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Newsletter of the Australian WUSG Team...June 2005

CONGRATULATIONS

On being selected to the Australian team for the 2005 World University Summer Games (Universiade). This newsletter will be provided monthly in the lead up to the Universiade and then daily during the event to keep you up-to-date.

EVENT

The 2005 Universiade is being held in Izmir, Turkey from 11-21 August 2005. AUS will be represented in the following sports: Athletics, Basketball (M&W), Diving, Gymnastics (Men's Artistic), Sailing, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball (W), Waterpolo (M).

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Universiade is an event of world significance and has many similarities to the Olympic Games. Teams are accommodated in an Athlete's Village, protocol for the event is similar to an Olympic Games and the event starts with an Opening Ceremony and ends with a Closing Ceremony.

The Universiade is an excellent opportunity to experience a multi-sport event and the standard of competition is extremely high with many World and Olympic standard athletes competing. Athletes are provided with the opportunity to compete against and meet other elite level athletes from Australia as well as from over 150 countries.

The Australian team will consist of over 120 athletes and officials (including administrative, sport, medical and media support) in the majority of the thirteen sports included in the Universiade program.

MANAGEMENT

An experienced and skilled Management team has been assembled to help guide the team to success. The team will be led by Mick Poulton as Chef de Mission. The following Senior Team Management members have also been appointed:

Assistant Managers

Grant Jacobs

Jeanette Thom

Administration Manager

Jaclyn Anderson

Media Manager

Kate Robinson

In addition to the Senior Team Management, a number of medical and sport personnel will also be selected. The majority of sports managers and coaches have already been appointed.

TEAM LIST

The latest team list can be viewed on the AUS website: www.unisport.com.au

PREPARATIONS

The next couple of months will be a busy time not only in relation to training preparations but also in order to ensure that appropriate preparations can be made for the team. To assist with this and confirm your place in the team, we ask that you complete all forms and ensure all requirements are met by the indicated due date. If you have any problems or concerns please contact your Team Manager urgently.

- Forms
- Travel
- Uniforms
- Agreements
- Medical
- Media
- Other
- 4 passport photos
- Eligibility letter
- \$1000 deposit
- Balance of levy

COST

AUS is waiting advice from the Australian Sports Commission as to level of funding support. Until this time we are unable to confirm the final levy but expect that it will be approximately \$4300-\$4500. As per athlete's agreement, final levy installment is due on 10th June, 2005.

FUNDING

Potential sources of funding include your Institute/Academy Program, University Sports association, University Vice-Chancellor's Department, Local Council or State Government.

TRAVEL

AUS is working with our travel agent to make suitable travel arrangements for team members. Teams will be departing Australia from 4th-9th August. More details will be provided ASAP.



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Please ensure you advise AUS of your exact name as it appears on your passport for flight bookings as well as alterations to the group travel booking. This is imperative and any additional charges arising from non-compliance will be passed on to the individual.

SAFETY

AUS has met with DFAT and will be keeping up to date with the latest travel advice. We recommend that all team members register via the DFAT website www.dfat.gov.au

In order to minimise any potential risks or safety concerns, AUS will be implementing a number of guidelines which all team members will be required to adhere to. More information will be provided in the very near future.

ALTERNATE TRAVEL

Any team members who require travel different for the set team travel must make a written application to AUS after gaining approval from your Team Manager.

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS

Each athlete must provide documentation establishing their eligibility for the Universiade. This is a requirement of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and if not met to their satisfaction, accreditation (allowing access to the village and participation in the event) will not be granted.

It is therefore very important that you supply to AUS the original copy of the FISU eligibility certificate. Section 1 is to be completed by the athlete, section 2 by your university registrar or equivalent (not your sports association, coach or head of school).

FISU is very strict when it comes to eligibility and accreditation. **Those athletes who are unable to supply adequate documentation will not be included in the team.**

Please ensure that you forward the ORIGINAL copy of your eligibility certificate (with Sections 1 and 2 completed) to AUS by 10th June, 2005.

MEDICAL

If you have not already done so, it is strongly recommended that you consult your family doctor in relation to your health and any vaccination requirements for travel to Turkey.

ANTI-DOPING

It is imperative that all team members have read and understand the AUS Anti-Doping By-Law and are familiar with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code. As the Organising Committee will be conducting drug tests during the Universiade, all athletes should check their medications are permitted under the WADA Code. If you are unsure of a medication, you can check it by calling the ASDA Drugs in Sport Hotline (1800 020 506).

PASSPORT

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that you have a **current Australian passport with at least 12 months validity**. If you do not have a current passport it is imperative that you apply ASAP as it may take some time to complete the application process. For more information, see the DFAT website: www.dfat.gov.au

VISAS

All team members will require a VISA for travel to Turkey. AUS is confirming application processes to ensure access to the waiver of costs for VISAs associated with travel to the Universiade.

WEBSITES

For more information on the Universiade go to: www.universiadeizmir.org Or the International University Sports Federation (FISU) website: www.fisu.net

For more information on the Australian team, please see the AUS website: www.unisport.com.au

Future Newsletters will be sent via email to all team members unless they are requested not to be. Also, please forward AUS the email/post details of anyone else who may wish to receive this newsletter.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Sport Team Manager or Jaclyn Anderson at AUS.

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