

**THE NINTH ASIAN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS,
SINGAPORE POLO CLUB, SEPTEMBER 6TH 2008**

Dear Phil,

The Singapore Wombats are proud to be hosting the 9th Asian AFL Championships over the weekend of September 6th. Each year the hosts have taken the Championships to new levels and last years tournament in Bangkok was no exception. We hope to follow this tradition, and look forward to your participation.

We are excited to announce that this year's championships will be held in grounds of the Singapore Polo Club. Located in the rain forest belt of Singapore, the Polo club's facilities and playing surfaces are unsurpassed in Singapore and will offer a great venue for the Asian Champs. The Polo Club and its facilities are accustomed to hosting similar events having successfully hosted the 2007 Asian Gaelic Games, which featured over 600 competitors on 3 fields.

A key focus this year will be to expand the Asian Champs beyond the traditional participants to a wider community, thus providing a stronger platform for growth of AFL in Asia. We are hoping to see new entrants emerge and expand the competition like clubs from Japan, Vietnam, Philippines, & Dubai have done in the recent years.

Game Format

The exact format and type of tournament will be confirmed once the numbers of entrants are finalized, but it will follow the traditional principles:

- Each team will play 4-5 preliminary matches to determine the Grand Finalists
- Preliminary matches will be 14/16 a-side, with a limited bench
- Each preliminary match will have 12/15 minute halves
- The Grand Final will again be 14/16 a-side and consist of 2 x 20min halves

Junior Competition

In addition to the senior's competition we would like to explore running a Juniors Asian Champs. There are over 150 kids enrolled in the local Auskick program in Singapore and it would be great to give them an opportunity to run on to the turf at the Polo Club. The Auskick program in Singapore is currently run over 3 different age groups, what is your Clubs level of interest in being involved in this and what age group of juniors do you think you could send?

The Asian Championship Events

Whilst the focus of the games will always be the football we are planning to offer a range of events and activities to tourists that will help you to enjoy your trip to Singapore and hopefully encourage more interactivity between the teams during the tournament.

Friday, September 5th:
Day: Asian Championships Golf Day
Evening: Asian Championships Opening

Saturday September 6th

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Day: 9th Asian AFL Championships
Evening: Asian Championships Sportsman & Awards Night

Sunday September 7th
Day: Asian Champs Brunch & Live AFL Football Finals

Accommodation

We are acutely aware of the cost of accommodation in Singapore and will be attempting to secure the most competitive accommodation packages for teams. We will be in better position to confirm the packages once we know how many teams are coming. To help you with your budgeting, the best rate for a 5 Star property on the weekend of the Championships will be approximately \$125 USD a night twin share. Please note we will not be limiting our search to 5-star properties for accommodation and packages will be offered on a cost basis.

Team Entry & Commitment

As you are aware there is a large amount of effort and money required to run the Asian Champs. The entry fees per team have been set at \$1,000 USD per team which will cover the ground hire, marquees & tents, footballs, first aid, water for the players, trophies & medallions, and security. Due to planning requirements and time constraints the final deadline for committing to this years Champs will be June 1st. The teams & players are the most important component of the Championships as such we would like to get your commitment to play in the championships as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Clint Pemberton & Neil Steffensen
The 2008 Asian Australian Football Championships Organizing Committee

Adam Grant
President

