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### Points of Interest about Australia

- **G'day .... Means hello**
- **Population... 22 million**
- Land area... 7,692 million sq km. Worlds largest island, smallest continent.
- Landscape ranges from tropical rainforest, to desert, cool temperature forests and snow covered mountains.
- **Language.... English**
- **Currency.... Australian currency**
- **Floral Emblem..... the golden wattle.** National Wattle Day is celebrated on 1st September each year.
- **National Gemstone.....the opal.** Aboriginal legend says the opal is a gift from the sky, when a rainbow touched the earth and created the colours of the opal.
- **Indigenous People..... Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.**
- **Multicultural Australia....**The contribution to Australian society, culture and prosperity by migrants from across the world has been an important factor in shaping the modern Australia

### Competition Schedule

**The 8 men's and 8 women's teams** accepted into the 2012 Pacific Youth Championships have been placed in pools determined by their final placing in the 2012 event. Teams who did not participate in that event have been placed in pools to balance geographical regions.

#### Girls:

Pool 1: Australia, Tahiti, New Caledonia, Samoa

Pool 2: New Zealand, Fiji, Guam & PNG

#### Boys:

Pool 1: Australia, Guam, Tahiti, Samoa

Pool 2: New Zealand, New Caledonia, Fiji, PNG

The championship draw is available on the FIBA Oceania Competitions website: [www.fibaoceania.com](http://www.fibaoceania.com), then click on the **button on the right "Click here for all competitions."**

There may be some slight changes to game times as we consolidate all the activities around the Championship.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are round games and player, coach and referee clinics, Wednesday is a rest day and cultural performance evening, while Thursday to Saturday are the quarter, semis, classification and medal games. A busy and educational week for everyone.

### Where is Churchill?

*Churchill is a village in the Latrobe Valley and is located about 2 hours drive from Melbourne.*

*Latrobe has a population of 75,000 people, while Churchill has a population of 5,000.*

*Traralgon is the largest village within Latrobe City, and is located just 15 minutes drive from Churchill. Accommodation is limited in Churchill, but suitable accommodation for families and friends can be booked in Traralgon, Moe and Morewell.*

*The Latrobe Valley provides 85% of Victoria's electricity requirements thanks to the vast deposits of brown coal found in the area. Dairy and beef cattle are the other major industries in the Latrobe Valley.*

*There is a campus of the Monash University at Churchill where 7,000 students and 400 staff study and work. The student accommodation at the university will be used as the Athlete Village during the Pacific Youth Championships.*

*The Churchill Leisure Centre will host the Championships, and boasts 3 indoor courts, an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and just a 5 minutes walk from the Athlete Village.*



## Major Changes to the 2012 Champs

FIBA Oceania has introduced a number of major changes to the 2012 Youth Championships. All of these changes are aimed at ensuring international basketball opportunities are provided to young people and women, decisions which we feel will encourage young people to remain involved in basketball in the Oceania zone. These changes are:

- All coaches and referees must be 35 years or younger (must be born January 1st 1977 or later)
- **Every women's team must be accompanied by a woman as team coach, manager or Head of Delegation.**



### The Tournament Logo:

The logo consists of Australia's most familiar animal, the kangaroo, atop a basketball and Australia.

The rays of the sun radiate across the logo background.

Australia's traditional national colours, green and gold, are reflected in the logo.

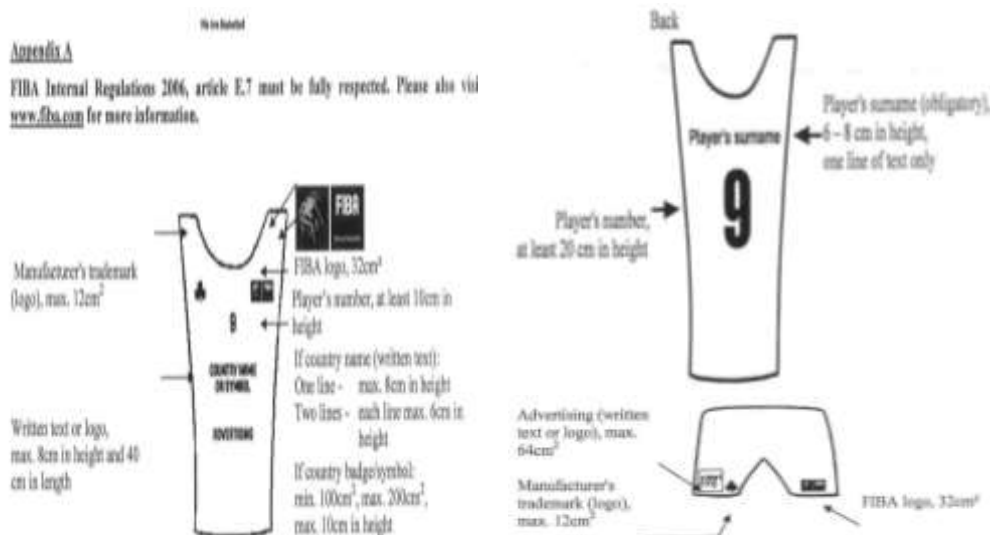
## Uniforms—The Regulations you need to know...

For more about uniform regulations, go to [www.fibaoceania.com](http://www.fibaoceania.com), then to "Documents and Reports", click on "Uniform Regulations".

All federations are to ensure their playing uniforms meet the following guidelines:

- Every team must have a light and dark set of playing uniforms.
- Playing numbers can only be numbers 4 to 15.
- The numbers must be at least 20 cm high on the back, and at least 10cm high on the front, and at least 2 cm wide.
- Numbers must be of a solid colour, contrasting with the shirt colour.
- The FIBA logo must appear on the front of the shirt, above the front number. FIBA Oceania will supply these to all teams on arrival in Noumea.
- The name or badge of the country must appear on the front of the shirts. If written on one line, writing must be maximum of 8cm in height. If writing is over two lines, writing shall be a maximum of 6 cm in height. The badge of the country must be between 100 and 200cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Advertising on the shirt is permitted providing that advertising is for one sponsor only, and the text or logo is a maximum of 8 cm in height and 40cm in length.
- **Player's number is not permitted on the shorts.**
- Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts, provided that advertising is for one sponsor only, and text or logo is maximum 100cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Advertising is permitted on the warm-up shirt, but must be the same sponsor and size as advertising on the front of uniforms.

### Pictures to help with uniform requirements.....



How many people are allowed per team in Churchill?

- 10 players
- 1 coach
- 1 manager OR 1 assistant coach
- 1 referee
- If the federation is bringing 2 teams, they are entitled to bring 1 Head of Delegation
- *Federations who wish to bring additional people (doctor, physiotherapist) will be charged an accommodation and meal per diem.*

## Selection in the FIBA Oceania All Star teams for 2013

The Pacific Youth Championships will be the venue for the selection of the FIBA Oceania All Star teams. 10 male and 10 female players, a male and female coach and referee, plus two team managers will be selected from Pacific Island teams during the Championships. Australia and New Zealand are excluded from the All Star selections.

The All Star team will participate in the Australian Junior Country Cup in January 2013.

It is a great honour to represent Oceania, and the All Star program provides talented players, coaches and referees with the opportunity to participate in an event against the best in Australia and New Zealand.

The tour to Australia will begin 7th January and conclude 21st January 2012. The teams will have a 5 day training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, before travel-

ling to Albury for the week long tournament.

Information about the selection process has been sent to all Federations, and can also be located on the FIBA Oceania competitions website. To avoid the withdrawal of players after their selection, FIBA Oceania must receive signed approval from parents and the Federation, **giving approval for their child's** participation should they be selected.

## Regulations Concerning the Eligibility of Players from Dependent Territories (Article 3-25-27) *The FIBA Statutes relating to this matter have change since the last Youth Championship. Federations should read the following extract from the FIBA regulation carefully, particularly section 26.*

Regulation 25: In order to represent the territory in competitions of FIBA or in other international competitions organised within their Zones, a player must fulfil the following conditions;

a. Have the legal nationality of the country on which the territory is dependent (the 'main territory') and

b. Have:

Been born in the dependent territory; or

Been born in the main territory of at least one parent born in the dependent territory; or

Been born of parents both of whom were born in the dependent territory, regardless of the place of birth of the player; or

At least one grandparent who was born in the dependent territory, regardless of the place of birth of the player.

c. Be able to demonstrate traditional or customary residency in the territory.

Regulation 26. A player who does not satisfy the provisions of article 3-25 but obtains the legal nationality of the main territory and can demonstrate permanent residence of the dependent territory for at least four (4) years is eligible to represent the dependent territory, subject to the following:

a. If the player obtains the legal nationality of the main territory before reaching the age of sixteen (16) years, he will be eligible to represent

the dependent territory without restriction (see article 3-21)

b. If the player obtains the legal nationality of the main territory after the age of sixteen (16) years, then he will be considered in the same way as a naturalised player and the provisions of article 3-21 are in effect.

27. Articles 3-21, 3-22 and 3-23 apply mutatis mutandis.

*Please contact the FIBA Oceania office if you have any questions about the eligibility of players in your squad.*



### Multicultural Latrobe

The Latrobe Valley has a strong indigenous and multicultural heritage. It is the traditional home of the Braiakaulung people.

The Latrobe Valley has become the home of people from all corners of the world, with over 15% of the population being born overseas. The earliest migrants came to the Latrobe Valley from Italy, Germany, Malta, Poland, and Greece, and are now joined by migrants from China, Sudan and New Zealand, and the Phillippines.

## Team Managers.... Here is your chance to become the 2013 All Star Managers in Albury, Australia

The All Star teams selected from the players at Churchill will participate in the Australian Country Cup in Albury in January 2013.

FIBA Oceania will be selecting a male and female team manager from the Pacific Island teams to travel to Australia with the All Star teams in 2013.

A team manager at the Aus-

tralian Championships will undertake a range of jobs, including cooking, washing, shopping and looking after the welfare of the players and coaches for the 2 week period.

Managers will work alongside the FIBA Oceania staff and must be able to manage young people and to work to a very tight and sometimes, exhausting schedule. Team

managers will have their accommodation, domestic travel, food and expenses in Australia covered by

The manager will pay the same contribution to airfare to Australia as the players and referees—\$600AUD. Nomination for the All Star managers will called before the tournament, and announced as part of the All Star team in Churchill.

## Accommodation and Playing Venues:

All teams will be accommodated at the very modern and well presented Monash University student village. Well serviced cabins which contain 6 individual bedrooms, a kitchen and lounge area, 2 showers and a laundry will house 5 players and one staff member (coach, manager).

Teams will have their breakfast in their cabins, enabling

teams to wake at their own time. Boxed lunches will be provided to all teams, enabling teams to eat at a time that best suits their daily schedule.

Evening meals will be served at the University dining hall.

The Churchill Leisure Centre boasts 3 indoor basketball courts, an indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, a can-

teen and meeting rooms. All these facilities combine to present an outstanding venue choice for the 2012 Championships.



2011 All Star staff with Lauren Jackson





# Much more than just a basketball event..

The FIBA Oceania Youth Championship is much more than just a basketball event. It is a celebration of culture and a place of education. It is an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences and to build friendships across our Pacific region.



## Cultural Performances:

First introduced 12 years ago, the team cultural evening has developed into an integral part of the Youth Championship program. The performances reinforce the cultural identities of our various countries, and allows participants to see traditional dances and songs that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see.



This year, teams will be performing their cultural dances as part of a community festival in Traralgon Park. Along side bike riders, school students, families and friends, the Youth Championship teams will take to the stage on Wednesday 28th November. We look forward to seeing well prepared cultural items that will bring credit to your countries.

## Practical clinics for players and coaches:

**Under the expert tuition of World Association of Basketball Coaches' President Patrick Hunt**, coaches and players from across the zone undertake practical clinics based around the latest skills and techniques. Island coaches are able to practice their teaching skills **with the assistance of some of Australia's best coaches.**



## HIV/AIDS and Anti-Doping Awareness Clinics:

With the assistance of the Oceania Regional Anti Doping Agency, players will be taken through a series of workshops to build their awareness of HIV and AIDS in the Pacific, and the rules and regulations of drugs in sport. As part of this program, players will be randomly selected to undergo drug testing during the Championship. Marijuana will be one of the drugs athletes will be tested for.

## Water Recovery and Basketball Specific Gym clinics:

Utilising the expertise of staff at the Churchill Leisure Centre, players, coaches and referees will undertake practical sessions in the swimming pool and in the gym. Using specific exercises in the water, players will be shown how recovery from training and games can be successfully undertaken in water, which is particularly good for injured players. In the gym, players and staff will be taken through a basketball specific routine which will reveal which exercises are more relevant to basketball fitness.



## Referee Clinics:

Working with expert referee educators, local and visiting referees will undertake a number of referee education clinics. As part of their practical assessment, games will be videoed and referees will be able to analyse their performance with the assistance of a mentor. This will prove particularly educational for Pacific Island referees who might not have had the opportunity to do this previously.

## Tournament Coach Module:

FIBA Oceania has played a part in the re-development of the Coach accreditation process in Australia, and Patrick Hunt, Peter Lonergan and Regan Kama will present the **"Tournament Coach" module to 2015 Pacific Games coaches from across the Pacific. Over three days, the national senior coaches will learn to develop a 'whole of tournament' approach to their coaching—from scouting oppositions teams, to team management, sleep time, good practice techniques and monitoring player performance.**



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