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2017 Trans-Tasman Fistball Championships

Melbourne, Australia



1. Summary To-Dos for New Zealand Fistball Association (NZFA)

- Confirm travel & accommodation arrangements
- Send through team photos with individual photos.

2. Teams

The following teams have registered:

- Australia – National Men’s Team
- New Zealand – National Men’s Team
- Australia – National Women’s Team
- New Zealand – National Women’s Team
- Fist Club (Australia)
- Fists Of Fury (New Zealand)

3. Final team nomination

Final team nomination to be submitted to Fistball Federation of Australia (FiFA) Secretary (contact@fistball.com.au) by latest Friday, 27 January 2017. If no changes have been made to the initial team nomination, FiFA requires simple email confirmation that the original team nomination remains unchanged and confirmed.

4. Team Photo and pictures of the players

Team and individual photos to be sent through to FiFA Secretary (contact@fistball.com.au).

5. Accommodation, Boarding and Lodging for players, team officials and fans

The teams have to bear travelling expenses, accommodation and full board for all team members. For the visiting teams, a set package has been arranged which will include accommodation, transport and catering.

Accommodation for the visiting teams, unless explicitly organised separately, will be at:

Barwon River Holiday Park
153 Barrabool Rd,
Belmont VIC 3216

6. Transportation

For the visiting teams, a minibus transfer to and from the accommodation has been arranged for the days of arrival and departure, with the visiting teams free to use these minibuses for transport during their stay.

7. Detailed Schedule

Barring any unforeseen circumstances requiring adjustment, the detailed schedule for the tournament will be as per below.

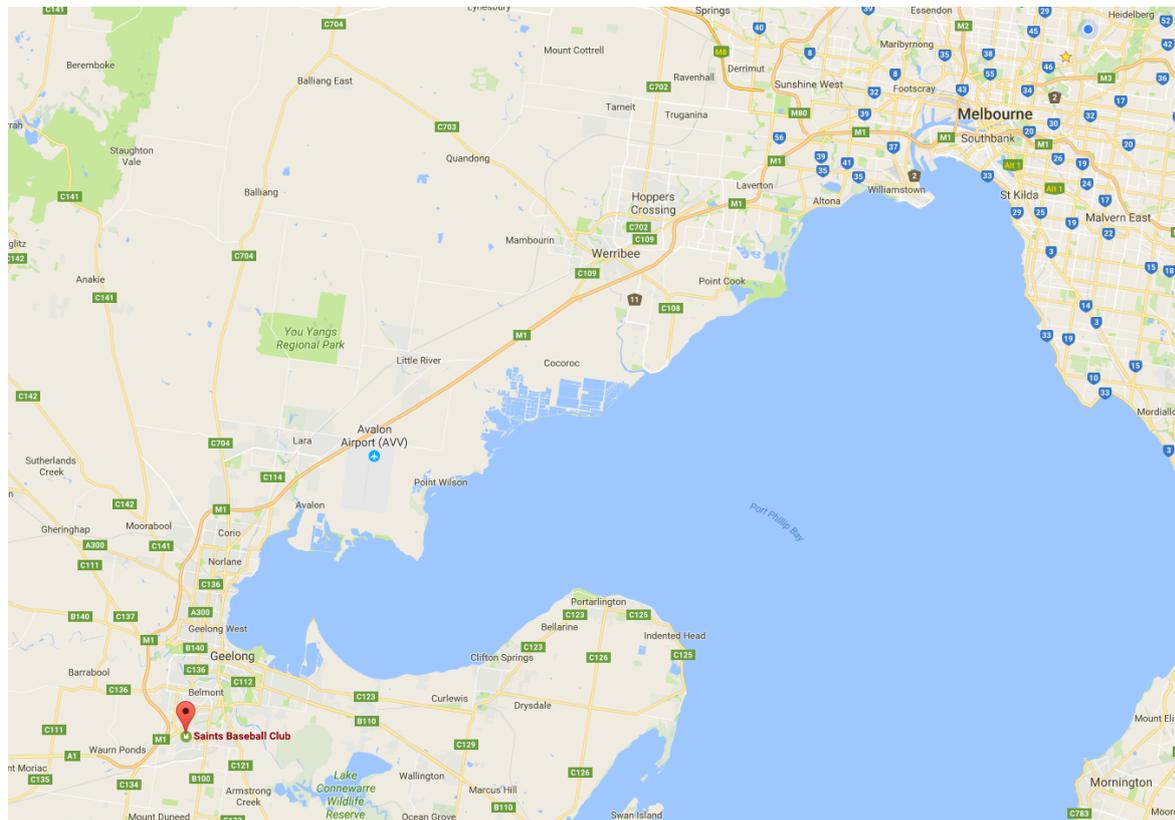
Date	Day	Time	Event	Details
3 Feb 2017	Friday	TBD	Arrival Day	
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	10:00	Women's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 1 st Match	Australia vs New Zealand
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	11:30	Men's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 1 st Match	Australia vs New Zealand
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	13:00	Lunch	
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	13:30	Women's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 2 nd Match	Australia vs New Zealand
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	15:00	Men's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 2 nd Match	Australia vs New Zealand
4 Feb 2017	Saturday	16:30	Finish Day 1	
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	11:00	Club Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship	Fist Club (AUS) vs Fists of Fury (NZ)
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	12:30	Trophy Presentation – Club Teams	
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	12:40	Lunch	
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	13:10	Women's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 3 rd Match	Australia vs New Zealand
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	14:40	Men's Trans-Tasman Fistball Championship – 3 rd Match	Australia vs New Zealand
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	16:10	Trophy Presentation – National Teams	
5 Feb 2017	Sunday	16:30	Finish Day 2	End of Tournament

The time schedule is mandatory, and any required changes will be communicated to all relevant parties in the timeliest manner possible.

8. Playing Venue / Playing Area

Geelong Baseball Centre
Pioneer Road, Grovedale
Geelong, VIC, 3220

9. Map



10. Tournament Regulations

Tournament regulation will be according the “Game Regulations” (competition rules) valid as of 11th November 2011, the “World Championships Regulations” valid from 1st March 2015 and the “Fistball - Rules of the Game”, valid as of 1 April 2016.

11. Scoring and Championship Determination

The matches will be played as follows:

- All matches will be best of 7 (first to 11 points, must win by 2 points up to 15 points).

The national team championships for both men’s and women’s teams will be decided by 3 matches over the course of the tournament, the winner being the first to win 2 matches.

The club team championship will be decided by 1 match, the winner being the team that wins that match. If the match cannot be completed, the regulations outlined below will apply.

For the national teams, in case the deciding match cannot be completed due to bad weather conditions, the following procedure will be applied:

- If only 1 match has been partially-completed, or
- 2 matches have been completed and the 3rd match has been partially-completed, the tiebreakers for the championship are as follows, in order:
 - If 1 team has won more completed sets, they will be awarded the match, and subsequently the championship
 - If both teams have won an equal number of sets, the team with the most total points (including the unfinished set, if applicable) will be awarded the match, and subsequently the championship
 - If both teams have won an equal number of sets and total points, the team that was leading in the cancelled set will be awarded the match, and subsequently the championship
 - If both teams have won equal sets and total points, and the scores were tied in the final cancelled set (or the set was not started), the team that won the most recent set will be awarded the match, and subsequently the championship
- If 1 match has been completed, and the 2nd match has been partially completed, the tiebreaker for the championship is as follows:
 - The team that won the first match will be awarded the championship
- Matches will be called off on the basis of the referee's decision, in consultation with the Heads of Delegation for both Associations.

12. Warm-Ups and Taking up Position

The teams are recommended to begin their warm-ups no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of play, in a location that must not interfere in any way with the main playing court. Team must take up position at the line up location on the main playing court 5 minutes prior to start of play.

13. Court Rules

Just 5 players and 2 coaches (listed on the game report) are allowed inside the court fencing.

Only the substitutes and official members (according to file "team nomination") are allowed to stay in the substitutes' area. All of them must stay within the fencing of this area. (Exception: Players preparing for substitution.)

14. Balls

On the basis of the court and weather conditions, the referee, in conjunction with the captains of both teams, will decide which ball(s) will be used prior to the beginning of the match. FiFA will supply the game balls.

15. Notable Fistball Match Procedures

There are many procedures and traditions that are carried out prior to, during and after an official fistball match.

The main ones to note are as follows:

- Prior to the coin toss both teams line-up parallel to the net on the serving line, with the teams on opposite sides of the net, facing each other. On the referee's direction, one team will perform a short "greeting" to the other team, followed by the opposing team performing their own "greeting", once directed by the referee.
 - Note – If the teams of the New Zealand Fistball Association wish to do the "haka", this can be done here, either as the standard "greeting", or as an additional performance.
- At completion of the match, both teams will perform a similar greeting from the same location as above, followed by opposition player handshakes.
- The captains of opposing team will shake hands and present each other with a gift prior to the coin toss. This gift is often a bannerette or pennant of the Association or Club, but is not limited to these options.

16. Jerseys

Every team must bring 1 set of jerseys, with playing numbers clearly indicated.

Coaches and substitute players must wear shirts of a different colour than the team's colour.

The dress colours have to be provided at the file "team nomination".

The coaches wear different colours than the players on the court.

17. Protests

Any protests against pitch and equipment shall be made to the referee by the team captain or the coach prior to the start of the match. Protests against incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee immediately after the disputed incident. Protests against the scoring of a match shall be made once the manner of scoring has given rise to concern. The referee will have final say on all protests on the day, with all outcomes determined in good faith in conjunction with the team captains.

18. Weather

As the tournament will be during summer, playing conditions may occur under considerable heat. It is up to the players and support staff to appropriately protect themselves from sunburn and heatstroke by wearing appropriate authorised attire, wearing sunscreen and consuming appropriate drinks for hydration. FiFA will supply sufficient drinking water for players and support staff.

19. Referees

The following referee will be allocated to all matches:

- Malcolm Donnellon (AUS)

Team captains may contest referee decisions, however the referee's decisions will be final.

20. Insurance

It is highly recommended that every participant organise private sickness and accident insurance prior to the tournament.

FiFA are not liable for any costs that arise from illnesses or accidents throughout the competition.

21. Trophy Presentation

The trophy presentation for each category will operate as follows:

- Men's Club Championships
 - The gold medal and trophy presentation will occur upon completion of the Men's Club Championships match
 - The losing team players will each be presented with a tournament memento, followed by the winning team players each being presented with a tournament memento and a gold medal
 - The captain of the winning team will then be presented with the winning trophy
- Men's and Women's National Team Championships
 - The gold medal and trophy presentations will occur upon completion of the 3rd and final Men's Championships match
 - The losing team players of the Women's National Team Championships will each be presented with a tournament memento, followed by the losing team players of the Men's National Team Championships.
 - The winning team players of the Women's National Team Championships will each be presented with a tournament memento and a gold medal, followed by the winning team players of the Men's National Team Championships.
 - The captain of the winning team of the Women's National Team Championships will then be presented with the appropriate winning trophy. The captain of the winning team of the Men's National Team Championships will then be presented with their winning trophy.
 - The two winning teams will then be presented with small plates of pavlova served from the official "Pavlova Plate", which they can then devour triumphantly. The players from the losing teams can then also be offered pavlova, in a show of goodwill.

22. Points of Note, Unique to this Tournament

The following points of note are specific to the Trans-Tasman Fistball Championships:

- The 3 trophies presented for each winning Championship team are perpetual, with the trophy to be re-used at the following tournament. Winners will be engraved on the trophy via a plaque.
- The “Pavlova Plate”, which is used in the trophy ceremony, will be handed onto the visiting team upon completion of the tournament, regardless of the tournament results. It will then be re-used at the following tournament.

23. Night Time Events

There will be social outings on both Saturday night (Feb 4th) and Sunday night (Feb 5th).

Details to come.

24. Website and Live Scores

Tournament information, live scoring, and media (photos and videos) will be posted on the official FiFA website (www.fistball.com.au) and the FiFA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FistballFederationAustralia).

25. Organizing Committee

Rolf Petersen (FiFA President)

Malcolm Donnellon (FiFA Vice-President)

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