

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of a regular 2011 ITF World Championships newsletter that will provide information and updates. The tournament will be in the capital city of New Zealand, Wellington from 9-13 March 2011. New Zealand is proud to have this opportunity, and invite you to join us whilst we showcase our nation and rich culture to the world.



Vietnam vs Jamaica in the Women's team sparring

New Zealand (Aotearoa)

New Zealand's place in the South Pacific region, and our love of the outdoors, sport, and the arts, make our culture unique. The Māori people are the indigenous people of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and first arrived here in waka hourua (voyaging canoes) from their ancestral homeland of Hawaiki over 1,000 years ago. Today, Māori make up over 14 percent of the national population. The Maori language and culture have a major impact on all facets of New Zealand life.

New Zealand is also known as the land of adventure tourism. All around the country there are many outdoor activities, such as horse back or motor cross riding, white water rafting, mountain climbing, tramping and camping through world famous national parks, the north island thermal wonderland, swimming off pristine beaches, and swimming with dolphins off our idyllic coastline.



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Upcoming Newsletters Watch this Space!

- Competitor registration information
- Competition venue details
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Competitor Registration

We expect online registrations will open in August. Competitor registration must be carried out by country team managers. The cost for each competitor is US\$150. Team managers please ensure you visit and familiarise yourselves with the registration page on the 2011 World Championships website, at www.itfnewzealand2011.com/tournament

Travel & Accommodation

We have booked many Wellington hotels for 8 nights, from Sunday 6 March to Monday 14 March 2011. If countries want alternative arrival and departure dates we would be grateful if you could inform us, so that we can notify the hotels accordingly.

We have available a range of packages to suit the requirements of our visiting countries. If you wish to discuss accommodation options, or to secure a hotel booking, please contact our travel representative by email at travel@itfnewzealand2011.com

Our travel representative can assist with all of your travel requirements, and, for those that may want to stay in New Zealand after the World Championships, we can arrange for coach tours of the North and/or South Island. There is more information with regards to touring New Zealand on the World Championships website www.itfnewzealand2011.com

Wellington City

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city, and is also known as our arts and culture capital. Wellington is an exciting, compact city with a population of around 400,000 people. The city has a special blend of heritage buildings, museums and galleries, fine food and live entertainment, making it a great place to visit.

The central city, only 2 kilometres wide, is nestled between the beautiful Wellington harbour and the hills. Wild, untouched landscapes can be found within minutes of your city hotel. Downtown Wellington is divided into four distinct quarters, making it easy for visitors to experience the different personalities of the city. The fashions, flavours and faces change with every quarter.

Wellington is home to many of New Zealand's most significant heritage attractions. Among these are the national museum Te Papa, Parliament and the National Archives, which displays the original Treaty of Waitangi.

Within short travelling distances North of Wellington visitors can experience historic Greytown and the Martinborough wine country and vineyard tours. Or visitors can experience a ferry ride across the Cook Strait to the South Island, arguably one of the most beautiful ferry adventures in the world.

Country Liaison

To enhance your experience at the 2011 World Championships, your country will soon be assigned a Country Liaison person. The purpose of a Country Liaison is to provide each country with one point of contact with regards to assistance with the tournament, and their stay in Wellington. A Country Liaison assigned to your country will be in touch with your team manager soon.

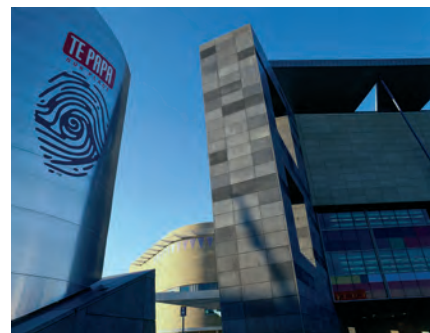
Visa Requirements

Some countries will require a visa for entry into New Zealand. A visa application will need to be lodged at your nearest New Zealand immigration office as early as possible to avoid delays. A Country Liaison person will be making direct contact with Country Team Managers shortly to assist with Visa matters. In addition, Immigration New Zealand has branches located all across the world with dedicated staff waiting to assist you. All New Zealand immigration branches located overseas have an individual page within the main New Zealand immigration website, www.immigration.govt.nz. These pages contain both branch-related and region-specific information. Not all countries will require a visa. You may not require a visa if you are travelling on a passport issued by a visa free country. A complete list of visa free countries can also be found on the New Zealand immigration website. We recommend you check these before submitting a visa application.

While you wait for a Country Liaison person to make contact, you can access more information with regards to the application criteria and procedure, on the New Zealand World Championships website www.itfnewzealand2011.com/visa

After Tournament Function

Before you arrange your travel and accommodation, we are pleased to be able to inform you that there will be an after tournament party held on Sunday night of 13 March. More information will follow. For now, we encourage you to stay in Wellington for the Sunday night celebrations!



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