



The Italian Challenge 2017-info!

This letter includes information about upcoming "The Italian Challenge 2017"-event. In case you can not find the information from this information package, please contact us as soon as possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

First games are played the 25th of June and will begin at 08.00. All teams play two games every day until the final day of the event. Game time is 2 x 20 minutes and total time 60.00 minutes. Ice is cut after every game. Timeout is not allowed during round-robin games. Closing ceremony of the tournament starts the 29th of July at 13.00.

Game schedule will be delivered to the teams by 1st of July.

All games are played in MeranArena: <http://www.meranarena.it/it/>

TEAM REGISTRATION:

Team registration will be done after each teams' first game at the tournament lounge, where all players must present a valid identification (passport etc.). Failing to prove players' identity means the player is not allowed to play in the event.

HOTEL:

Players, staff and parents are accommodated in Hotel Four Points by Sheraton Bolzano, unless team arranges the accommodation by themselves. We will host a small get-together for coaches and parents at the hotel lounge bar the 25th of July at 21.00.

Hotel Four Points by Sheraton Bolzano: <http://www.fourpointsbolzano.com/>

FOOD:

Lunch and dinner will be served in Merano Arena or in a restaurant within walking distance of the arena. All allergies etc. must be informed to the tournament manager as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is arranged to all teams from Hotel Four Points Sheraton to Merano Arena. Busses leave from the hotel at 6.30, 7.45, 9.00 and 10.00 and will return 16.45, 18.15, 19.00 and 20.15. If a team has special request regarding the transportation during the event, the requests must be made by 19th of July.

PLAYERLIST:

Full roster (name, number, birthdate, position) must be delivered to the tournament manager by 1st of July.

GAME RULES:

We do respect the IIHF junior rules for 2004 age group. The tournament is sanctioned by the FISG (Italian hockey federation). More specific tournament rules will be sent to all team manager/contact person two weeks prior to the tournament.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Merano Arena is about 10-minute walk away from the downtown area of Merano. We hope all the players and parents will visit the city at least once during the tournament. The small but beautiful city offers a great variety of small boutiques, restaurants and shops as well as beautiful sights of our South-Tyrolian scenery.

In Merano Arena there is also a possibility to do wall climbing. In case your team is interested to use this opportunity, please let us know as soon as possible. We have negotiated the prices with RockArena in advance.

LANGUAGE:

Merano, as well as Bolzano, are bilingual cities and communication is mostly in German or Italian. The tournament information will be available in English but our staff will be able to serve your team in all three languages.

PAYMENTS:

Team registration fee (1550€) must be paid upon registration. The payment is done by credit card or by wire. In case you want to pay by wire, please contact Mr. Sumkin for payment information. Credit card payment can be done here: <https://holvi.com/shop/crossmeadows/product/5d17f61f22667d52b7830f0e1d17d418/>

Land package payment of 380€/person (including hotel, breakfast, lunch, dinner and tournament transportation between 25.7 and 29.7) can also be paid by credit card, by wire or by invoice. For more information, please contact Mr. Sumkin for payment information.

All teams who participate with over 15 players and pay for the land packages for all players, one coach and the team manager will be free of charge.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- South Tyrolian dinner: All parents have a possibility to participate to a South Tyrolian dinner in the evening of 27th of July. The dinner will offer a variety of typical South Tyrolian foods as well as local wines. The dinner will begin after the last game of the day and the transportation back to the Bolzano is at 24.00. The price for the dinner is 56€ (child under 12 years is 28€). In case your parents are willing to participate, we would need to know about this by the 15th of July to arrange food and transportation. The dinner ticket must be bought in advance in cash from our tournament office.
- RockArena wall climbing: Wall climbing is great fun for players and the parents. If your team wants to try wall climbing, please let us know in advance and we will book your team the instructors, time and equipment. For a team the recommended time is two hours and cost for team of 15 players is 120€.

In all questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by email or phone. We will be here for you! We hope to see you and your team in Merano!

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