



World University Games 2007 - Basketball

This letter is to provide information to NZ elite basketball players about the Basketball competition at the 2007 World University Games (also known as the Summer Universiade).

General: The World University Games are the 2nd largest global multi-sports event after the Olympics. They give athletes the opportunity to compete against world class competition and experience a world class multi-sports event.

Date: 8-18 August 2007

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

NZ Organisers: University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for the final selection and administration of the New Zealand delegation (including Basketball) that will compete at these Games. USNZ works closely with Basketball NZ at all stages regarding the Basketball teams.

USNZ and BBNZ have entered a men's and a women's team into the Games. We will be informed if this has been successful on 7 April.

NZ Delegation: It is expected that the NZ delegation for the 2007 Games will be the largest ever with around 150 competitors and officials from 10-11 sports including Basketball.

Basketball: Basketball is one of 17 sports that will be part of the 2007 Games. The Basketball competition will take place from 7-18 August (men's) and 9-17 August (women's).

Eligibility: Competitors wishing to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games must adhere to the following eligibility criteria:

- a) You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport;
- b) You must be at least 17 and less than 25 years of age on 1st January 2007 (i.e. be born between 1st January 1982 and 31st December 1989);
- c) If studying in NZ, you must be attending a NZ University as recognised by the Ministry of Education;
- d) If studying overseas you must be studying at a University or similar institution recognised as holding University status by the appropriate academic authority of that country;
- e) You must be studying "towards a full time course"; OR
- f) You must have finished your course (successfully) and graduated less than 12 months before the start of the Games, i.e. finished your course and graduated after 8 August 2006;
- g) You must be a player in good standing with Basketball NZ.

Selection: Basketball competitors selected to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Games will have met the following criteria:

- a) Selection will be merit-based on the competitor's ability to perform with credit at these Games;
- b) Selection will be determined by Basketball New Zealand and endorsed by University Sport NZ. BBNZ and USNZ have determined criteria to achieve their joint goal of NZ basketball team(s) finishing in the top 12 their competition;
- c) Competitors must have indicated availability for these Games to BBNZ by end March 2007.

Cost: It is expected that the total cost of competing at the World University Games will be approximately \$3,000 per player. Basketball NZ's high performance programme will cover some of these costs although exact support will be known by end April 2007.

Team Officials: Once the selection (or not) of teams is known on 7 April, BBNZ will proceed to appoint team managers and coaches to the team(s).

Agreement: All Basketball competitors selected to represent NZ at the Games are required to sign an agreement with University Sport NZ which covers areas of commitment to the swim team, to the overall NZ delegation and to USNZ. It covers areas such as the competitor's responsibilities regarding performance focus, doping control and behaviour.

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Websites: For further information on the 2007 World University Games click on the following links:

- a) University Sport New Zealand's website pages on the Games: www.universitysport.org.nz/events/international/world-university-games/
- b) Bangkok Organising Committee's website: www.universiade2007.org/en/main/index.html
- c) International University Sports Federation website: www.fisu.net

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