

CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to the Australian team for the 2009 World University Winter Games (Winter Universiade). This newsletter will be provided in the lead up to the Universiade and then daily during the event to keep you up-to-date.

EVENT

The 2009 Universiade is being held in Harbin, China from 18-28 February 2009 with Yabuli and Maoer Mountain as satellite venues. AUS will be represented in Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing and Snow-boarding.



GAMES MASCOTT

The mascot, named "Dong Dong", with snow as the creative element, white and blue as the main colors, by adopting the personified mode of creation, highlights the characteristics of the host city and winter sports. With angelical smile on his face, "Dong Dong" appears pure, optimistic, warm-hearted and lovely. In the orange scarf presenting his vigor, "Dong Dong" is sincerely and warmly welcoming friends from all over the world.

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.

UNIFORMS

Each team member will be provided with an AUS Uniform. Your uniform will be available for collection in China.



AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Australian Team will consist of 6 athletes and officials (including administrative, sport and medical support). An experienced and skilled management team has been assembled to help guide the team to success.

TEAM PROFILE FEATURE—Peter Caine

Peter has extensive experience in Sports and Musculoskeletal physiotherapy, Alpine Sports and ultra-distance endurance events. Peter also holds a Masters in Manual Therapy as well as his Physiotherapy qualifications. He has worked on the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Paralympics, Harlequins FP Rugby Football Club, the World University Winter Games, UCI World Track Cycling Championships & 2006 Commonwealth Games.



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PASSPORT/ VISAS

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.

AUS will arrange the paperwork for VISA applications. You will be required to take this information into your nearest Chinese Embassy/ Consulate to have your VISA issued. AUS anticipates to have all relevant information for VISAs before Christmas.

SECURITY

We strongly recommend that all team members register via the DFAT website: www.dfat.gov.au and remain up to date with the latest DFAT travel advice.

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 WADA Code. As the Organising Committee will be conducting drug tests during the Universiade, all athletes should check their medications (prescription AND over the counter) are permitted under the WADA Code. If you are unsure of a medication, you can check with ASADA Hotline (1800 020 506).

If you have any medical concerns, please do not hesitate to contact AUS.



TEAM ARRIVAL

The majority of the Australian Team will be arriving from the 15th February and departing on 1 March. Please ensure you have sent through your arrival and departure details to **AUS immediately**. Once these details have been provided to AUS we will provide to the Organising Committee. During the games there will be available transport from the Villages to each competition site and between villages.

There are three Athletes' Villages for the 2009 Winter Universiade. They are:

- Heilongjiang University Village (Ice Sports)
- Yabuli Village (Cross Country & Alpine)
- Maoershan Village (Snowboard)

A word of warning, these are very small towns and have minimum auxiliary facilities such as stores, restaurants etc...Rooms are triple occupancy.

Yabuli Village

Located at Yabuli Ski Resort, the village is centered in one 5 star hotel that will accommodate all nations competing in this area. in this Village include:

- Dinning hall
- Village service center
- Accreditation center
- Gymnasium
- Post office
- Disco
- Small supermarket
- Laundry
- Movie theatre



Maoershan Village

Located at Maoer Mountain, the village is centered in 3 large apartment blocks that will accommodate all nations competing in this area. Facilities in this Village include:

- Dining hall
- Village service center
- Accreditation center
- Gymnasium
- Post office
- Small supermarket
- Laundry
- Movie theatre



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Please visit the AUS website: www.unisport.com.au/extra.asp?id=166&OrgID=1 and download the current training and competition schedule.

COMPETITION INSURANCE/ FIS LICENSE

The 2009 Winter Universiade event is a FIS sanctioned event, and all athletes must be a registered member of Ski and Snowboard Australia with a current FIS license. Your competition insurance is not covered with the Australian University Sport levy, and must be obtained separately through Ski and Snowboard Australia.

Please contact Ski and Snowboard Australia on: 03 9696 2344 or info@skiandsnowboard.org.au

WEBSITES

For more information please see the WUWG website:

24th Winter Universiade Harbin, China: <http://www.harbin2009.org/>

International University Sports Federation website: www.fisu.net

Australian team, please see the AUS website: www.unigames.com.au

KEEP IN TOUCH

It is very important that you stay in touch with AUS while in Training pre-event. Please ensure you advise AUS of your departure from Australia and your location overseas prior travel to China. If your contact details change please advise AUS ASAP.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget AUS is on Facebook. Please ensure you join the Team page, and invite your friends and family to join the Supporter page. They can send you messages and check out results and photos from the Australian Team.

AUS Winter Universiade Support Group



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