

Maccabiah News

COMMUNITY UPDATE



BECOME AN OFFICIAL MACCABIAH SUPPORTER

Maccabiah is an experience to be shared! We encourage the family members of those who have been selected to the 2017 Australian Maccabiah Team to consider being in Israel during the Games.

It is important however, that the focus of Team Management remains on the athletes and their coaches, so Maccabi Australia has put in place resources to support our supporters.

WHY BE AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTER

As an official Maccabiah supporter, you will have access to:

- Fantastic accommodation rates at a range of hotels across Israel for the duration of the Maccabiah Games, with the benefit of not having to pre-pay to guarantee those rates.
- Access to the required transport and transfers between hotels during the Games period.
- Access to a Supporters team, headed up by Ellana Aarons in the lead up to and on the ground at the Maccabiah Games.
- Where numbers permit, a Help Desk will be set up at these accommodation centres.
- Access to tours.

KEY THINGS SUPPORTERS NEED TO KNOW

When choosing when to arrive and where to stay, here are a few things to consider:

1. Supporters will not be able to be part of the Australian Team Pre-Camp.
2. Accommodation rates are provided for specific dates, but should you wish to check in or check out at alternate times, the rates are still available as long as your stay is a minimum of 4 nights.
3. As a general rule, the Maccabiah organisers accommodate athletes as close in proximity to where they will be competing. The hotels that have been secured for this Maccabiah will be taken over fully by the Maccabiah. As such, there will be no opportunity to stay in the same hotel as open or junior athletes.
4. The Opening Ceremony will be held on 6 July 2017 in Jerusalem.
5. Competition may commence on or before 6 July. We will not know this information until May 2017, when the Maccabiah organisers finalise the competition schedule.
6. The two Shabbats over the 7 and 14 July are considered free, and athletes, with written permission and with their managers knowledge are allowed to make their own arrangements. For Juniors, as you would expect there will be specific criteria and process, but children will be permitted to spend Friday night and Saturday away from the Games Accommodation - the rules around this will be provided in due course. To this end, please ensure that any accommodation you book as a supporter has the capacity to have an additional person stay over shabbat.
7. Open and Masters sports are region-based according to this [sports map](#) which is subject to change.
8. The Juniors will be accommodated in the Haifa region, and all competition except for the list below will be held in Haifa (subject to change):
 - Netball, to be played in Ra'anana
 - Swimming, to be located in Wingate
 - Gymnastics and Athletics, to be competed in Jerusalem (there are two days of competition for each of these sports)

OPENING CEREMONY TICKETS FOR SUPPORTERS

The Opening Ceremony will take place in the evening of July 6, 2017 at Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem.

Maccabi Australia will be purchasing a block booking of seats so all Aussie Supporters can be seated together - this is the greatest feeling as the Team marches in and the loud roar from the green and gold Aussie section ignites the stadium!

We are still waiting on information from Israel regarding price and seating options, As soon as we are able, we will circulate a booking form so you can purchase your tickets. We will organise your transport to and from the stadium as well.

In the meantime, please email [Ellana Aarons](#) to receive the booking form directly once it is available.

ACT NOW!

Please act now and register as an "official Australian supporter"!

[Click here for the registration form.](#)

Please do not delay, as we only have a limited number of bookings, and do not want you to miss out.

[Keep up to date with Supporters information on the website.](#)

All supporter queries can be directed to Maccabi Australia Executive Director Ellana Aarons on 03 9563 5865 or maccabiahsupporters@maccabi.com.au



2017 AUSTRALIAN MACCABIAH TEAM SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The start of summer coincides with the start of the individual sports seasons such as **Swimming, Track and Field, Half Marathon, Cycling** and **Triathlon**. Over the last month, several athletes from these sports have been selected to the 2017 Maccabiah Team.



Open Futsal, Open Cricket and our **Tennis Teams** have also been selected during the month of November.

We would like to congratulate all athletes recently selected to the [2017 Australian Maccabiah team!](#)



PRE-GAMES TRAINING CAMP

Australia is unique in that it is one of the only countries to conduct a Pre-Games Training Camp. The emphasis on Pre-Camp is on travel recovery, acclimatisation, training, final team preparations and to provide an opportunity for the Australian Team to bond. The 2017 Pre-Camp will be held in Haifa.

Preparations for Pre-Camp are well underway.

[Pre-Camp and Games schedule can be found on our website.](#)

CAREMONKEY

Have you downloaded the CareMonkey App?

For easy access, you can download the [CareMonkey App](#) to your mobile phone. It makes completing your e-forms super easy and fast.

A reminder to all athletes and team members to complete all your CareMonkey details and e-forms.

You will continue to receive auto-generated reminder emails until all your forms are completed.



MACCABIAH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

We wish to advise that the 2017 Australian Maccabiah Team office will be closed **COB Friday 23 December 2016** and will reopen on **Monday 9 January 2017**.

We wish our a community a safe and restful summer break!



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