



ISA New Zealand Under 21 Softball Team

2013 U21 International Men's Softball Championships

July 2013

**Under 21 New Zealand Selection
International Softball Academy**



Depart New Zealand Friday 28th June returning Wednesday 17th July 2013

An option exist to add on 6 days in Las Vegas – this will be detailed separately

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1. Management

Management and coaching staff

Manager: Craig Waterhouse Having managed and coached numerous ISA teams including both to Canada and Australia, Craig is well skilled to ensure the boys are supervised and controlled. Craig is in charge of the tour and all matters off the diamond and outside of training. A former Softball NZ Board member and Softballer of the Year, he is a well experienced softball administrator

Scorer: Diane Waterhouse - Diane has managed, coached and scored for many softball teams over the years. She has managed or scored on six overseas tours. She will be scoring on Game Changed, and providing technology goes to plan she parents and friends of ISA New Zealand will get updates of games live.

Coaches Fred Redhead – Fred has coach numerous Alberta provincial representative teams over a period of twenty years. He was Head coach for Leduc 747` s that won Western Canadian Championship gold medal in 2007. Head coach for Alberta Youth team in 2009 and 2010 Canadian Championships in Prince Albert Saskatchewan and Stratford Ontario. He played ball for Alberta Irma Lancers, Andrew A`s, with his hometown team Edgerton Eagles when softball was close to the number sport in Canada.

Richard Clarke – being the backbone to the Wairarapa Giants Softball Club in Hutt Valley for so many years. As a top line pitcher and administrator, including numerous Tournaments as Hutt Valleys Men`s team representative and pick up pitcher for other clubs sides at many New Zealand Tournaments. Richard just spent to many offseason in North America. Marrying a Canadian girl and moving to Calgary. He is now settled in softball life in Canada. Richard comes from a true softball pedigree.

Mark Quinn – a Canadian by birth, Mark spent 8 seasons playing softball in New Zealand for Royals in Christchurch, Cardinals and Giants in Hutt Valley and Central Vikings in the National League, he moved to China for a two year teaching assignment and is now back in PEI. Mark was a left handed pitcher and 1st baseman. Mark assisted with coaching of the 2009 Under 19 team that attended the International U19 Tournament in PEI (Prince Edward Island), was co-coach the Pince Edward Island Senior Men`s Team on 2012, assistant coach of the PEI Under 21 Team. He holds a level two coaching qualification in Softball, Basketball and Rugby.



2. Overview

Aim of the program:

- The promotion of the sport of Softball and the development of Coaches and Softball Players.
- To promote the development of New Zealand Softball Players
- To promote a friendly exchange and understanding among softball players from different countries and regions as a cultural experience.

Event: 2013 U21 International Men's Softball Championships

Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada to be played at Glen Reeve Fields and Gordie Howe Park (Home of the 2009 and 2015 Men's World Series)

Date: Boy's event (July 9th – 14th July, 2013)

To this extent we are adding to our squad one foreign player to enhance the experience of our players.

Cost for the selected foreign player is \$1500US for the 19 days. You have to get yourself to Edmonton for the start of the tour on the 28th June (by 2pm) and arrangement from the 15th July in Saskatoon

Event History

The 2013 U21 Men's International Softball Championships is an event developed by Softball Canada and it's Provincial Softball Organizations across Canada to provide a competition for the male U21 classification to replace the Canada Games Program. This program was developed to provide a National / International caliber event to better prepare the athletes for possible future National Team invites. The Pilot was held in July of 2009 and Softball Prince Edward Island and the City of Charlottetown hosted teams from 11 Canadian Provinces and 3 International Teams, including an ISA New Zealand Under 18 team. All games were action packed and the fans from across Canada have a very memorable time with the PEI Hospitality, The New Zealand team finished 4th and five players from the team went on to be invited to various Black Sox training camps.

The International Softball Academy (ISA) has sought out the most respected and accomplished group of instructors and coaches in the New Zealand and overseas to lead the teams. The ISA organizers are themselves experienced coaches and senior softball administrators being current or former Softball New Zealand board members, they share the passion for the sport of softball, and are using their knowledge, experience and international contacts to add to the experiences of the players. They never lose sight of the fact, however, that great softball players are created one at a time. Who says getting better can't be fun too? At the International Softball Academy tours, you meet other young athletes who share your love of softball. On and off the field, you'll take home experiences you will remember forever. **You'll get better!** Totally immerse you in the sport, giving you the kind of focused, intensive training essential for improvement – no matter what your ability level. Your performance as an overall player will improve, along with your self-confidence! Experience on trips have included an LA Dodgers baseball game, Disneyland, Lunar Park, Markets, Rugby League games and State of Origin games to name a few. **Supervision, is of the highest standard**

ensuring safety of the boys. Even though the boys will be adults a high standard of behaviour will be observed with limited access to alcohol.

ISA New Zealand – Overview of program

Day 1 Thursday Fly to Edmonton ex Auckland New Zealand stay Night in Edmonton
Day 2 State and Canadian based players join the team Friday and drive to Camrose for Tournament. We may divert to Edmonton Mall depending on timings
Day 3 & 4 Sat & Sunday Tournament in Camrose
Day 5 Monday Canada Day Edgerton Exhibition Game
Day 6 Tuesday Training and Tourist stuff
Day 7 Wednesday Exhibition Games Prince Albert
Day 8 Thursday Exhibition Games Warman
Day 9 Friday Exhibition Games Fleming
Day 10 Saturday Tournament in Moosomin
One of the tournament game's will be in Whitewood about 30 minutes away.
Day 11 Sunday Tournament in Mossomin
Day 12 - Monday – travel to Saskatoon – rest
Day 13 - Tuesday, D14 Wednesday, D15 Thursday, D16 Friday, D17 Saturday, D18 Sunday.
Day 19 Monday fly ex Saskatoon to Los Angeles on way home or to New Zealand

Transport in Canada

On Warm up Tour

2 x 15 seater mini bus, for build up tour

At Tournament

Transportation services will be provided for all teams throughout the event with the support of 2 – 53 person Buses that will continuously transport teams to and from the event locations.

Accommodation

On Warm up Tour

Players will be billeted for the warm up tour to enrich their experience of Canadian and the Canadian culture.

At Tournament

The teams will stay on the Campus of the University of Saskatchewan where they will be provided Lodging & 3 meals daily. 91 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, SK. S7N 5E8 Canada Tel: (306) 966-8600

Entertainment and shopping

Softball is the reason for the trip, but we want the boys to experience Canada. We have outlined a program. This program may change depending on timings and the boys' choices. We have numerous activities planned BUT this may change depending on what is available at the time. The build up tour is big and we will be doing a lot of travel.

Uniforms & Gear

Players must provide their own;

- black socks,
- black trousers (not Trackpants or jeans) & Black shoes to travel in with dress top supplied
- black shorts for training in
- Optional RED Belt for Knickers
- Batting Helmet and a bat if needed
(catchers need to take their own catchers gear)

We are providing; (YOU KEEP)

- 1 x Tournament playing shirt
- 1 x Warm up shower proof jacket
- 1 x Travel Dress Top
- 1 x Black NZ cap
- 1 x warm Jacket or hoodie
- 1 x travel bag
- 2 x White Knickers

NOTE Your flight travel attire is Black dress top, black trousers, black shoes and black silver fern cap

3. Players Rules & Code of Conduct



Medical Conditions

Please advise us if you have any medicine that you require, and also of any medical issues.

Reminder for parents and players

In receiving this information everyone is aware of the following in relation to discipline on tour and consequences which could follow if any boy were to bring the team into disrepute.

Any major breach of discipline will result in your son being removed from the tour and sent home on the earliest flight available. Before that decision is made we may contact Softball New Zealand to ensure they are happy with the processes we have gone through. Should the consequence be removal from the tour and we have informed you of this at that point you will be given the choice if you wish to fly over and collect your son. You will be responsible for any cost for change of flights. Any other costs involved in disruption to the tour from your son's ill discipline will incur extra costs to yourselves. Please inform your son of the seriousness of the consequence. I would be surprised if any boy let us down but major breaches of alcohol, drugs, defiance of management is something they need to be aware will not be tolerated. If a player is sent home we would more than likely be recommending to SNZ that he be suspended from Softball also. We have previously sent a player from the tour for unacceptable conduct.

In the unfortunate circumstances of a major injury, illness or death occurring while on tour the decision to continue with the tour will lie with team management. It is important that we all have an understanding that huge amounts of people's money have been spent on this trip and this decision must lie with us. In saying that though at any time during the trip you yourself have every right to pull your son or he can pull himself from the trip for any reason. Realising that changes of plans often incur extra costs at your expense.

We will endeavour at all times to have your boys well cared for and in a safe environment and make clear the expectations so that the trip is a success and will be an enjoyable experience for all.

Please definitely no ear piercing or tattoos while on tour the risk of infection impacting on the flight home is just too great. We have had issues in the past.

NOTE: The cost does not cover travel insurance.

DUTY ROSTERS

Players will be allocated duties on a daily basis from laundry, through to gear. With the majority of meals being provided do not expect a lot of work from this.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

At all times you are representing the country on and off the diamond, so the way you conduct yourself is very important

- Bad language or bullies will not be tolerated
- When on the Diamond the on diamond coaches are in charge, and deserve your respect, please give them the courtesy of listening to them and not ignoring their instructions
- Uniforms must be kept clean and tidily worn, as they should be.
- Any behaviour that management or coaching staff deem to be unacceptable will be dealt with.
- If we find that it is severe you will be SENT HOME at your OWN or PARENTS expense immediately. Management has the final say on this.
- Management will determine all rules.
- We have NO tolerance policy on alcohol, smoking, drugs and substances. I would hope at this level no one will cross the line.
- All medication that you are on must be disclosed to the Management of the team.
- No leaving of the park, accommodation or team without the express permission of the team Manager or delegated management person.

By attending the Tour you are accepting that you will adhere to the Management rules and instructions. If you feel you cannot do this, please advise us now.