



World University Games 2007 - Tennis

This letter is to provide information to NZ tennis players about the Tennis 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 NZ high performance 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 Tennis) that will compete at these Games. At this stage USNZ is not working with Tennis NZ for this event.
- 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 possibly including Tennis.
- Tennis:** Tennis is one of 17 sports that will be part of the 2007 Games. The Tennis competition will take place from 9-16 August.
- 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 28 years of age on 1st January 2007 (i.e. be born between 2nd January 1979 and 1st January 1990);
 - 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.

Selection: As USNZ is not currently working with Tennis NZ regarding the Games then selection criteria are currently more subjective than is ideal. However they give an idea of standards expected:

- a) Selection will be merit-based on the competitor's ability to perform with credit at these Games and attainment of the relevant selection criteria;
- b) Selection criteria have been determined by University Sport NZ and are based on USNZ's goal of NZ competitors being capable of qualifying, as a minimum, to the last 32 of each singles competition and to the last 16 of each doubles competition. Ideally, selected competitors would have realistic performance expectations of the last 16 of singles and quarter-finals of doubles events.
- c) Tennis players likely to be considered for selection will hold an appropriate world, NZ or NCAA singles ranking which would indicate the likely achievement of goals stated in b), noting the standard of the Games tennis tournament. Players should hold (or expect to hold if normally NZ based) a top 20 NZ ranking.
- d) Up to 4 male and 4 female competitors may be selected to represent NZ in tennis; USNZ is under no obligation to select tennis players to fill all or any of these places.
- e) USNZ reserves the right to make additional tennis entries to the Games noting specific exceptional circumstances.
- f) Tennis competitors must have formally indicated their wish to be considered for selection to USNZ prior to the selection date of 30 April 2007.
- g) USNZ reserves the right to pre-select members of the team prior to the selection date.
- h) Selection will be announced by USNZ on Friday 4 May 2007.

Cost: It is expected that the total cost of competing at the World University Games will be approximately \$3,000 including air fares, teamwear, insurance and daily participation fees. It is likely that tennis competitors will be required to fully fund their own attendance. Selected competitors may be required to contribute towards the cost of a team official who will accompany the team.

Team Official: USNZ wishes to appoint a joint team manager / coach to the tennis team. Please note that USNZ has a policy that at least 1 official must accompany all teams to the Games.

Agreement: All Tennis 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 tennis 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