

## 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup Update




With the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup in Sault Ste Marie weeks away, we wanted to provide you with an update on important tournament information. Please review the following.

### General Information

1. The tournament dates are March 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2012.
2. There are currently 120 teams registered from 15 countries.
3. Players and guests are reminded to purchase *international medical insurance* in the event of illnesses or injuries while in Canada.
4. Teams have been assigned to their hotel by means of a *best effort approach* but with no guarantees. Factors such as team enrollment and deposit dates, number of rooms required, etc will have impacted the final hotel selection.
5. Registered travelling players and participants will receive bus transportation to and from each of their games. Bus schedules will be posted in the hotel lobbies.
6. Some hotels may offer a free continental breakfast, while others do not. Players and guests are responsible for their own meals each day.
7. As a reminder because we are in a smaller community for the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup, some activities and the selected venues to host the socials will be different than previous tournaments.
8. Bring **warm clothes**, including winter jacket, boots, gloves and hat as there are planned outdoor activities throughout the week.
9. A daily itinerary of activities, tours and entertainment will be provided in the lobby of each hotel, along with a map highlighting local restaurants and shopping.

## Important Reminders

- 1) All outstanding team monies **must be paid** before you arrive.
- 2) No refunds will be provided for any room reservation changes, cancellation, early departure and/or any tournament activity that a player or team cannot attend.
- 3) All players must be able to present official photo identification (Passport) to the Tournament Organizing Committee if needed to confirm a player's age or identity.
- 4) All players and travelling participants will receive an official CARHA Hockey World Cup red wrist band, which **must be worn at all times** (see below) to access bus transportation, to attend the socials and to be part of any other CARHA Hockey World Cup activities.  

- 5) Teams travelling to the tournament will be picked up at the airport upon their arrival. Flight arrival / departure times and airlines must **be sent to us by January 31, 2012**

## Tournament Games Information

The official tournament schedule can be found at [www.thecup2012.ca](http://www.thecup2012.ca) Please note, although we have attempted to ensure all printed programs have the accurate game information, changes will happen. Please ensure you confirm your game times each day on the website. Note: Each Host Hotel (Delta and the Water Towers) will provide complimentary use of computers (Internet Café) at or near the headquarters.

In the unlikely event that a game has to be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Organizing Committee will notify the teams involved and provide transportation to the new scheduled game.

### **Game Transportation**

Teams will be picked up for their games at a **scheduled time**, normally 1.25 hours before their game starts. All players must be ready and at their hotel 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

Return transportation will be provided by a rotating bus shuttle. Players and guests can return to the hotel when a bus arrives at the arena. All registered players and guests **must have** their official **red** CARHA World Cup wrist band to get on the bus.

### **Arenas**

All games will be played at various arenas in the city of Sault Ste Marie. Please visit [http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms\\_wc.arenas](http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms_wc.arenas) for more details on arenas.

## Meet and Greet Social: Sunday, March 4th - 5pm to 8pm at the Essar Centre

The opening Meet and Greet reception will be hosted at the beautiful Essar Centre right at ice level. A light meal will be provided along with two complimentary drinks (beer or wine).

### **Important**

As part of the Meet and Greet festivities, all players and guests will join in the **Official Opening Ceremonies Parade** from the Essar Centre to the Roberta Bondar Pavilion. Teams will be coordinated by Country and walk (10 minutes) to the Pavilion to officially open the CARHA Hockey World Cup Games.



All registered travelling players and guests will be invited to the Opening Meet and Greet reception. Local teams may purchase tickets at a cost of \$28.00.

All guests must be wearing their official **red** CARHA Hockey World Cup wrist band to enter the Meet and Greet. A rotating shuttle bus service will be provided to participants beginning at 4:30pm.

Please wear casual clothes (jeans and sweater) and bring winter jacket, boots and gloves to the Meet and Greet. Coat racks are available at the Essar Centre

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Shuttle bus transportation begins to Essar Centre
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Food stations open
7:15 pm - 7:45 pm	Teams prepare for Parade (line-up by Country), <b>receive a gift</b>
8:15 pm	Welcome speeches
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Outdoor party with DJ and a <b>SURPRISE!</b>
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Shuttle bus transportation to Hotels

## Dinner and Dance – Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ the Essar Centre

The traditional dinner and dance at a convention centre will be changed to a casual buffet dinner and dancing at the Essar Centre. Tables will be set-up on the ice surface and main concourse. Teams will be assigned tables based on their travel numbers.

<i>5:00 pm - 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Shuttle bus transportation begins to Essar Centre</i>
<i>6:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i>	<i>Buffet dinner</i>
<i>8:15 pm</i>	<i>Speeches</i>
<i>8:45 pm - 1:00 am</i>	<i>Live band and dancing</i>
<i>9:30 pm - 1:30 am</i>	<i>Shuttle bus transportation begins to Hotels</i>

## Athletes Village

The popular Athletes Village will return to the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup. There will be two locations that will serve as the main social gathering places for the players and guests. Each of the Athlete's Villages will be located at the host hotels (Water Tower and the Delta). There will be planned activities and entertainment each night for you to enjoy.

## Outdoor Party Central

In addition to the nightly activities at the Athletes Village, there will be fun events taking place at the Roberta Bondar (tent) each day, Monday to Friday. The famous Budweiser Big Rig (bar) will be on display and there will also be an outdoor rink, themed foods from around the world along with some entertainment. A fun way to spend a few hours outdoors.



## **Budweiser “First Beeriod” Headquarters**

Budweiser, as our proud title sponsor for the past three CARHA Hockey World Cups once again has some great promotions and activities planned throughout the week. When you are not playing hockey and want to go out on the town, you can visit one of the Budweiser Headquarters for the First Beeriod and catch some NHL games.

## **Activities and Tours**

Have a day off from hockey and looking to get out and explore the natural beauty of Sault Ste Marie, please visit [http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms\\_wc.activitiesNtours](http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms_wc.activitiesNtours) and select anyone of the great planned activities.

On behalf of CARHA Hockey, the community of Sault Ste Marie, our sponsors and volunteers we wish you safe travels and we look forward to seeing you at the 2012 CARHA Hockey World Cup.

## Tournament and Event Rules

- 1) All players must represent themselves in a professional and cordial manner throughout the week.
- 2) Upon request, all players must provide to the Tournament Organizing Committee photo identification to confirm an individual identity and age. Failure to do so may result in the player and/or team being suspended.
- 3) Any players and or team that knowingly provide inaccurate information about a player's age, playing experience or previous game results may result in a suspension and/or games being forfeited.
- 4) Fighting will not be tolerated in any game and will result in an automatic one game suspension and a review by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee.
- 5) Any appeals of ruling, results of officiating must be provided to the Tournament Disciplinary Committee.
- 6) Any abuse of Referees, volunteers or CARHA Hockey employees will not be tolerated. Should an incident arise where a player or team official is acting in an unprofessional manner, it may result in the individual and/or the entire team being expelled from the tournament.
- 7) Players and participants are solely responsible for the actions. Any damage to hotel, buses, arenas, public or private facilities will be the responsibility of the individual(s) involved and must be paid for by the individual or team and will involve the local authority (Police).
- 8) Players who appear to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs are not permitted to play in any tournament games for the safety of themselves and others.
- 9) The Tournament Organizing and Disciplinary Committees will have the final say on all tournament and event related matters.
- 10) Please read all official team rules  
[http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms\\_wc.rules](http://admin.carhahockey.ca/wc/index.php?action=cms_wc.rules)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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