

BEIJING UPDATE

2008 OLYMPIC GAMES UPDATE - SHOOTING



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 10 April 2007 – AOC Team Processing session, Sydney
- 3 May 2007 – AOC Team Processing session, Canberra
- May 2007 – AOC Team Processing sessions, Perth (dates tba)
- 28 May 2007 – AOC Team Processing session, Melbourne
- 15 June 2007 – AOC Team Processing session, Gold Coast
- 16 July 2007 – AOC Team Processing session, Gold Coast
- 8 August 2007 – One year to go!
- April 2008 – World Cup and Test Event in Beijing
- 8 August 2008 – Opening Ceremony, 2008 Olympic Games
- 9 August 2008 – Olympic Shooting competition commences (Day 1)
- 17 August 2008 – Olympic Shooting competition – last day (Day 9)
- 24 August 2008 – Closing Ceremony, 2008 Olympic Games

OLYMPIC COMPETITION SCHEDULE - SHOOTING

9 August 2008	Day 1	W 10m Air Rifle Qual & Final; M Trap Qual; M 10m Air Pistol Qual & Final
10 August 2008	Day 2	W 10m Air Pistol Qual & Final; M Trap Qual & Final
11 August 2008	Day 3	W Trap Qual & Final; M 10m Air Rifle Qual & Final
12 August 2008	Day 4	M 50m Pistol Qual & Final; M Dbl Trap Qual & Final
13 August 2008	Day 5	W 25m Pistol Qual & Final
14 August 2008	Day 6	W Skeet Qual & Final; W 50m Rifle 3 Positions Qual & Final
15 August 2008	Day 7	M 50m Rifle Prone Qual & Final; M Skeet Qual; M 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Qual
16 August 2008	Day 8	M 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Qual & Final; M Skeet Qual & Final
17 August 2008	Day 9	M 50m Rifle 3 Positions Qual & Final

AOC TEAM PROCESSING

Team Processing dates have been already communicated. If you have not already done so, please advise Robyn White (email: robyn@ausshooting.org) in the AISL office, as soon as possible, if you are able to attend one of these sessions in your local city.

Attendance at a Team Processing session for all potential Team members prior to June 2007 is important. There will be multiple items of clothing to try on for sizing, including items of delegation wear, competition wear, formal wear and ceremonial wear, and measurements will be taken. The AOC has a deadline to submit an order for outfitting in June 2007.

Please note that other components of Team Processing session include:

- 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing briefing
- Accreditation and Handbook photos
- Data collection and validation
- Media, Medical and Team obligations briefing
- Winning Attitudes Seminar (athletes only)

For your information, Winning Attitudes Seminars are designed to motivate, educate and assist athletes in developing and maintaining a winning attitude towards the Olympic Games.

OLYMPIC NOMINATION CRITERIA

AISL is awaiting finalisation of the Olympic Nomination Criteria by the AOC. Please direct any enquiries in relation to this matter to Nick Sullivan.

MEDICAL MATTERS

Information has been made available on AISL's website relating to various medical matters that need to be attended to by all potential Team members as part of Beijing preparations.

The Beijing campaign poses specific challenges that will need to be managed well ahead of the Games and ahead of Team travel to China for pre-Games events. Immunisations should be completed early to mid 2007. This includes vaccinations (Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, influenza) and childhood immunisations.

Any questions relating to medical matters should be referred to Nick Sullivan.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

The AOC has recently distributed a copy of the Team Membership Agreement – Athletes to all National Federations for reference only. The Agreement is posted on the AOC's website (www.olympics.com.au). The AOC has attempted to balance the rights of individual team members against the needs and obligations of the AOC. (*Note: Team Membership Agreement – Officials will be available in the near future*)

You will be sent a copy of the Team Membership Agreement – Athletes later in 2007 to read, comprehend, sign and return to the specified recipient. All members of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team will be required to sign the Team Membership Agreement prior to being selected. The Team Membership Agreement is a legal document that takes effect once you are selected in the Olympic Team by the AOC.

It is vital that you understand the contents of the Agreement before you sign it. As a Team member, you will receive a considerable number of benefits, and you will also be agreeing to a number of limitations. It is important that you understand all of your obligations and are confident that you will be able to meet each of them.

As a possible Olympic Team member, you will be asked to sign the Agreement, but to be selected by the AOC you will also need to:

1. qualify under your International Federation's Participation and Qualification Criteria;
2. meet your National Federation's Nomination Criteria; and
3. meet the AOC's Selection Criteria.

Your selection will also be subject to you:

- behaving in a manner so that you will not nor are likely to bring yourself, your sport, the Olympic Team or the AOC into disrepute before selection;
- having satisfactorily completed a medical assessment; and
- not having committed a doping offence under the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law for which a sanction imposed has not been fully satisfied.

If you do not meet these pre-selection requirements, you will not be selected as a member of the Team, even if you have signed the Agreement.

TICKETING

CoSport has been appointed as the provider for the sale and distribution of tickets for Australia and as the sole and exclusive provider of accommodation and/or hospitality for the Games. Please note CoSport is not a travel agent and does not arrange flights to and from the Olympic Games.



Subject to availability of tickets, members of the AOC Olympic Family will be able to access tickets on preferential terms. CoSport will hold 10% of the Australian allocation of tickets for National Federations, athletes and athletes' families.

CoSport contact details in Australia are:

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Please direct questions either to CoSport directly or through the AISL office.

TEAM LIAISON OFFICERS

The AOC has appointed Athlete Liaison Officers and Media Liaison Officers to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team to work with the athletes and officials in the leadup and during the 2008 Olympic Games.

Athlete Liaison Officers (ALOs):

ALOs are appointed to the Team to act as mentors to selected athletes and to promote fellowship within the Team. Three ALOs have been appointed to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team:

John Eales
Steve Waugh
Susie O'Neill



JOHN EALES AM

86 Tests with 55 as Captain

John Eales participated in two successful World Cup campaigns; captained the Wallabies in memorable victories including the 1999 World Cup; led Australia through three Bledisloe Cup wins and two successful seasons of Tri-Nations fixtures and he also led the Wallabies to the first ever defeat of the British and Irish Lions. John has been, and continues to be, a great ambassador for rugby. A genial nature and natural leadership qualities have made John one of the most respected figures in World Rugby.

STEVE WAUGH AO

Australian of the Year – 2004

Named one of Australia's 'National Living Treasures' - 2006

As at 1 February 2007 Steve Waugh had played in more Test matches than any other player in the history of international cricket. From his debut in December 1985 to his final Test in the first week of January 2004, he appeared in 168 Tests.

Waugh is the only Australian to have scored 2000 runs and also taken 100 wickets and 100 catches in One Day Internationals.

Waugh captained the Australian Test team from March 1999 to January 2004 and the Australian One Day Team from December 1997 to February 2002. Waugh's 41 Test victories is the most achieved by any Test leader.

SUSIE O'NEILL OAM

Australian Female Athlete of the Year – 1996 and 1998

Australian Swimmer of the Year – 1995 and 1996

Female Olympian of the Year - 1996

One of Australia's most successful swimmers ever, Susie O'Neill holds a record 35 Australian titles, 8 Olympic medals and a string of victories at international level. At one point she was Australia's only female world record holder, after breaking Mary T. Meagher's 19-year-old record in the 200m Butterfly.

Media Liaison Officer (MLO) (Shooting):

Damian Kelly



MLOs are appointed to the Team to assist with athlete interviews and provide background to the media.

AISL will work with the AOC to identify dates when the ALOs and Damian Kelly can join the Shadow Team to build relationships leading into the Games.

OLYMPIC MASCOTS



Beibei is the Fish
 Jingjing is the Panda
 Huanhuan is the Olympic Flame
 Yingying is the Tibetan Antelope
 Nini is the Swallow

Like the Five Olympic Rings from which they draw their color and inspiration, Fuwa will serve as the Official Mascots of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, carrying a message of friendship and peace -- and good wishes from China -- to children all over the world. Designed to express the playful qualities of five little children who form an intimate circle of friends, Fuwa also embody the natural characteristics of four of China's most popular animals and the Olympic Flame. Each of Fuwa has a rhyming two-syllable name -- a traditional way of expressing affection for children in China. When you put their names together -- Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni -- they say "Welcome to Beijing," offering a warm invitation that reflects the mission of Fuwa as young ambassadors for the Olympic Games.

PICTOGRAMS



(Shooting Pictogram: Third from right, last row)

The pictograms of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games integrate pictographic charm of inscriptions on bones and bronze objects in ancient China with simplified embodiment of modern graphics.

The Pictograms play an important role in identifying the Olympic sports as well as in Olympic marketing. The Beijing Olympics Pictograms comprise of 35 sport icons.

THE OLYMPIC EMBLEM



Every emblem of the Olympics tells a story. The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games emblem "Chinese Seal, Dancing Beijing" is filled with Beijing's hospitality and hopes, and carries the city's commitment to the world.

"Dancing Beijing" is a kind invitation. The open arms in the emblem say that China is opening its arms to welcome the rest of the world to join the Olympics, a celebration of "peace, friendship and progress of mankind."

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

For regular updates on 2008 Olympic-related information, make sure you check out the following websites:

www.ausshooting.org (Australian International Shooting Limited)

www.olympics.com.au (Australian Olympic Committee)

<http://en.beijing2008.cn/> (Beijing 2008 Organising Committee)

All Olympic-related questions should be directed to:

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