



**2008
NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP
BEIJING OLYMPIC QUALIFIER**

**FEB 21 - MAR 3: Sydney / Gold Coast
MAR 4 – 15: Taichung, TAIWAN
(Game Schedule – March 7- 14)**



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1. 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

1.1. INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your selection in the 2008 Australian National Squad for the Beijing Olympic Qualifier that will be held in Taichung, Taiwan.

This document serves to provide you a detailed program schedule that also includes the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Taiwan.

As a basic outline, your attendance in camp will be required from **February 21st – March 3rd**, then if selected – from **March 4th – March 15th** for the qualifying tournament itself.

The camp will commence in Sydney, before moving to the Gold Coast and will involve exhibition games against NSW, QLD and the Canadian National Team.

Players not successful in making the final team will be flown back to their home states as soon as selections become apparent. This may involve some players breaking from camp early, while others will remain until the final squad is announced on March 3rd.

The final team will depart Brisbane for Taiwan on March 4th, and depending on individual circumstance, either return home **or** continue to the US/Asia to resume professional commitments on March 15th.

At it stands, all US professionals will be flown directly to their organisation's Spring Training based on March 15th unless you instruct the ABF otherwise.

It should also be noted that the make-up of the final team is likely to include players who have already commenced Spring Training overseas (Non MLB 40-man roster players only)

These players will be flown directly to Taiwan to meet the squad.

While most of the information you will require is contained herein; due to the abbreviated timeframe between team selection and the tournament itself, many last minute details will be finalised over the coming weeks.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU MAINTAIN DAILY CONTACT WITH THE EMAIL ACCOUNT YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO THE ABF AND TEAM OFFICIALS.

1.2. OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The Beijing Olympic Qualifier will be held Taichung, Taiwan. Eight teams have qualified to participate. The games will be played at both the Intercontinental and Tou-Liou Stadiums.

**AUSTRALIA
CANADA
CHINESE TAIPEI
GERMANY
STH KOREA
MEXICO
STH AFRICA
SPAIN**

2. BEIJING OLYMPIC QUALIFIER TEAM DETAILS

2.1. OFFICIAL ROSTER/TEAM

The official team will be selected just prior the team departing for Taiwan.

COACHING STAFF

Jon	DEEBLE	Team Manager	Victoria
Tony	HARRIS	3rd Base Coach	South Australia
Patrick	KELLY	1st Base Coach	South Australia
Philip	DALE	Pitching Coach	Victoria

SUPPORT STAFF

Brett	PICKETT	Delegation Head	Queensland
David	NAGY	Executive Officer	NSW
Hardy	SATTLER	Athlete Performance Manager	Queensland
Gary	McCOY	Performance Coach	ACT/USA
Phil	JAUNCEY	Psychologist	Queensland
		Program Coordinator	
Ben	FOSTER	Media Manager	Queensland

2.2. ABF CONTACT DETAILS

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BEN FOSTER	National Programs Coordinator	ben.foster@baseball.org.au	0402 808 701

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 Website: www.baseball.com.au

2.3. CONTACT DETAILS – MOBILE NUMBERS IN TAIWAN

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DAVID NAGY	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	0938 848 834
JON DEEBLE	TEAM MANAGER	+1 857 366 0536
BEN FOSTER	MEDIA MANAGER	0910 554 143
SOPHIYAH	CTBA INTERPRETER"	0937 883 213

* To Ring the above Mobiles from Australia to Taiwan dial 00 11 886 then drop-off the zero.
 Example: 0011 886 938 848 834

3. BEIJING OLYMPIC QUALIFIER ITINERARY

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	NOTES
Thurs. Feb. 21	Interstate players/officials travel to Sydney Practice Session between 4 – 6pm	Chifley Penrith Panthers, Sydney Blacktown Olympic Park, Sydney	CHIFLEY PENRITH PANTHERS Cnr Mulgoa and Jamison Roads, PENRITH Sydney players will stay at there homes.
Fri. Feb. 22	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. NSW at 7:00pm	Blacktown Olympic Park, Sydney	
Sat. Feb. 23	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. NSW at 7:00pm	Blacktown Olympic Park, Sydney	Team will depart BOC & travel by Bus to Gold Coast
Sun. Feb. 24	Travel/Rest Day		
Mon. Feb. 25	Practice Session at 12:30pm Intra squad Game 2:00pm	Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	SANDS TURTLE BEACH RESORT 2346 Gold Coast Hwy, MERMAID BEACH, GOLD COAST
Tues. Feb. 26	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. QLD at 7:00pm	Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	Team CANADA Arrives
Wed. Feb. 27	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. QLD at 7:00pm	Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	
Thurs. Feb. 28	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon (Palm Meadows) Practice Games Australia vs. Canada at 7:00pm	Redlands, Brisbane	
Fri. Feb. 29	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon (Palm Meadows) Practice Games Australia vs. Canada at 7:00pm	Redlands, Brisbane	
Sat. March 1	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. Canada at 7:00pm	Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	
Sun. March 2	2008 Baseball Australia Diamond Awards at 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. Canada at 5:30pm	Radisson Resort, Gold Coast Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	
Mon. Feb. 3	Practice Session between 10:30 – 12noon Practice Games Australia vs. Canada at 7:00pm	Palm Meadows, Gold Coast	
Tues. March 4	Travel to Taiwan depart Brisbane at 1055am		
Wed. March 5	Practice Session	Taichung, Taiwan	HOWARD PRINCE HOTEL TAICHUNG
Thurs. March 6	Practice Session	Taichung, Taiwan	
7-10 March	Olympic Qualifier Games	Taichung, Taiwan	
Tues. 11 March.	Rest Day	Taichung, Taiwan	
12-14 March	Olympic Qualifier Games	Taichung, Taiwan	
Sat. 15 March	TEAM DEPARTS		

PLEASE NOTE 1: The Average High in March in Taichung, Taiwan is 24c

ALL DAILY GAMES SCHEDULES ARE IN THE APPENDIX 2

4. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 INTERSTATE FLIGHT DETAILS

INTERSTATE players/officials will be flown into Sydney from their nearest capital city on 21st February. Your travel itinerary will be forwarded to you **via email**. All tickets are E-Tickets, so you will only need your photo ID or passport when you check at the counter.

You must advise the ABF immediately if you require departure from a location alternate to your home address

NOTE ON ARRIVAL AT SYDNEY AIRPORT: Once you have arrived in Sydney and have collected your luggage, please wait at the kerbside pickup outside the QANTAS domestic arrival terminal (T3).

Team staff will be collecting vans from the Europcar depot and begin to transfer interstate players from approximately 12:45pm onwards.

Those of you based in Sydney, will be staying at home and therefore need to report to the Blacktown Olympic Park by **4:00pm** on 21st February.

4.2 OVERSEAS FLIGHT DETAILS

Each of you will be forwarded your specific Flight schedules via email; however the large majority of the squad will be travelling **TO** Taiwan on the following flights;

BRISBANE TO HONG KONG

TUESDAY 4 MARCH
QANTAS FLIGHT – QF97
Departs: 10:55
Arrives: 17:40

HONG KONG TO TAIPEI

SATURDAY 15 MARCH
Cathay Pacific Flight – CX468
Departs: 20:00
Arrives: 21:35

Please refer to you email for return legs to Australia and the USA / Asia

4.3 PASSPORTS

Your passports are up to date and still have at least 6 months on them before they are due to expire. David Nagy will also need these from you when you get to Taiwan, as he will have to take them to the technical committee to provide your Australian citizenship.

5. ACCOMMODATION / MEALS / GENERAL

5.1. ACCOMMODATION IN SYDNEY

CHIFLEY PENRITH PANTHERS

Cnr Mulgoa and Jamison Roads, PENRITH

PH: +61-2-4721 7700

Web <http://www.constellationhotels.com.au/chifley/hotels?cid=151&pid=2735>

All Sydney based players/officials will be staying at home and commuting to Blacktown Olympic Park Daily
If this presents a problem for anyone, please contact [Ben Foster](#) immediately

5.2. ACCOMMODATION IN GOLD COAST

SANDS TURTLE BEACH RESORT

2346 Gold Coast Hwy, MERMAID BEACH, GOLD COAST

PH: +61- 7 5595 6666

Web <http://www.turtlebeachresort.com.au/>

5.3. ACCOMMODATION IN TAIWAN

HOWARD PRINCE HOTEL TAICHUNG

No. 129, An Ho Road, Taichung, TAIWAN 407, R.O.C.

TEL 0011 886 (4) 2463 2323

FAX 0011 886 (4) 2463 3333

Web <http://taichung.howard-hotels.com/>

5.4 MEALS

All meals will be catered for you during your stay.

In Australia players will be allocated a cash allowance for any meals not provided at hotels.

While on tour in Taiwan, all meals will be provided by the hotel or by the tournament hosts. The majority of these will be buffet style, served in Hotel restaurants.

Special provisions have been made to ensure meals are available after night games.

If you have any allergies or specific dietary requirements please inform David Nagy ASAP.

6. ROOM LISTINGS

6.1. PLAYERS/OFFICIALS – SYDNEY

Players will share twins rooms while we are stay at the Chifley Penrith Panthers. Officials will be in single rooms.

Room listing will be issued on arrival at Hotel.

6.2. PLAYERS/OFFICIALS –GOLD COAST

Players will be in groups of three while we are stay at the Sands Turtle Beach Resort, this will be a 2 bedroom full equipped apartment (Kitchen / Laundry etc). Officials will be paired into a 2 bedroom apartment.

Room listing will be issued on arrival at Hotel.

6.3. PLAYERS/OFFICIALS – TAIWAN

Players will share twins rooms while we are stay at the Howard Prince in Taichung. Officials will be in single rooms.

Room listing will be issued on arrival at Hotel.

7. FINANCIAL

All expenses will be covered for your involvement in this program. This includes, but is not limited to;

Airfares	Ground Transport / Airport transfers	Non-personal Playing equipment
Accommodation	Outfitting / Uniforms	
Meals	Insurance	

Please note that all personal room charges will remain the responsibility of individuals.

Players will also be provided with a per diem for each day they are involved with the program. This per diem will be paid in addition to any cash allowances for Meals.

8. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

8.1 UNIFORMS

For this Tournament we will be wearing WHITE (Home) & GREY (Road) uniforms with BOTTLE GREEN trim (undershirts, socks, etc.). The following items will be issued to each player on your arrival in Sydney / Gold Coast.

Returnable Items

- 1 x White Uniform (Top & Pants)
- 1 x Grey Uniform (Top & Pants)
- 1 x Green belt

Items to Keep For Training Camp Members

- 1 x Pair training Shorts (Navy)
- 1 x Training T-shirt (White)
- 1 x Training cap (Green)
- 1 x Short-Sleeve Undershirt / BP Top (Green)
- 1 x Short-Sleeve Undershirt (Navy)
- 2 x Pairs playing socks (Green)

Additional Items to Keep For Touring Squad Members

- 1 x Short-Sleeve Undershirt / BP Top (Green)
- 1 x Short-Sleeve Undershirt (Navy)
- 1 x Slicker (Green)
- 1 x Long-Sleeve Undershirt (Green)
- 1 x Team Polo Shirt (Navy)
- 1 x Game Cap

8.2. PLAYING TOPS AND PANTS

All players will be issued with two (2) uniforms for the Olympic Qualifiers. (1 x HOME, 1 x ROAD)

THESE UNIFORMS WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE ABF. Any sizing issues will be addressed in camp.

8.4. EQUIPMENT

The ABF will provide the following equipment that must be returned following the tournament. All items not listed are the responsibility of individuals.

BATS (Baum and Mizuno Stock)	BAT WEIGHTS AND ON-DECK GEAR
HELMETS	CATCHERS GEAR
BALLS	

NOTE: TEAM BATS ARE NOT FOR PLAYERS TO KEEP

APPENDIX 1

2008 WARM UP GAMES

- GAMES SCHEDULE -

FRIDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
1	Feb. 22	AUSTRALIA vs NSW	7:00pm	Blacktown

SATURDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
2	Feb. 23	AUSTRALIA vs NSW	7:00pm	Blacktown

MONDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
3	Feb. 25	INTRASQUAD	2:00pm	Palm Meadows

TUESDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
4	Feb. 26	AUSTRALIA vs QUEESNLAND	7:00pm	Palm Meadows

WEDNESDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
5	Feb. 27	AUSTRALIA vs QUEESNLAND	7:00pm	Palm Meadows

THURSDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
6	Feb. 28	AUSTRALIA vs CANADA	7:00pm	Redlands

FRIDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
7	Feb. 29	AUSTRALIA vs CANADA	7:00pm	Redlands

SATURDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
8	March 1	AUSTRALIA vs CANADA	7:00pm	Palm Meadows

SUNDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
9	March 2	CANADA vs AUSTRALIA	5:30pm	Palm Meadows

MONDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Location
10	March 3	AUSTRALIA vs CANADA	2:00pm	Palm Meadows

APPENDIX 2

2008 OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

- GAME SCHEDULE -

Day 1: FRIDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
1	March 7	Germany v. AUSTRALIA	6:30pm	Tou-Liou

Day 2: SATURDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
2	March 8	Korea v. AUSTRALIA	6:30pm	Intercontinental

Day 3: SUNDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
3	March 9	AUSTRALIA v. Canada	12:30pm	Tou-Liou

Day 4: MONDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
4	March 10	AUSTRALIA v. Mexico	6:30pm	Tou-Liou

Day 5: TUESDAY

Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
March 11	REST DAY		

Day 6: TUESDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
5	March 12	Chinese Taipei v. AUSTRALIA	6:30pm	Tou-Liou

Day 7: WEDNESDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
6	March 13	AUSTRALIA v. Spain	12:30pm	Intercontinental

Day 8: THURSDAY

Game	Date	Teams	Time	Stadium
7	March 14	South Africa v. AUSTRALIA	12:30pm	Tou-Liou

The teams competing in the IBAF Final Olympic Qualification Tournament will play on a Round Robin format, with each team playing seven games each.

THE THREE TOP-PLACING TEAMS will qualify for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

APPENDIX 3

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of an Australian Baseball National Team/Squad/Program or you agree to abide by the Player Code of Conduct as set out below:

- Show respect to team-mates, opposition, fans and officials; respect the sport
- Responsible or no use of alcohol as directed by the Field Manager. (Athletes under the legal age are not permitted to use alcohol at anytime nor enter licensed premises without the supervision of appropriate adult personnel)
- The use of tobacco of any sort during competition, or whilst in uniform is prohibited by IBAF, IOC and ABF rules.
- Check with Team management before having visitors to your room in camp or residential situations; be considerate of your "room mate" at all times.
- Any activity likely to result in loss or wilful damage to private property or to cause a disturbance will not be tolerated. Damage to private property will be the financial responsibility of the perpetrator(s).
- Report all injuries to a coach or trainer and schedule proper treatment with the physiotherapist; follow injury reporting protocols.
- Attend and be on time for all meetings, training sessions, games, meals and transport unless otherwise excused by team management.
- Uniformity and sharpness in proper on-field dress is a must. This applies for training sessions as well as games.
- Proper off field dress will be worn as designated for team transport, meals and functions.
- Players are responsible for cleaning and maintaining their equipment and own personal laundry. Never throw equipment in anger.
- Be courteous at all times to all hotel guests, staff and service providers. Extend this courtesy to members of the public and curious fans.
- Pay any motel room extra expenses incurred without prompting.
- Control your temper - no criticism or vulgarity by words or gesture.
- Co-operate with your coaches and program administration staff.
- Be aware of Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and ABF anti-doping rules and policies; no what you are putting into your body at all times. If in doubt call the team Physiotherapist or the ASADA hotline on: 1800 020 506.
- Cameras, mobile phones and head phones do not belong in the dugout or at the ball field. Music on planes and buses should be confined to headphones.
- Clear all media interviews with the team management before they occur; get team management's OK before bringing a guest into the player's change-room.
- Do all you can to enhance personal and team success; enjoy the experience!

APPENDIX 4

DRUG TESTING AND DRUG POLICY

As a member of our National team/squad, you may be subject to random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) at any time; either in, or out of competition.

Because of this, it is mandatory that you inform the ABF of any course of medication you are currently on for any illness / condition / disease. This is simply a precaution against any future results for drug use, which may show up in testing. It includes things like the use of Ventolin puffers for the control of asthma.

Any player in this position needs to:

Check with your doctor to see if any drugs you are currently using are on the banned list. If in doubt, ring the ASADA hotline for advice - Phone 1800 020 506. If you are still unclear, it is always best to check with the ABF's National Sports Medicine Manger (Bruce Rawson), BEFORE you take anything.

The Australian Baseball Federation actively supports "Drug Free" Sport. Athletes and their physicians must take every care to ensure that the therapeutic use or administration of substances does not contravene our Anti-Doping Policy.

The only legitimate use of drugs in sport is under supervision of a physician for a clinically justified purpose. Our policy prohibits classes of substances and doping methods in recognition of their performance enhancing effects contrary to the ethics of sport and the potential harm to the health of athletes.

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA)

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) delivers a comprehensive anti-doping program, which includes drug testing, education, policy advice and advocacy.

Website: - <http://www.asada.gov.au/> Hotline Number in Australia – 1800 020 506

World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)

The mission of the World Anti Doping Agency is to promote and coordinate at international level the fight against doping in sport in all forms.

Website: - www.wada-ama.org

APPENDIX 5

KEY BASEBALL DATES TOWARDS BEIJING 2008

DATE	COMPETITION	VENUE/COUNTRY
4 JULY 2008	FINAL OLYMPIC ROSTER ANNOUNCED	Final Team of 24 Players selected
26 JULY 2008	OLYMPIC VILLAGE OFFICIALLY OPENS	Beijing Olympic Village
LATE JUL – EARLY AUG 2008	OLYMPIC TRAINING / PREPARATION CAMP	TBC
6 AUGUST 2008	BASEBALL TEAM MOVES INTO VILLAGE	Beijing Olympic Village
7-12 AUGUST 2008	OLYMPIC PRACTICE GAMES	TBC
8 AUGUST 2008	OLYMPIC OPENING CEREMONY	Main Stadium
13 AUGUST 2008	OLYMPIC BASEBALL COMPETITION STARTS (Qualified – CHINA; CUBA, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS & USA)	Wukesong Baseball Field
23 AUGUST 2008	OLYMPIC BASEBALL COMPETITION FINISHES	Wukesong Baseball Field
24 AUGUST 2008	OLYMPIC CLOSING CEREMONY	Main Stadium

NOTE: The above dates and venues of competitions/programs may be subject to change, you will be notified of any changes as soon as they are known.