

**2008 Australian National Curling Competition and  
International Representative Selection Process Call for Nominations**

1. All state executive committees should forward this notice on to all of their members immediately on receipt.
2. Due to the closure of the Bendigo Skating Arena and the extremely high cost of ice hire elsewhere in Australia, this year's bonspiel and international selection process will be held overseas.
3. The 2008 National Curling Competition and Men's International Selection Process will be held from July 17 to July 22, 2008 in Naseby, New Zealand. This time frame will allow teams to access additional ice time for their own training purposes after the competition if so desired.
4. This is the first and ONLY call for nominations for this year's competition. All nominations are to be submitted by the appropriate State Executive to be received by The National Competition Running Committee no later than MAY 16, 2008. Please forward all nominations as soon as possible. Please do not rely on technology to guarantee that your nominations will reach the committee if sent on the last day.
5. ALL nominations should be submitted on the enclosed Team Nomination Form (Attachment 2) by FAX to 03 54444766 or Email peter@farmdesign.com.au. It MUST be signed by the State Executive Committee President or Vice President. Incumbent Team Australia entries do not require their form to be signed by state committees. Return confirmation will be provided.
6. As per the National Competition Guidelines 2008 (Attachment 1), each state may enter up to two (2) teams in each discipline, with the incumbent Team Australia gaining automatic entry. The incumbent Team(s) Australia are not included in the two entries per state.
7. This Competition will include the disciplines of:
  - a. Men\*
  - b. Women\*
  - c. Junior Men\*
  - d. Junior Women\*

\*categories leading to  
international representation

- e. Senior Men\*
  - f. Senior Women\*
  - g. Wheelchair\*
  - h. Mixed Open
8. The Mixed Doubles National Bonspiel will be held at a later date.
  9. The states are responsible for confirming the eligibility of every player nominated who is seeking to represent Australia on an international level as per the WCF guidelines. If selected for international competition, players will be required to submit proof of eligibility.
  10. Any nominations for players below the age of majority will require written permission from a parent or legal guardian to be included with the nomination. (Attachment 3)
  11. Each team will be required to submit a \$500 (\$200 for Juniors) non-refundable deposit **to be received no later** than 23 May, 2008. States submitting nominations will be responsible for payment of the deposit. Incumbent Teams Australia will be responsible for submitting their deposit. If deposits are not received by the due date, the nominated team(s) (including Team(s) Australia) will forfeit their right to compete.
  12. Deposit should be forwarded by registered post to:  
  
Peter Cobden  
178 Holdsworth Rd  
Bendigo, Vic 3550
  13. Final costs and ice time will be dependant on number of entries received. This cost will include additional ice time for teams wishing to stay and train after the competition within the dates that ice time is confirmed.
  14. Remainder of team fees should be received at the above address no later than June 15, 2008. The State committee will be responsible for ensuring payment is made and that it is submitted on time. The states will be invoiced for any non-payment of fees.

15. If individuals do not yet have a team and wish to participate in the National Competition, they should contact their state organisation to facilitate their inclusion on a team. The Mixed Open does not lead to international competition so would provide a good opportunity for competition without ongoing commitment. Notification to the National Bonspiel Running Committee will be required through the state body.
16. Flights should not be booked until final confirmation of the ice, of which notification will be sent out by the end of May (~6 weeks prior to competition).
17. A coach will be in attendance for the Men's International selection and may be able to provide other teams with training sessions by discipline. Entrants into the men's selection process and women's competition should plan on attendance through the complete time period. Other disciplines may not be required to attend for the complete time period, but are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities for development.
18. Teams winning the National Competition in their respective divisions which lead to international competition will be required to give written confirmation of their commitment to represent Australia at WCF sanctioned international bonspiels (eg. Pacific Curling Championships or Pacific Junior Curling Championships)
19. Players successful in gaining the opportunity to represent Australia in the international forum will be expected to train and prepare for upcoming competitions in a manner that will provide the best chance for success.
20. Players not nominating for the national competition or international selection process are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the development camp which the ACF will provide partial subsidy. Please submit your expression of interest on the attached form (Attachment 4), through your state organisation. Fees for the development camp will be dependant on the number of people attending, Fees for the development camp will be required in full by June 15, 2008.
21. Volunteers to assist with running the bonspiel are needed. The National Bonspiel Running Committee would appreciate any expression of interest for assistance. If extra assistance is required the committee will call on players to assist as required. (Attachment 5) This will be a great opportunity to get involved, have a holiday and develop skills in the operation of bonspiels. Volunteers will also be able to practice when ice time is available and are highly encouraged to participate in the development camp.

22. Players should also consider helping with the running of the bonspiel as an opportunity to help other disciplines have a great experience, thereby promoting the goodwill of the sport.

Attachment 1:

<Selection Guidelines>

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**Team Nomination Form**

Date:					
State <input type="checkbox"/> Queensland <input type="checkbox"/> NSW <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria					
Discipline	<input type="checkbox"/> Men		<input type="checkbox"/> Women		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Men		<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Women		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Men		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Women		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Open		<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair		
<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Eligible for international representation</b>	<b>Volunteer to help with the bonspiel</b>
	Skip			Yes/No	Yes/No
	Third			Yes/No	Yes/No
	Second			Yes/No	Yes/No
	Lead			Yes/No	Yes/No
	Alternate			Yes/No	Yes/No

State Executive Member submitting nomination (please print name and position):

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return confirmation to be sent via:

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ or  E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment 3  
<ACF Logo>

### Parental/Legal Guardian Consent Form for Players under the age of 18 years

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ give my consent for: (child's/ward's name) \_\_\_\_\_ birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2008 Australian National Bonspiel to be held in New Zealand during the month of July 2008.

I am aware that the Australian Curling Federation will not be providing supervision of my child/ward and that I will be responsible for organising an appropriate adult to travel with and to supervise my child.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Expression of Interest for the Training Camp**

Date:			
State <input type="checkbox"/> Queensland <input type="checkbox"/> NSW <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria			
<b>Name</b>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Volunteer to help with the bonspiel</b>
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No
			Yes/No

Attachment 5  
<ACF Logo>

The following people are interested in assisting with the running of the bonspiel in Naseby, New Zealand.

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