

BLACKBALL INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS

BLACKBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

20TH - 27TH NOVEMBER 2020

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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AUSTRALIA WELCOMES YOU!

INTRODUCTION

Australia is proud to be holding the 2020 Blackball International World Championships at **The Geelong Arena, 110 Victoria Street, Geelong, Victoria, Australia** between 20th - 27th November 2020. This event is the first ever eight ball pool World Championships to be held in Australia and we are excited to host such a prestigious bi-annual event.

On behalf of Australia, the state of Victoria and also the Greater City of Geelong we welcome all our continents, players and support personnel. We are planning for this event to be the best World Championships ever held and we look forward to welcoming you all in November 2020.

In the meantime we have produced an information booklet for all countries and we hope that this will be distributed to all players for preview prior to attending the World Championships. It is designed to provide information about the region to assist with the planning of your trip

In the following information we have put hyperlinks to websites to help you navigate with ease. **The hyperlinks are in bold**. Simply click on the bold wording and it will direct you to the relevant external website.

Mark and Samantha Cottingham - World Championship organisers

THE BORING BUT IMPORTANT BIT FIRST!

VISA REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT!!!

Australia has strict visa requirements so it is important that you check what visa you will need and whether you are eligible to visit Australia.

Check out the **Department of Home Affairs** to find out prior to booking any flights or accommodation.

As organisers of the World Championships it will be a requirement for all players to provide a copy of their visa no later than 31st July 2020 to the organisers. This will also coincide with the closing team entry dates.

Anyone who has not provided this information will not be entered into the Championships. This will be strictly adhered to.

THE ARENA

VENUE

The Geelong Arena is regions largest multi use Sports and Entertainment venue hosting a wide variety of community, sport and entertainment events all year round.

Our venue houses four purpose built basketball courts, inclusive of the Showcourt/Auditorium suitable for local through international sport competitions and events.

The auditorium's versatility with portable carpet options and tiered seating has attracted a variety of events.

Our venue has fully licensed catering facilities, plenty of parking and is situated opposite North Geelong railway station which is convenient for out of town and local visitors.

DISABLED ACCESS

The Arena a 'disabled friendly venue' and complies with all disability anti-discrimination legislation. The venue has an elevator to enable movement between floors with disabled seating and toilets facilities available. There are no obstacles for wheelchairs entering or leaving the building

The Geelong Arena encourages all events to accept **companion cards**. See specific event ticketing for further details.

GETTING AROUND

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

The Geelong Arena is situated 4 kilometres from Geelong CBD and 74 kilometres from Melbourne.

The Geelong Arena is centrally located adjacent to North Geelong Railway Station (Melbourne-Geelong-Warrnambool line) on Princes Highway (Melbourne Road).

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50 minutes (or 74 kilometres) from Melbourne Central Business District (CBD).

Hertz

Thrifty

Europcar

PARKING

The Arena within its boundaries has 103 well lit car parking spaces. There are in excess of 500 spaces on street and in V/Line car parks surrounding the venue also.

GETTING AROUND

BUS

There are a number of bus stops located around the Venue. Click on each of these web pages below for more information and find the most appropriate stop for you:

Public Transport Geelong

CDC Victoria

McHarry's Buslines Geelong

TRAIN

Situated directly opposite the North Geelong Railway station, 50 minutes from Southern Cross Station Melbourne.

Click **V-line** to visit the website to see Geelong– Melbourne timetable service.

TAXI

There are currently no formal taxi ranks located at the Geelong Arena. Taxis can be booked at any time by phoning 131 008.

Click on **Geelong Taxis** to book online

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BY BICYCLE

There are currently limited bike racks available at Baxter Road entrance. Bicycles are not permitted inside The Geelong Arena however we do encourage this mode of transport.

An interactive map of **Geelong** highlights the various shared paths and on-road cycle lanes to help you plan your journey.

Patrons are required to supply their own lock. The Geelong Arena Centre Management are not responsible for any loss or damage to bicycles secured on site.

AIR TRAVEL

Avalon Airport is 20 kilometres from Geelong CBD.

Avalon Airport Shuttle bus service meets every incoming and outgoing flight and provides transport between Geelong, the Bellarine Peninsula and Surf Coast.

Melbourne Airport is approximately 70 kilometres from Geelong.

Gull Airport Services provides transport between Geelong and Melbourne Airport.

WHERE TO STAY AND WHAT TO DO?

ACCOMMODATION

Geelong has plenty of accommodation to offer during your stay from hotels, to holiday houses. There is no restriction on where players are required to stay during the tournament. Click **HERE** to see a selection from hotels/motels to self contained apartments available in the Geelong region.

THINGS TO DO & WHAT'S ON

Experience the best of the Geelong and Bellarine region, from sun, sand and surf to rolling vineyards, family adventures and high-octane thrills. Click on the following to find out whats happening!

Geelong & Bellarine

Great Ocean Road

Coonawarra Wine Region

Melbourne

If you are planning on other travelling to other areas of Australia Click **HERE** for information.

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