separately, your membership grants you full access to the facilities and the vibrant social atmosphere at the Collegians' Club. We look forward to welcoming you as part of this storied athletic community!

## 2) MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

To become a member, please complete the online Collegians' Harriers membership application available at:

<https://form.jotform.com/260053125821042>

Please complete the below Collegians' Club membership form(s) and return to ([licencing@collegiansharriers.co.za](mailto:licencing@collegiansharriers.co.za)):

**Junior Member:** <https://form.jotform.com/260136147580555>

**Senior Member:** <https://form.jotform.com/260071208236044>

By submitting both the Harriers' subsection online application and the main Club registration forms, you will finalize your membership application and gain access to all Collegians' Club facilities and activities. This is subject to the Collegians' Club's approval of your membership.

If you need any assistance with the online or downloaded forms, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to welcoming you to the Collegians' community!

### 3) COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS FEES 2026

Please see the current fee structure:

|                                                                                             | Seniors 70+           | Seniors               | Students              | Juniors<br>(12-19)    | Juniors<br>(under 12) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Collegians' Harriers:                                                                    | R0.00                 | R155.00               | R85.00                | R0.00                 | R0.00                 |
| 2. Collegians' Club:                                                                        | R400.00               | R440.00               | R200.00               | R120.00               | R65.00                |
| Collegians' Subs                                                                            | R400.00               | R595.00               | R285.00               | R120.00               | R65.00                |
| 3. New Members Collegians' Club membership card <b>(Once-off, per member, excl Juniors)</b> | R55.00                | R55.00                | R55.00                | R0.00                 | R0.00                 |
| 4. Family Discount<br><br>(Per Senior Member up to Max 2, per family)                       | R0.00                 | <b>-R25.00</b>        | R0.00                 | R0.00                 | R0.00                 |
| 5. New Member T-Shirt/Vest <b>(once-off discounted rate)</b>                                | R100                  | R100                  | R100                  | R50                   | R50                   |
| 6. KZN Athletics (ASA):                                                                     | R195.00               | R195.00               | R195.00               | R125.00               | R125.00               |
| <b>Total Subs 2026</b><br>(Existing Members)                                                | <b><u>R595.00</u></b> | <b><u>R790.00</u></b> | <b><u>R480.00</u></b> | <b><u>R245.00</u></b> | <b><u>R190.00</u></b> |
| <b>Total Subs 2026</b><br><b>(New Members)</b>                                              | <b><u>R750.00</u></b> | <b><u>R945.00</u></b> | <b><u>R635.00</u></b> | <b><u>R295.00</u></b> | <b><u>R240.00</u></b> |

- a) **First time members are required to purchase a Collegians' Club access card.**
- b) **Juniors and 70+ members receive a reduced rate for both Collegians' Harriers and Collegians' Club.**
- c) **Senior members joining as a family will receive a R25 discount per Senior with a maximum of 2 Senior family members.**

#### 4) COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS CLUB COLOURS AND MERCHANDISE

All new members receive a Collegians' Harriers club vest or T-shirt at a reduced rate of R100, while Junior members will pay only R50. The official club colours for Collegians' Harriers include the club vest or T-shirt paired with black pants, Funky Pants, or tights.

Additional club merchandise such as caps, socks, and other apparel can be purchased at the Herman's Haunt clubhouse for those wishing to further outfit themselves. We'll ensure you have the gear to display your Collegians' colours during races, training, or around town.

We encourage all members to sport these colours as a sign of unity and pride in the club. Please reach out if you need any guidance on where to obtain the club top and recommended black bottom wear. We're excited to see you outfitted in our signature Collegians' style!

**Please note:** Collegians' Harriers club kit is compulsory for all **KZNA and ASA Road**, Track and Field and Cross-Country League sanctioned events.

While not compulsory, it is strongly encouraged to wear club kit for trail events, or at the prize giving when receiving a prize.

#### 5) HISTORY - COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS: A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETICS (CREDIT TO MR MIKE BATH)

With roots tracing back 70 years, Collegians' Harriers has made a profound impact on South African athletics. Many running stars have proudly represented the club, including record-holders like Bert Bendzulla, Skonk Nicholson, and others who brought honour to the club in earlier eras.

Later greats such as **Piet van der Leeuw, Dave Piper, and Gordon Baker** excelled from middle distances to marathons, including the prestigious Comrades Marathon. As co-organizers of the iconic Comrades Marathon, Collegians' achieved one of its greatest triumphs when member **Piet Vorster** won the 1979 uphill race in a record time of 5:45:02.

This rich history underscores Collegians' enduring athletic excellence, drawing elite performers and the masses together through a shared passion. Full details are captured in the club's Comrades Marathon history book, which is available on our website: Collegians' Harriers Comrades Marathon History Book.

We welcome you to learn more about Collegians' heritage and become part of the next chapter in this storied running community.

#### 6) WEEKLY EVENTS AT COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS

##### HERMAN'S DELIGHT TIME TRIAL (TUESDAYS 17H30) A LEGACY OF SPEED AND ENDURANCE

Herman's Delight is South Africa's longest continuously held weekly time trial, established in July 1960 by Collegians' stalwart Herman Delvin. After a tragic accident ended Herman's running career in 1958, he channelled his passion into creating this weekly 4-mile race, providing members with a challenging speed session. Additionally, Herman served as the Comrades Marathon committee secretary for several years.

In honour of his legacy, the renamed **Herman's Delight** continues every Tuesday at 5:30 PM from our Herman's Haunt clubhouse. Participants can choose between the 7.3 km, 4.4 km, 2.8 km, or the 1-Mile Dash, with results being published.

Open to all runners and walkers, it's a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow members and enjoy the club's social atmosphere post-race. Herman made significant contributions to Collegians' and South African athletics before passing away in 1996 at the age of 84. Join us on Tuesdays and help keep his spirit alive!

### THURSDAY SPEED TRAINING WITH MANDLA

**Time:** Every Thursday at 17:00 (weather permitting)

**Location:** In front of Herman's Haunt

**Details:** Mandla will be guiding Collegians' Harriers members through speed and endurance training. This session is open to all ages and abilities. It's a great opportunity to challenge yourself and improve your running skills.

Join us and push your limits! ☀️

## 7) COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS RACES AND EVENTS

Collegians' Harriers hosts various sanctioned races annually, including fun events, which play a significant role in supporting the club's financial health, thanks to our generous sponsors. Member participation in organizing these events is crucial, as it helps keep individual subscriptions affordable.

We encourage each member to volunteer for at least one race/event and assist on the race committee, which plans and coordinates the events under the management committee's guidance.

Currently, Collegians' organizes the following events:

### UMNGENI-UTHUKHELA WATER MARATHON

- Jointly organized with Howick Athletics Club at Midmar Dam.
- Distances include:
  - Introducing a 5km event (untimed);
  - 10km,
  - 21.1km,
  - 42.2km (official Comrades qualifying race) distances.
- Sponsored by uMngeni-uThukela Water.

### THE LONGEST DAY

- 12-hour track event at the Herman's Haunt clubhouse, starting at 7am finishing 7pm.
- Individuals or 3-person teams runners and walkers, compete to complete the most laps.
- Sponsored by Braaiketts.

### CROSS COUNTRY

- Part of the KZNA Cross-Country League circuit,
- Held on our fields and along the Duzi River.

These flagship races drive membership, provide competitive opportunities, bring community together, and financially sustain the club through sponsorship.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any member of the Committee. We appreciate all who organize and participate to maintain Collegians' storied racing traditions. Please get involved!

## 8) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Collegians' Harriers honours top performing club members through our annual Club Champions awards at the year-end prizegiving. Champions are determined by participation and consistency versus outright speed. (Although speed will factor in overall consistent participation 😊👉👈)

This year we are encouraging participation in the Championship log by introducing multiple disciplines, **Road, Trail and Cross-Country** events. To be eligible, members must complete a minimum of **5 events**, with points earned based on finish times relative to the winner's time.

Leaders can follow their progress on WhatsApp, the Herman's Haunt noticeboard and requesting individual details from the management committee.

Full details are available on the below:

**Road Events and Rules:** [Club Champs 2026 ROAD.pdf](#)

[Club Champs 2026 ROAD RULES.pdf](#)

**Trail Events :** [Club Champs 2026 TRAIL.pdf](#)

While ability helps, true champions emerge through motivation to compete in multiple events alongside fellow club members. We hope you'll pursue the club champion titles by joining races on the schedule and representing Collegians' all season long. Let us know if you need any clarification on championships qualification or rules.

## 9) SOCIAL EVENTS

### HERMAN'S DELIGHT TIME TRIAL - MONTHLY BRAAI-NITE

Held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after time trial. Relaxed socializing for all members, families, and friends. Club provides fires, Salads and Rolls or veggie bake, pap-and-sous. Just bring your own meat.

### COMRADES ACHES' AND PAINS' PARTY

Tuesday after Comrades Marathon. Celebrates members achievements' and provides awards for accomplishments, major and humorous. **Supper included.**

### ANNUAL AGM AND PRIZE-GIVING EVENING

End of year event at Herman's Haunt clubhouse or Collegians' Club Hall. Prize giving recognizes Club Champions and top performers across various categories and distances. Member names are engraved on trophies and honours boards.

These regular events provide inclusive opportunities to come together, recognize achievements, and bond over shared athletic passions. The social heart of Collegians' drives lasting camaraderie and a vibrant club community.

### BILL BUTLER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

10km out-and-back from the club. Participants self-time and aim to finish closest to a mystery target time for a trophy. No entry fee or formal sanctioning. Just fun competition and braai socializing after.

## HOGSBACK (BOXING DAY) RUN

Held Boxing Day morning (weather permitting), arranged by Collegians' members for decades. Approximately 10km (or more) routes plotted through the Cascades Forest area. No entry fee or prizes - just a chance to bolster New Year's fitness among the Christmas indulgence!

While not official races, these informal events cultivate camaraderie and friendly competition open to all. The spirit of enjoyment and inclusion makes these staples on the yearly Collegians' calendar. No pressure, no cost, just an opportunity to challenge yourself while forging connections.

## 10) COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS TRAINING RUNS

In addition to organized races, Collegians' members coordinate various informal group training runs throughout the year. These offer a social, supportive setting to get kilometres in.

Numerous neighbourhood groups use WhatsApp to organize regular local runs too. As a new member, we're happy to connect you with a group in your vicinity for safety and camaraderie.

With risks of solo running, having a group to join makes training more secure and enjoyable. Please reach out so we can help you find the right crew to match your location, schedule, and pace - having partners to train with makes all the difference!

## 11) CROSS TRAINING

While Collegians' Harriers caters mainly on road running, we are broadening our member activities in other areas of running beyond just pounding the pavement. You'll find among us trail runners, cross country runners, walkers, paddlers, cyclists, triathletes and more.

Though not formally representing the club in those disciplines, connecting with fellow members is a great way to uncover training partners for activities beyond road races. Our veteran and committee members can provide introductions to groups pursuing everything from trail ultras to open water swims.

The spirit of athleticism and camaraderie at Collegians' extends well beyond just roads. Let us help expand your horizons by linking you with members sharing other passions - the benefits and enjoyment of having companions for varied training and events can't be overstated!

## 12) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Collegians' Harriers governance follows our club constitution, with oversight by a Management Committee elected annually.

All members can vote at the November/December Annual General Meeting to elect the upcoming year's Committee. Any member can be nominated for a position.

The Management Committee includes core President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Race Organiser and Club Captain roles along with members facilitating various club functions.

This open nomination and voting process empowers members to shape Harriers leadership. We encourage qualified, committed members to seek Committee roles overseeing areas they are passionate about. Contact us if you would like to get more involved in governance and upholding the club constitution.



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## 13) COLLEGIANS' HARRIERS AMBASSADORS AND MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY

We hope this overview clearly conveys the spirit and values of Collegians' Harriers. As a member, you become an ambassador upholding our ethos. Wearing our colours makes you a representative of the club and wider athletics community.

We welcome new members aligned to our mission who will contribute positively. While membership comes with responsibility, the benefits of belonging to this storied, inclusive club are immense. We're excited for you to join us!

Please reach out with any other questions as you kick off your Collegians' Harriers membership. We look forward to you proudly sporting our **black, red, and white** while being an ambassador and making new friends and memories in the process!