



2009 FIBA Oceania All Star Tour



Newsletter No 2

Dear All Stars, Federation officials, parents and friends,

This newsletter contains information on your accommodation and travel times to Australia. Please print it out and keep it somewhere very safe, so you can refer to it as is needed.

Home Program Reporting Forms:

In the first newsletter I sent out, there was a reporting form on your home program. Every player is expected to fax or email me that form every 2 weeks, so I know that you are doing your training. I should have had report forms on 5th November and 19th November.

GUESS WHAT???

Only Perry Oiterong Palau, and Puraru Muri PNG, sent me their forms for 5th November.

I must stress the importance of your home training program. You all played against Australia at the Guam Youth Tournament. You know how physical and tough they were – well, can I tell you, every team we meet at the Under 20 Nationals will be just as tough. We need to be fit, we need to shoot accurately and we need to know the team plays as set out in your Players book. It is your responsibility to do the training and to send the information back to me. Just write your answers on the page, and fax it to me on 61 2 66586114. Easy, easy, easy – so let's do it please.

I want everyone's forms for 5th November, 19th November and 3rd December by next Thursday, 4th December – no excuses! If you want to remain in the All Star team, I need to get your forms!

Accommodation in Townsville:

Last week I travelled to Townsville to check on our accommodation and transport bookings, and to look at the stadium. I am pleased to report that everything is on track for a terrific tournament. The All Star players, coaches, managers and referees will be staying at:

The Villas
34 Bowen Road
Townsville
Ph: 617 4775 7044
Fax: 617 4775 7277
Email: thevillas@bigpond.com
Website: thevillastownsville.com

The Villas is a small complex of 10 apartments. We will be the only people staying at the apartments, which will give us more freedom to come and go as we need to without disturbing other guests.

There are a combination of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, each self contained with full kitchen and bathroom facilities. The apartments all overlook a very clean swimming pool, which will be very handy as the temperate in Townsville in February will be very similar to your own countries.

The managerial staff will prepare most of the meals for the players, but sometimes we will also eat out at restaurants and cafes. All of the meals, accommodation, transport and uniform costs will be covered by FIBA Oceania. Players will need a small amount of money to purchase souvenirs and gifts and any other things they might want to buy from the shops.

Home Accommodation Facilities Book Now

THE Villas

Travelling In the North?

Are You Looking For Quality Accommodation That Simply Will Not Blow Your Budget? Then Consider the North's Best Kept Secret.... The Villas Townsville!

To Help Make Your Stay Even More Practical and Convenient All Our Guests Enjoy Full Use Of Our Facilities!

Doing 30 laps before breakfast or to simply cool off after a long day you can throw yourself into our refreshing 25 metre pool.

As a family or a couple you can drop a snag or cook up a feast using one of our 2 BBQ areas then enjoy your meal outside, under the stars, in our outdoor recreation area.

To cap it all off, as a valued service, we provide coin operated full bundry and drying facilities.

All considerations are given to our guests so everyone will enjoy The Villas Townsville.

Uniforms Have been Ordered:

The 2009 Oceania All Star uniforms have been ordered, and they will look terrific. We always play in the colour purple, so we never clash with any other team at the tournament. As usual, I have included tropical flowers into the uniform to give it a true "Oceania" feel.

Players will be provided with a playing uniform and warm-up top, plus training singlet and shorts. You will need to bring additional training shorts and singlets, as you will be doing 2 x 2 hour training sessions each day, plus playing a game most nights (now, you will see why it is so important to do your fitness program, so you can keep up with this training schedule)

**A Note to Parents:**

Parents can rest assured that your children will be well supervised and well looked after during the tournament. Our staff will consist of at least 7 adults – myself, coaches Langomazino and Bonnet from Tahiti, coaches Ferris and Allen from Australia, manager Hattori from Guam, referee Kuartei from Palau, as well as Mrs Allen from Australia and perhaps Charlie and Marguerite from Tahiti.

All of us have a great deal of experience in taking young people on camp, and we all have very high standards of behaviour. Most of us have children of our own, and I know we will all treat your teenagers like we would our own.

This is our 4th All Star tour. In that time we have had only one incident of poor behaviour, and the player in question was immediately sent home.

I would urge you all to ensure that your son or daughter is undertaking their home fitness and home skills program on a regular basis. It is their responsibility, and therefore your responsibility, to ensure they arrive in Australia fit, and ready to play. They can only do this with regular and hard training in their home country. Please insist that your child does the training, and that they send their reports to me as has been requested.

You will see the travel itineraries of all players on the next page. You should note that either Katrina Ferris or myself will meet the PNG, Fiji, Tahitian and New Caledonian players on their arrival into Australia, and we will escort them to their domestic flights to Townsville. So please do not worry that your child might get lost in the big Australian airports, we will be there to meet them and travel on with them. Guam and Palau parents, your children already have 2 adults with them, and they only have to change flights in Cairns for a short flight to Townsville.

Finances:

FIBA Oceania will contribute about \$60,000AUD to the tour. Each participant on the tour is asked to contribute \$600 AUD to assist with the tour expenses. Just to remind everyone, this money must be paid into the FIBA Oceania bank by **16th January 2009**

Bank details for FIBA Oceania are:

Account Name: FIBA Oceania

Account Number: 700364

Bank BSB Number: 032 576

Bank Swift Code: WPACAU2S

Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation

Address: Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour, NSW Australia 2450



An outdoor half court by the ocean in Townsville



Townsville Basketball stadium

Travel Schedules:

All of the international and domestic travel has been booked. Most of the tickets are e-tickets, so I will forward those to you as we get closer reports)

Country		Depart Home/arrive Australia	Arrive Townsville	Depart Townsville	Arrive Home
Papua New Guinea	Miss Rachael KOIVI Miss Philippa JOUMKALOP Miss Nakita TRAVERTZ Mr Purari MURI Mr Mika LOKO	Sunday 8th Feb Depart Port Moresby Virgin 190 at 1.50pm to Brisbane. Depart Brisbane Virgin 665 at 6.45pm to Townsville	Sunday 8th Feb 8.45pm	Sunday 22nd Feb 6.00am to Brisbane Virgin 654 Depart Brisbane to PNG 9.35am Virgin 191	Sunday 22nd Feb Port Moresby 12.55pm
Palau	Miss Jubilee KUARTEI Mr Perry OITERONG	Sunday 8th Feb Depart Koror 1.10am to Guam Cont Micro 954 Depart Guam 7.55pm Continental Micro 902 Arrive Cairns: 12.35am Depart Cairns Mon 9th: 6.45am Q Sunstate 2301	Monday 9th Feb 7.30am	Sunday 22nd Feb 6.30pm to Cairns Qan/ Sunstate 2314 Depart Cairns 1.35am to Guam Cont Micro 903 Depart Guam 7.40pm Cont Micro 953	Monday 23rd Feb Koror 8.40pm
Guam	Mrs Audre HATTORI Miss Derin SANTOS Miss Rebecca TOMADA	Sunday 8th Feb Depart Guam 7.55pm Continental Micro 902 Arrive Cairns: 12.35am Depart Cairns Mon 9 Feb: 6.45am Q Sunstate 2301	Monday 9th Feb 7.30am	Sunday 22nd Feb 6.30pm to Cairns Qan/ Sunstate 2314 Depart Cairns 1.35am to Guam Cont Micro 903	Monday 23rd Feb Guam 6.05am
Fiji	Miss Brittany HAZELMAN Miss Meleane MOCE Mr Jese SIKIVOU Mr Manoa PUAMAU	Sunday 8th Feb Depart Nadi 8.15am Arrive Brisbane 10.15am Depart Brisbane 2.00pm	Sunday 8th Feb 4.00pm	Sunday 22nd Feb 6.00am to Brisbane 11.30am to Nadi	Sunday 22nd Feb 5.00pm
New Caledonia	Miss Clarissa PASSA Mr Beniela ADJOUNGIOPE	Saturday 7th Feb Depart Noumea 6.30pm Qantas 90 to Brisbane: Overnight in Brisbane Depart Brisbane 2.00pm Qantas 974	Sunday 8th Feb 4.00pm	Sunday 22nd Feb 4.40pm Brisbane Qantas 975 Depart Brisbane at 8.30pm to Noumea Air Cal 363	Sunday 22nd Feb 11.40pm
Tahiti	Mrs Brigitte LANGOMAZINO Miss Haamoe VOIRIN Miss Vanina POTIRON Miss Pitoura MATOHI Mr Maruki DURY Mr Reihiti SOMMERS Mr Tereora DAUPHIN Mr Rahitiarii TERIIEROOITERAI Mr Honoura BONNET	Friday 6th Feb Depart Papeete, to Auckland Arrive Brisbane 9.25am, Depart Brisbane 2.00pm	Sunday 8th Feb 4.00pm	Sunday 22nd Feb 4.40pm to Brisbane	

Katrina Ferris -

Katrina will meet the PNG players when they into Brisbane at 4.50pm. Then Katrina will travel with the PNG players to Townsville on Virgin flight 665 departing at 6.45pm

Judy Smith -

Judy will meet the New Caledonia players at Brisbane International airport at 7.55pm and check into a motel for the night with the players. Judy will meet Tahiti and Fiji on Sunday and will travel to Townsville with the Fiji, Tahiti and New Caledonian players on Sunday 8th February