



Maccabi USA
SPORTS FOR ISRAEL



MACCABI AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL GAMES APPLICATION DECEMBER 26, 2010 to JANUARY 2, 2011

Dear Applicant:

Shalom and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the United States Team that will compete at the Maccabi Australia International Games (MAIGs), to be held in Australia from December 26, 2010-January 2, 2011 in Youth, Open and Masters Divisions. Team USA will depart from LAX airport on December 21, 2010 and return to LAX airport on January 3, 2011. The Maccabi Australia International Games are a celebration of Jewish Unity, Culture, and Heritage through world athletic competition.

MACCABI USA/SPORTS FOR ISRAEL

Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, the sponsor of the U.S. Team, was founded in 1948, only weeks after the dream of a Jewish Homeland had finally been realized. Our purpose was two-fold: (1) to help Israel develop as a nation through physical education and sport; and (2) to promote fitness and athletics among Jewish youth in the U.S., Israel and the Diaspora. Through sports competitions, the organization strives to provide American athletes with a Jewish experience - to enrich their lives, to heighten their sense of Jewish Identity and to strengthen their feelings of Jewish Pride. As the official representative of Maccabi World Union in the United States, the organization oversees the U.S. delegations to International Maccabi Games worldwide.

CHAVERIM

In Hebrew, "Chaverim" means friends. For the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Team, Chaverim is a program that requires a shared commitment from all of us to fund the U.S. Team and to ensure the success of the Games. Every member of the U.S. Team must contribute an amount in support of the Maccabi Australia International Games and Maccabi USA. Chaverim funds are a contribution to Maccabi USA and are non-refundable. **The money need not be an out-of-pocket expense. It may be raised.** Maccabi USA has a variety of programs that may assist you in your fundraising efforts. The required Chaverim commitment for the 2010 U.S. Team members is as follows: Youth athlete - \$5,600 *Our Australian hosts will be providing Home Hospitality to our athletes in Basketball, Futsal and Soccer in the Youth Division. As a result, we are able to reduce the Chaverim commitment;* Open athlete - \$7,100; Masters athlete - \$7,600; Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Staff - \$3,550; and Trainers and Doctors - \$1,775.

(ALL OF THESE CHAVERIM COMMITMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

The attached application **must** be completed by hand, and the signature page **must** be returned if you are to be considered for the United States Team (team selection may begin as early as Spring 2010). For staff positions, please complete the application and the separate sheet titled "Staff Application Addendum." Any questions concerning the application or team selections should be directed to Ami Monson, Program Director **(215) 561-6900 Ext. 116 or amonson@maccabiusa.com.**

Working together with our Maccabi Family around the world, we will make this Maccabi Australia International Games the best ever. Please join us in Australia in December 2010 for the Maccabi Australia International Games.

B'Shalom,

*Jodi and Ricky Reff, Chairmen
United States Maccabi Australia International Games Committee*

All applicants for all positions must submit a non-refundable \$40 application fee with the completed application form.

A deposit of \$1,000 will be required by all Team members immediately after appointment to the U.S. Team, payable to MUSA/SFI. (Check, Visa, MasterCard, and Amex are accepted.)

Travel Notes:

There will be a travel program designed specifically for families of U.S. Team participants and Masters athletes. The information concerning this “**SUPPORTERS PACKAGE**,” will be shared with Team members and their families upon appointment to the Team.

Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel Policy Statements for the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Team include:

1. All USA citizens who are Jewish as defined by the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Committee, are eligible for the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Team (even if they competed for another country before becoming a USA citizen). Any non-citizen in possession of a USA Green Card, may participate as a member of Team USA only if approved by the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Committee. Applicants in possession of a Green Card or in the process of applying for a Green Card will receive a supplementary form to complete. This form will be sent to the applicants after they have submitted their application. Appointment of Green Card applicants is subject to the discretion of the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Committee.
2. Please be aware that Maccabi USA will be conducting background checks for coaches, managers and medical staff.

General Notes:

1. The selection process may be determined by national ranking, verified times, tryouts, or other means. After applications are submitted, you will be notified about the selection process by the Chair of your sport. Any questions about the process should be directed to your chairman, coach or Ami Monson (215) 561-6900 Ext. 116, or amonson@maccabiusa.com.
2. Notwithstanding the selection process described in Section 1 above, the U.S. Maccabi Australia International Games Organizing Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on all appointments to the U.S. Team participating in the Maccabi Australia International Games.
3. Domestic travel to LAX airport is not included.
4. Please note that it is the athlete’s responsibility to: a) share any and all information with their family and friends and b) keep the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel office aware of any address and phone number changes.
5. All forms and payments are to be made in a timely fashion in order to maintain a spot on the Team.

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The United States plans to participate in the following sports. **All sports and age categories listed are tentative as of April 2010, and are subject to change or cancellation.** Other sports, not listed here, may be added. If you are interested in a sport not on the following list, feel free to contact the office by e-mail to amonson@maccabiusa.com or phone (215) 561- 6900 Ext. 116, to inquire about your sport. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, with the understanding that application fees will be fully refunded if the U.S. does not participate in your sport for any reason.

YOUTH SPORTS COMPETITION (athletes born in 1992, 1993 and 1994):

Soccer (M)

OPEN SPORTS COMPETITION:

Basketball (M,F), Cycling (M,F), Golf (M,F), Lawn Bowls (M), Soccer (M,F), Swimming (M,F), Table Tennis (M), Tennis (M,F), Ten Pin Bowling (M,F)

MASTER SPORTS COMPETITION:

Basketball (M)	35 and over
Cycling (M,F)	35 and over
Golf (M,F)	50 and over
Soccer 7’s (M)	35 and over
Swimming (M,F)	35 and over
Table Tennis (M,F)	35 and over
Tennis (M,F)	35 and up, 40 and up, 45 and up, 50 and up, 55 and up, 60 and up