



Australian Capital Territory Broomball Association

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The Phillip Ice Rink will echo with the sound of a boom

At the end of this month the thwack of ice hockey pucks will be replaced with the deep boom of a well hit broomball. The Australian National Broomball Titles will be played out here in Canberra. It has been a few years since the Nationals have been played in Canberra, and ACT teams are hoping that home team advantage will swing the titles their way.

As the birth place of broomball in Australia, the ACT has suffered over recent years, the up and coming teams of New South Wales, has shown what access to ice rinks and enthusiasm can bring to a burgeoning sport.

The ACT is hoping that local advantage includes the ability to field strong teams, as members don't have the cost of travel to the Nationals, a deterrent for players in some years. For this reason also the ACT is only fielding three teams in the National Titles this year, a Men's and Women's elite team, and an intermediate men's team.

Each representing state is able to field their best players in a Men's and Women's Elite Division. These Divisions represent the best of Australia's broomball players. An intermediate division is also available for upcoming players, and those that want to enjoy a less competitive environment. Australia still also allows a mixed division, whereby 4 men and 2 women must be on the ice at all times. The mixed division is a historical remnant, which is not played at the International level anymore, but still enjoyed in Australia.

Bryce Marshall, a second generation representative player, is excited about playing at home in front of friends and relatives, "it's good to see calibre of players that will be coming to Canberra, I can't wait to play" he says.

Bryce is also acting as head referee for the Nationals, an honour, a chance to really test his referring abilities, after the training he received overseas last year.

Bryce is available for interview on **0405 022983**

Australian National Broomball Titles is being played at the Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Rink, Thursday April 20 to Sunday May 2 2010.

Website for Background <http://www.actbroomball.org.au/> Media Centre