

NZIHA OCEANIA BULLETIN

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Hi Everyone,

The first training camp is this coming weekend. I have sent a copy of the schedule advised sometime ago to you all, to the website for uploading. It has also been included in a downloadable file. See the link to the right of this column.



PLAYER DEPOSITS

Training Camp fee for all players is \$60 to be paid at camp.

Please make sure you also have your deposits available as we are required to pay for tickets, and deposits on hotel and rental vehicles by the end of February.

Group members traveling with the group travel are required to pay \$1500 with the balance at the March/ April Camp

Group members arranging their own travel are required to pay a minimum of half of the balance due.

PLAYER & OFFICIALS' AGREEMENTS

Player & Officials Agreements will be available in the weekend for signing. Players aged Under 18 years MUST get parent/guardian to sign.

COPING WITH SUMMER HEAT!

With the assistance of HIREPOOL and Garth Cunningham we are pleased to advise that we will be collecting some portable industrial fans for the weekend to assist with keeping the players cool on the rink during training. This heat wave is taking its toll around the country (not too mention the terrible situation being experienced in Australia)

You will need to be very aware of your fluid intake during training over your weekends and make sure you keep yourself "topped up". The rink canteen will be open and there is a water filling station available as well. Check out the attached "Hydration Fact Sheet link for more recommendations.

DRUGFREE

SPORT REQUIREMENTS

It is each player's responsibility to ensure they are "drugfree". Players can be tested at anytime in New Zealand or Australia when listed as national representatives. Be aware of how this affects you! You are also responsible for ensuring that you are covered with

Therapeutic Approvals if taking prescribed medication, especially anything on the WADA banned list. There is a series of PDF documents attached to the right you should read and establish whether you need to apply for approvals. Some of you already have approvals in place from 2007/ 2008. My understanding is that ASTHMA medication need to be approved if you have not already applied for this. There are 2 download links attached (to the right) one is for a PDF file with information and the second is the word TUE application form. Players are reminded that they can now have this form completed by their medical practitioner/ specialist and send direct to FIRS. Details are on the application form.

[Stand Up Taranaki \(active link\)](#)

Stand Up - Taranaki is a non-denominational, non-profit Performing and Visual Arts Festival featuring Taranaki Christian Artists, Performers; organised by volunteers who have a passion for the local mission field. It is an opportunity for local Christians to share with their peers at their own level and in their own environment. It is a 'drug and alcohol free' event. Stand Up has been running since 2004.

This festival is taking place on Feb 14th at East End Reserve adjacent to the rink with an outside stage set up on the grassed area opposite the rink facing the ocean with a selection of live bands playing. Entry is free to anyone who wishes to attend when not committed to your training times.

The organisers have agreed to keep the parking on the rink side of the parking area free for players cars.

In addition there is an art display set up on the small rink and access to changing room #6 will be restricted. Changing rooms 1 - 5 will still be available. The small rink will only be available on Sunday.

Players are reminded that all tape/ used bottles/ other rubbish must be cleaned up before each team leaves the rink & changing rooms.

Please ensure that your bags & cars are kept secure during the weekend, bags/ gear no left unattended by doorways etc...

PLAYING UNIFORM

NZIHA advise a change to the playing uniform. Unfortunately the current pant is no longer available due to the manufacturer not accepting new orders in 2009. However we have now sourced a new pant, that will be available as an ongoing order as long as it is required. The pant is BLACK and is made to order. It is hoped to have a "black" on "black" fern printed onto the pant. There is a now a cost to all players requiring pants. The cost will be \$74 (incl), a reduction from the 2008 pant price of \$96.

TEAM PLAYING AND TRAVEL UNIFORM

Uniform & ticket distribution will take place at your second camp in March or April. Team Managers will also be attending to meet with teams. Team Photos will be taken over this weekend as well.

SUPPORTERS POLO SHIRTS

Supporters wishing to order a supporters polo may do so on the attached form. The polo will cost \$50 and will be embroidered. Orders are required by February 23rd to allow time for ordering and embroidery work to be done.

EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCES

Excess Baggage charges are the responsibility of individuals traveling to Australia. While a small allowance has been negotiated with each airline - you need to be aware of the potential cost if you "over pack" or "over shop" while in Australia.

You need to take **ONLY** what you need!

Group members intending to extend their stay are also responsible for their own playing equipment and bags. You are not able to have another group member bring your bags back to New Zealand while you stay on in Australia.

TEAM OFFICIALS

There have been some changes to team official appointments . Following is the current group of officials.

Coach: Sam Beardman - 14U Ken Lockhart (Manager) with Angela Prendergast (Official)

Coach: Zach Beardman - 16U William Isbister (Manager) with **Amara Gibson** (Official)

Coach - Sam Beardman - 18U Paul Franklin (Manager) with Bill Murphy (Official)

Coach: Matt Chan - 20U Garth Cunningham (Manager) with Jackie Kopu (Official)

Coach: Corey Down - Senior Men John Beardman (Manager)

Coach: Willy Harvey - Senior Women Karen Cunningham (Manager)

Coach: Anna Carrington - Junior Women Julie Scott (Manager) with Danielle Maunder (Official)

Coach: **Willy Harvey** - Masters **To be advised** (Manager)

Coach - Stan Greene - Veterans Mark Jameson (Manager)

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