



## **2011 FISAF World Championships Newsletter - # 5**

There are only 6 more days until the start of the World Championships! It is time to head Down Under!!!!

In Queensland it is 27 degrees Celsius today...typical of the weather this time of year so the Australia, the sun is shining, we are ready to welcoming you to our fabulous country.....and the competition is about to begin.

The Aussies are getting ready to board their domestic flights from all over the country, many of whom will be travelling 4 or five hours to get here. Our International guests will be preparing their passports and luggage ready for the long haul to Oz. We wish you all safe travels, some quiet time focused on looking forward to the days ahead, reflection on the incredible job you have achieved to be part of the Event and most of all the knowledge that you are about to be part of history.....forever recorded in the archives of the 2011 FISAF World Championships. This final newsletter is to assist you in your last minute preparation for the big Event.

### **OPEN JUDGES WORKSHOPS**

Those who have booked in to attend the Open Judges Workshop please refer to the Timetable attached to this email and ensure you arrive at the relevant Venue a good 10 minutes before starting time.

These workshops are open to everyone and are very beneficial as they bridge the gap between the judge, coach, choreographer and the competitor. Come and learn what the judges learn and improve your understanding of what we judge and why.

### **QUEENSLAND WEATHER REPORT**

Like we said at the beginning....warm and humid and getting more so by the day So .....don't forget to pack those swimmers and buy some sun block and a hat when you arrive!

## **CHAMPIONSHIP CORNERS**

Calling all members, coaches, athletes and supporters! Come and join the FISAF Technical Committee and get a chance to network at our informal gatherings known as the Championship Corners. These will be the perfect time for you to ask any question of the Technical Committee regarding the Technical regulations, judging issues, championships, future directions and even advice on your own National competition issues. We know that some countries have huge 'success' stories in relation to participation in their championships and we are hoping those can be shared so that others may be inspired to follow. Come and help shape the future of FISAF Competition, we value your input and would love to get to know our members.

### Sport Aerobic and Fitness Championship Corner

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm – 8.00pm, GCCEC – Please check at Registration/Information Desk for the Room allocation on the day

### Hip Hop Championship Corner

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.00pm – 8.00pm, Breakout Room 5. Second level, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Pacific Hwy, Broadbeach

## **TIMETABLING**

FISAF Org release its timetable very close to the Event (Aussies we know this has been hard for you as you are very used to having your full timetable and start sheets at least two weeks out so our apologies on the suspense (which kind of adds to the fun you have to agree) however the matter was out of our hands. It has been authorized to be sent now and is attached to this email. Starting sheets are also attached. These are subject to minor changes and will be on the warm up room walls. Please make sure you check with FISAF HOST staff throughout the day for any minor changes. As with all FISAF Org Events, please note what time your section starts, when you need to be ready for that and follow the directions of your Head Coaches who will be working hand in hand with FISAF and TFT staff at all times.

## **FISAF HOST CREW**

FISAF Australia and TFT Sports and Event Management staff and volunteer crew will be at your call at all times during the Event. They will be wearing bright orange polo tops with the FISAF Worlds Logo ( our world famous boomerang hip hop and sport aero athletes ☺ ) on the front and FISAF HOST in big letters on the back s you can see them from anywhere in the building! Please do not hesitate to stop them and ask for assistance if you should need such. Roxanne will be quietly working behind the scenes at this Event to ensure everything runs smoothly for you all.....locating her will be a bit like looking for Wally in "Where Wally"..... She will be there all the time, and available if you need her, but rest assured, the FISAF HOSTS, in all their different roles will be able to handle all your needs and ensure you have a wonderful time.

## **PERFORMANCE FLOORING**

As per previous newsletters FISAF has agreed to use this World Event to test the new flooring using tarket instead of the traditional wooden floor.

The tarket floor is now being used worldwide for performance sports. Many of the world class athletes have competed on such and say it is the best floor to perform on EVER!

So you will have your chance at Worlds 2011 to be part of history! The floor is a shiny rubberized matt surface which allows the spring of the stage below it with the quality of grip as needed and super light landings!

All athletes will be able to floor test and get a really good feel for it before performing! And you will love it! Our World Head Judge and FISAF have cleared the floor and are looking forward to seeing the best of the best perform on this for Worlds 2011!

## **WARM UP AREAS and BACKSTAGE**

You The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre is a five star World class venue suitable for everything from major rock concerts to massive sporting Event such as ours!

We have ample warm up areas in the **backstage warm up zone with 2 floors set out for marking** through your routines. As with all Venues of this size and calibre the floors are carpet squares over a standard floor, so bring mats if you wish for extra padding if you need to work on such moves as aerial to pushup landing etc.

The practice performance squares for run though are parquetry and will be marked for your use in size; however they are, of course, a harder floor than the stage so please take that in mind for warming up.

We have other dedicated areas set aside on from Tuesday onwards at 8 am to provide additional warm up and training for all countries, it will be on a share basis and security staff will be walking through to ensure everyone gives each other great support and shares the rooms with the great sportsmanship we know will be on show throughout the Event. Please make friends with the teams around you - that is what having the opportunity to compete at a World Event is all about.

Please go to Central Room A entrance and see the FISAF HOST on the door who will allocate you a warm up area and training times. Please note this area is not a bag check area and no responsibility will be accepted for any articles or possessions left in the room at any time – it is for training and initial warm up before moving backstage etc. Please ensure when you leave the room you take all possessions with you.

## **COMPETITORS RELEASE FORM**

Attached to this email is your Competitor Release form. Please ensure you download the relevant copies and complete, have signed by all athletes (under- age must be signed by relevant authorized persons) and bring with you to also hand in at Registration. These must be received at Registration to allow your athletes to compete at the Event.

## **FLAGS AND CDS'**

Do not forget to bring you music to Registration when you register – please ensure you have backup copies – once your music has been registered it will not be returned to you until your completion ends.

We would like to display all flags in our Arena so please bring one flag with you for this (Head Coach of each country please ☺ ) to register with your music. We are not doing the traditional flag poles or parade....we have chosen a much more colorful way of enjoying all flags and representation so please ensure you register yours on MONDAY!

## **TRANSFERS**

All those who have booked transfers on buses or who are under the care and finances of FISAF Australia, such as EC, TC and judges should have received your official transfer voucher for your trips by email this week. If you have-not received such, please contact Melanie on the email below and she will forward to you immediate. Full directions for wher your drivers will be waiting for you are on the vouchers. Melanie can be reached on [bfit4life@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bfit4life@optusnet.com.au)

## **FOR THOSE ON ACCOMODATION PACKAGES**

Please be aware that all your Accommodation as booked via your Excel documents and subsequent correspondence has been fully paid for by TFT Sorts and Event Management. As such, you cannot gain receipts from the hotel as the accounts were not in your individual names but corporate group bookings. If you wish, for taxation purposes to receive a tax receipt for your accommodation, they can be arranged for you via the TFT office post the Event. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require such for travel expense etc.

As all bookings have been paid for, the fiscal responsibly of such, as per our previous correspondence is now in your names upon arrival at each resort. As per previously advice, it is standard procedure to supply any hotel within Australia with a credit card for security for untoward expense or damage incurred by your group. To avoid embarrassment at arrival time, please ensure you have orngaise this for very room.

FISAF Australia and TFT Sports and Event Management will hold no financial responsibility for nay charges incurred by any group.

## **PACKAGES – WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE AGAIN?**

If you have booked an Accommodation package with FISAF Australia, you will receive:

If you are and **athlete or a Coach or official** registered on the Registration form and FRF:

1. Goodie bag for Coaches and Athletes – please collect at Registration.
2. Tickets to relevant after party – will be in your Goodie Bag
3. Entry to backstage warm up and training areas throughout the event ( please ensure that you respect the marked areas for those athletes competing on the day as opposed those areas specifically for training only) – Gold wristband will give you access

4. Passes to allow entry into the theatre on all day of the Event to cheer and support your teams. Please ensure you respect seating arrangements and directions as set out by ushers and staff at the Event – Gold wristband will give you full access for the five days.
5. Full use of the FISAF Concierge who will be available to your hotel to assist with any enquiries whilst you are staying with us. Your Concierge personal phone number will be available at the hotel for you when you arrive and will also be in your registration folder when you collect all the above on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

If you are a **Supporter travelling with a group and booked in with the package** on the website:

1. Full use of the FISAF Concierge who will be available to your hotel to assist with any enquiries whilst you are staying with us. Your Concierge personal phone number will be available at the hotel for you when you arrive.
2. Goodie bag for Supporters – this will be collected by the Head Coach of your group when they collect the athletes Goodie bags etc and they will give to you ☺

If you did not book your Accommodation package through us, (which was optional for our International teams) and there are only a few who chose not to do this, please be aware as advised via all our correspondence, you will NOT be eligible to receive any of the items listed above in the packages **other than access to the venue to train or watch the Event on the days you are no competing!**

If you wish to purchase any of the Addiotnal package items, After Party tickets will be available for \$30, and spectator tickets will be at the price shown on the door daily.

## **REGISTRATION FEES – INTERNATIONAL TEAMS ONLY**

Registration and registration fees that have not been received will be payable upon registration.

It is a policy of FISAF that you cannot compete without paying full registration fees. As a number of our overseas delegates has problems with currency exchange please be aware you will need to bring proof of registration fee payment with you just in case you area asked to provide such. We thank you for your assistance with this and we will have one staff member dedicated to assisting you in this process at Registration.

## **FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

The 2011 FISAF World Championships is a fully licensed Event and all visual rights to the Event are owned by TFT Sports and Event Management and FISAF Australia.

At no time can cameras, video equipment, recording equipment, mobile phones or devices be used to photograph or film any part of the Event once inside the Arena. Security is under instruction to immediately ask anyone using such a device to leave the theatre and surrender their wristbands for all future sessions. This includes athletes, coaches and officials as well as general audience. They are also authorized to request and supervise the deletion of any footage or photos obtained on the device.

TFT Sports and Event Management and FISAF Australia fully support both Winkipop Media and SE Productions in any legal action that may arise if footage or images of this Event are placed on sold or placed on any social media without specific written permission by the three bodies involved. Please do not place yourself, your athletes, or your supporters in any situation that would involve this action.

We thank you for respecting the rights of the photographer and DVD company to have sole control over all images of the Event and your entry into the GCCEC is a legally binding agreement that you will uphold such and accept responsibility for any action that may arise should the conditions be breached. We ask you to ensure all your athletes and supporters are aware of this situation.

### **FRFS.**

FRFs are fully locked own now and can only be changed in a medical emergency via the Head Judge or Head of TC.

### **SPECTATOR TICKETS**

Sale of pre booked Spectator tickets finishes this Thursday at 5 pm. If you wish to pre book tickets (at the pre Event price) you can now fill in the new simple form on the website. Download the document called Worlds 2011 Ticket Order form, complete and email to us to ensure your tickets are ready on arrival. Funds must be in the bank or credit card details provide and authorized by Thursday 5 pm to ensure tickets are yours!

After Thursday, tickets can only be obtained at the Registration area from 9 am to 4 pm Tues to Friday and from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

If you have pre booked tickets – please ensure you bring a copy of the office FISAF email sent to you to verify such and your proof of payment just in case © . Tickets will be in envelopes marked with the name of who booked the Excel document (not necessarily the car holder and you will be required to sign for the documents. If you have purchased student or age tickets, please bring appropriate Id on the day – it may be requested.

Thanks for supporting and enjoy the show!

### **THE “TODAY SHOW”**

Whilst all our athletes, coaches and supporters are waking up on Tuesday morning and getting ready to head to the Event for starting day for our Juniors and Cadets, Steve Jacobs and the Today Show, Australia’s # 1 Breakfast show, will be broadcasting live from inside the Venue. It is a closed set but we invite you to sit back and watch in the comfort of your hotel rooms.

Watch the Weather crossover segment at 6.04. 6.34. 7.04. 7.34. 8.04 and 8.34 am throughout the morning to share the excitement of what is to come! This is being broadcast Australia wide to an estimated audience of over 8 million people.....so share the excitement ....it’s all about you!!!!

## **AUSSIE LINGO!**

For our International guests, we continue our fun look at the Aussie Lingo to help you enjoy your stay and understand our rather crazy language!

Our last Aussie terminology for you to learn is how we deal with pressure down under.

Australians are known as the most relaxed people in the world (not so sure about the International Event Management Team four days out....but usually we are .... ☺ ).

So you will hear us say things like “she’ll be right mate” “no worries” or “no wuz” , “water off a ducks back” . however the best phrase of all that we wish you all to learn and smile as you say it..... because it is most relevant to any athlete is .....“good as gold”.

To an Aussie, it does not get better than that when it comes to just letting go and making the most of the moment.

May your days at Worlds 2011 simply be.....as good as gold!

## **ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries for Worlds will be answered through [info@fisafaaustralia.com](mailto:info@fisafaaustralia.com) up until Monday lunchtime. After that please see the FISAF HOSTS at the Venue,

Train hard, eat well, and smile a lot.....because you are coming to Queensland Australia!!! See you soon!

Roxanne and the TFT Sports and Event Management Team.