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Dear Member Nation,

2009 INVACARE WORLD TEAM CUP

Preparations for the 2009 event are going well. The ITF, together with the hosts, are working with our sponsors, Invacare, to make this year's event successful.

Please find enclosed the second information pack for the Event, including forms to be completed and returned to the ITF by **1 MAY 2009**.

Entries

Whether your country gained entry directly from the 2008 event or through a wild card, **it is essential to inform the ITF as soon as possible if your country is unable to attend the 2009 event in Nottingham or your country may be liable to a fine and suspension from the 2010 Invacare World Team Cup.** If second entry forms are not returned to the ITF before **1 MAY 2009**, we will offer your place to a country on the reserve list. If you have a problem meeting this deadline you **must** contact us immediately.

Opening Ceremony

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS YEAR IS ON **SUNDAY 26th JULY at 18.00.** PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN ORGANISING YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE AS YOUR TEAM WILL NEED TO BE READY IN THEIR NATIONAL TRACKSUITS ON TIME. **Your team will need to arrive in Nottingham by 14.00 at the latest to be ready in time for the start.**

IWTA Annual Meeting

The 2009 IWTA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th July, in conjunction with the Invacare World Team Cup. Please find enclosed an invitation letter for this meeting from Martin McElhatton, President of the IWTA and an IWTA Annual Meeting attendance form for your completion and return to the ITF by **1 MAY 2009**.

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Junior World Team Cup

We are very excited that eight junior teams have been selected to attend the Junior Event, which is for juniors aged 18 and under. The ITF Wheelchair Tennis regulations for 2009 state that a junior is a player who is born *on or after 1st January 1991*. Any players born before this date will not be eligible to compete in the competition. **Please ensure that you include the date of birth of juniors on the entry form.**

The Cruyff Foundation will again be supporting the Junior event and therefore countries with a Junior team have the opportunity to apply for a travel grant. Please complete the attached application form and return it to the ITF Office by **1 MAY 2009**.

Transportation

Transportation will be arranged for participants and guests to and from **Birmingham and East Midlands airports only**. If you arrive into a London airport, you can get a coach or train to Nottingham but please be aware that an internal flight may be quicker and cheaper. On average a taxi from London Heathrow to Nottingham for 7 people would be around £200.

Early Arrivals

Players or Coaches wishing to arrive before Sunday 26th July must advise the ITF as soon as possible. The cost of early arrival is GBP 42.00 per person per night (based on twin room accommodation) and GBP 74.00 for a single room. Official transport will begin on **Friday 24th July**, before that the fixed price for big taxis from the airport to the hotel will be on average £60 from Birmingham airport and £20 from East Midlands. Please contact the ITF Office for help in arranging this.

Prize Ceremonies

Countries are reminded that all teams and players finishing 1st to 3rd will be expected to attend the prize-giving ceremony for their event.

Diet Requirements

Please inform the ITF as soon as possible of any special dietary requirements of your team members.

British Open

Please ensure that any players wishing to attend this events apply as early as possible as there will be limited spaces available. The entry form is attached.

Coaches Seminar

A half-day seminar will be held on Sunday 26th July. Any coaches wanting to participate should contact Daniel Absolon.



NEC Tour Workshop

There will be a two-day NEC Tour workshop on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th August. The workshop will be free to one representative per tournament on the NEC Tour. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Victoria Thorpe.

Media

A new service will be offered this year whereby the press officer will contact the relevant international agencies and individuals throughout the event, informing the worldwide community of the results and news throughout the week. It would help us greatly if you could send us a list of your media contacts as soon as possible in order to set up a relationship with them ahead of the competition.

Please read the attached information carefully and if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the ITF office.

Congratulations to all selected teams and we look forward to receiving your entry forms and seeing you in Nottingham in July.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Bullock

Wheelchair Tennis Manager

IMPORTANT

- 1. Please return all completed forms by the dates specified**
- 2. Please advise as soon as possible if your country is unable to participate**
- 3. Please remember to indicate on the appropriate forms whether attendees are able-bodied or wheelchair users. This information is important with regards to room allocation.**

