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AUCKLAND CROATIA 2010

The 2010 Croatian Soccer Tournament will be held for the very first time in Auckland, New Zealand.

The tournament will be held from **Thursday September 30th** until **Sunday October 3rd 2010**.

A majority of the men's and women's soccer games will be played at Auckland Croatia's home ground, located at **161 McLeod Road, Henderson**.

The prestigious Miss Croatia Australia and New Zealand Gala Ball will be held at **Sky City, cnr Victoria & Federal Streets, Auckland CBD**.



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CROATIAN SOCCER FEDERATION - NEWS

It seems like only yesterday we saw each other at last year's fantastic soccer tournament in Adelaide, and already preparations have begun for this year's tournament in Auckland.

For the first time in the Croatian Soccer Tournament's history, we will be crossing the ditch to celebrate all that is special about Croatians with our New Zealand friends – Auckland Croatia.

The Savez and Auckland Croatia have been working closely to prepare for the tournament. Many people are not aware that we begin to work with the host club early in the new year to ensure the tournament is a successful one.

This year we are proud to announce our travel partnership with Sky Air Services, a national Croatian travel agency who have organised discounted flights and accommodation packages for all teams and sponsors travelling to New Zealand. It is great to hear so many of you already contacted Sky Air Services for your New Zealand travel requirements.

One of our focuses this year is to get a full attendance at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held in Auckland on Friday October 1st 2010. During the AGM, many important rules and decisions are made about future Croatian Soccer Tournaments, along with club's presenting their bids to hold the following year's soccer tournament. We believe that it is important that member clubs are more involved in the decision making process and are able to voice their opinions on which club should be awarded the tournament. So come along and this is your only chance to voice your opinion!

The tournament has been growing every year with host clubs really outdoing themselves and it seems this year will be no exception. Our New Zealand hosts have promised us a tournament with all the traditional trimmings but with a little something extra - this one certainly looks like one not to be missed!

A huge thank you to all the clubs who have already registered for Auckland and we look forward to the rest of you coming along to celebrate Croatia's remarkable contribution to the southern hemisphere. If any of you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact Stela on 0416 050 304 or email stela.krivicic@cbre.com.au.

Let's make this one a big one!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – ADELAIDE 2009

At the 35th annual Croatian Soccer Tournament of Australia and New Zealand, the Annual General Meeting was held at the Croatian Sports Centre in Gepps Cross at 6.30pm October 2nd 2010.

The following items came out of this important meeting which would be of interest to the member clubs.

The Sydney United outstanding amount of \$2,950 (for prizes which were not presented at the time of the tournament) which was due from the 2006 tournament hosted by Sydney United has been received and Sydney United are permitted to re-enter the tournament as a competitor once they re apply for membership.

Canberra FC (Croatia Deakin) will not be allowed to participate until they pay the excess component of North Geelong's damage bill from the 2008 Tournament explosion in the change rooms. The representative from Croatia Deakin in 2008 initially admitted guilt and offered that their club would cover the cost of the damage at a meeting with the Savez and host club on the Saturday of the tournament, but when sent the estimate for damages Croatia Deakin took no admission of guilt and asked the Savez to pursue the individual and asked Savez to go through police channels etc.. Rather than dealing with it internally, since that time Croatia Deakin has been sent a letter from the Savez to state that North Geelong has moved on and claimed via their insurance, the cost to them was \$500 excess and an increase in their premium. Savez is offering Croatia Deakin the opportunity to redeem its reputation by settling this amount and when it does that, it will be allowed to participate without hesitation. Savez was commended by Steven Vukasovic on standing firm on these unsavoury incidents which no one wants to see at our soccer tournaments anymore and was met with favour from the other member clubs in attendance.

Savez raised a motion to increase the tournament hosting fee to \$10,000. The costs of administration and running the Savez has risen which is the reason for the request. All clubs in attendance were in favour and offered various options. In the end it was agreed to raise the fee to \$8,000 with a revisit to \$10,000 at Auckland. Moved by T Dorotic and 2nd by M Butorac.

Pero Gusak from St Albans Dinamo addressed Savez re: possibility of a central fund for clubs, if needed to be able to approach Savez to use funds when emergency or action is required. Savez reply was that fundraisers would be better suited to assist the clubs in need as opposed to Savez keeping tabs on the funds otherwise it could become difficult to administer whose needs are more important than others. Instead clubs were urged to contact the Savez to use their ability to contact clubs and raise awareness of clubs situations.

V Brekalo from St Albans Dianmo Soccer Club wanted clarification on how to handle issues with respective Federations when in trouble with discipline or other key areas. King Tomislav's suggestion was to contact Savez when in trouble and take direction and guidance from them was favoured.

Players hopping from one team to another during tournament allegedly occurred, teams will have to wear consequences of it if found guilty, which could result in expulsion from competing.

Suggestion to announce host club two years in advance to give as much preparation time as possible for teams. i.e. Announce 2011 host club and 2012 host club at next tournament, and then at the 2011 soccer tournament announce the 2013 host club. This was met with mixed response and remains inconclusive, and therefore has been left as is for now. However clubs who are interested in hosting a soccer tournament are encouraged to bid and let the Savez and member clubs know that their intention is for a particular year.

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For up-to-date Croatian Soccer Tournament and Croatian Soccer Federation news, specials, events, tournament news etc, visit us and become a member of our Facebook group page – Croatian Soccer Federation of Australia and New Zealand.



MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE 2010

Membership

Annual Membership for the Croatian Soccer Federation of Australia and New Zealand is \$200.

All memberships are due by no later than 31 July 2010.

Any club that has not paid membership by this date will not be able to participate at this year's tournament in New Zealand.

Membership payments can be made via cheque and sent to:

**25 Marvell Ave
Spearwood WA 6163**

or alternatively e-mail for other arrangements or details:

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Insurance

We are currently liaising with various insurance companies regarding the best and most cost efficient cover for players participating at the tournament in New Zealand.

Details will be advised to all clubs accordingly.

In the mean time we advise all clubs to contact their respective soccer federations to inform you if the insurance cover paid for the regular soccer season will cover your club during the tournament in New Zealand.

All clubs should note that cover from your respective soccer federations may not be applicable as per previous years due to the tournament being based in New Zealand rather than Australia.

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When booking your flights and accommodation for the first ever Croatian Soccer Tournament to be held in New Zealand, don't look past Sky Air – a name synonymous with Croatian sport in Australia.

Sky Air Services can organise airfares, coach travel, holiday packages, car rentals, hotel accommodation and travel insurance. We will ensure you are getting the best value for the money you spend on your travel arrangements.

So from now until October – Kia Ora ljudi!

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REGISTRATION

Registration for this year's tournament has now begun.

All member clubs would have by now received an invitation to participate in the tournament either by mail or email. All team and Miss Croatia Australia Entrant registration forms must be received by **July 31st 2010**.

We are aware that most clubs would not have chosen their Miss Croatia entrant by this date; however we ask that you indicate on the form if your club will be entering a Miss Croatia Australia Entrant.

To be eligible to participate in this year's Croatian soccer tournament your club must be financial.

If you have not received your official invitation please contact Stela either on 0416 050 304 or by email – stela.krivicic@cbre.com.au



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Melbourne Tornado
Zadar
10th Year
Anniversary – Gala
Ball**

Saturday, May 1st
\$50.00 per ticket

**Hurtsville Zagreb
Soccer Gala Ball**

Saturday, May 1st

**Gospic 'Glenroy'
Bears Disco**

Friday, May 14th
Motel Nightclub

**Melbourne Knights
Champions
Reunion Gala Ball**

Saturday, May 15th
\$150.00 per ticket

**Melbourne Knights
Champions
Reunion Match**

Sunday, May 16th

**Seafood Nights
Dandenong City
Soccer Club &
Melbourne Croatia
Social Club**

Every Friday night

To advertise your club's next function or event on our next newsletter or Facebook page, please contact Mirjana via email Mirjana.Butorac@anz.com