

# 100% PURE NEW ZEALAND WINTERGAMES<sup>NZ</sup> 2011

## Team Invitation

Dear Curling Nations,

We are delighted to invite National curling teams to the 100 % Pure New Zealand Winter Games curling tournament in August 2011. This event is endorsed by the World Curling Federation and we have received entries from China, Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

The Winter Games NZ is one of the world's most exciting new events combining snow and ice sports, elite competition and social festivities. Please find the attached 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games 2009 report.

We are pleased to be able to invite entries for a mixed doubles competition to be run in conjunction with the fours tournament. The curling element of Winter Games NZ will take place at the Maniototo Curling International Rink in Naseby, Central Otago from 19 - 28 August 2011. Naseby is New Zealand's curling capital with the only Olympic standard dedicated indoor curling rink in the Southern Hemisphere. The first eight nations to accept the invitation will compete in these exclusive competitions and no entry fees apply.

Winter Games NZ is an elite, international winter sports competition that features alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, cross country skiing, winter triathlon, snowboarding, figure skating, short track speed skating, ice hockey and curling – which are all run over a 15 day period at various locations throughout Otago and Canterbury in New Zealand's South Island. Winter Games NZ reaches beyond the competition element with a festival that includes music, adventure, food, excitement, and culture.

We ask each National Association to complete the Winter Games NZ entry forms and return to [mags@wintergamesnz.com](mailto:mags@wintergamesnz.com). **The final date for acceptance of the invitation is the 30th October 2010.** Athlete and team information is listed below - please note that some of these might be subject to change. For further information please email: [do@curling.co.nz](mailto:do@curling.co.nz) or [mags@wintergamesnz.com](mailto:mags@wintergamesnz.com)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Naseby, Central Otago, New Zealand.

Kind Regards,

Arthur Klap

Chief Executive Winter Games NZ

# Event information

## 1. Dates

The dates of the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games is from 19 - 28 August 2011. The official practice day will be on 19th August and the competition starts on 20th August.

## 2. Event Fee

There are no event fees for Winter Games NZ. This includes:

All competition and practice days

Welcome and Closing functions in Naseby

Award Ceremonies

*There may be charges for social activities and closing dinner.*

## 3. Entry and registration

The final date for acceptance of the invitation for Fours tournament and Mixed doubles is the **19<sup>th</sup> November 2010**. The 8 eight nations to accept the invitation will compete in this exclusive competition.

*Please complete the attached Form A for Fours tournament and Form B for Mixed doubles and return to [mags@wintergamesnz.com](mailto:mags@wintergamesnz.com) by **19 November 2010**.*

## 4. Competition format:

The Fours tournament format and the Mixed doubles are both projected to be a single Round Robin with semifinal and final. The training and competition schedule will be determined and communicated closer to the event.

The mixed doubles competition will be in accordance with World Curling Federation's format.

World Curling Federation (WCF) rules apply unless stated at the Team Meeting.

## 5. Transportation

We recommend that you book your flights through our official airline, Air New Zealand. Please go to [www.airnewzealand.com](http://www.airnewzealand.com) for online bookings and further information.

For special rates on group bookings please contact Carl Amos at [carl.amos@airnz.co.nz](mailto:carl.amos@airnz.co.nz), quoting Winter Games NZ. We recommend that you fly into Dunedin or Queenstown Airport via Auckland or Christchurch International Airport.

Should you wish to have your own team vehicles during your stay then we recommend that you book through JUCY Rentals as they are our Official Rental Vehicle Company. They offer a 20% discount on all JUCY Rental Cars and JUCY Campa Vans for competitors and team support. August is a busy

month and these vehicles will book out, so book online at [www.jucy.co.nz](http://www.jucy.co.nz) and enter the promo code “snowsports” to get the discount.

## **6. Accommodation**

Teams are welcome to book their own accommodation. If requested before 30 April 2011 the Curling Organising Committee can assist with information and booking of accommodation for the teams. The organising committee will not subsidize any accommodation. For further information about booking accommodation please email Nelson on [do@curling.co.nz](mailto:do@curling.co.nz)

## **7. Visas**

Visitors from China, Russia, Chinese Taipei must have a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. New Zealand has a special policy for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and support staff visiting the country to participate in sporting events. Application forms for visitor visas are available on [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or from New Zealand and Australian Consulates, Embassies or High Commissions.

## **6. Liability**

If you are injured in New Zealand, you may need the assistance of the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) - New Zealand's accident compensation scheme. ACC helps pay for your care – and that means paying towards the cost of your treatment and helping your recovery while you remain in New Zealand. You will still need to arrange your own travel and medical insurance. New Zealand's medical facilities are not free to visitors except as a result of an accident.

# Curling Schedule August 2011

## **Thursday 18 August**

Official Arrival day and registration

Winter Games NZ welcome ceremony in Naseby

Welcome BBQ for all Teams and officials. Venue and time to be announced closer to the event.

## **Friday 19 August**

8.00am Official Team Meeting at the Maniototo Curling Rink.

9.00am Official practice begins for Four Tournaments and Mixed doubles

## **Saturday 20 August**

Official welcome and qualifications starts Four Tournaments and Mixed doubles

## **Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 August**

Qualification and semi-finals Four Tournaments and Mixed doubles

## **Sunday 28 August**

Finals Four Tournaments and Mixed doubles

On - Ice closing ceremony and medal presentation

Closing dinner for all nations (time and venue to be advised)

## **Monday 29 August**

Official departure day from Naseby

