



NEWSLETTER

Skippers gear up for FISAC Worlds 08

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Junior Olympics**
Detroit - USA
30 July - 3 August 08
- ◆ **FISAC World Championships**
Cape Town - South Africa
23 July - 28 July 08
- ◆ **Australian Championships**
Tallebudgerra - Gold Coast
27 Sept - 28 Sept 08

The recent QLD Open was a great warm up for our Australian skippers who will be representing their country in only a few weeks. The 2008 FISAC World Championships are just around the corner, and teams have been working extremely hard to prepare for the big event.

The event which is held every second year, will take place in Cape Town, South Africa. We take our largest ever group of skippers to the event with 32 skippers from 4 clubs, as well as a support crew of over 30 parents, judges and coaches.

17 countries from around the world will compete. This includes the host country South Africa, Belgium, Canada, USA, Denmark and Germany to name a few.

Teams have been preparing for the past 8 months, after qualifying at the Australian Nationals last year.

The recent QLD Open was used to present all the skippers with their

Australian skipping bags. Each bag was individually stitched with their names, and inside each bag they had their Australian uniform, and a host of goodies to take with them.

We have numerous skippers who will be attending their first World Championships, as well as numerous skippers who have competed at several international events. Hotshots from QLD, Cowra and Tenterfield from NSW, as well as skippers from Cleveland Air Magic will be attending for the first time.

Luke Boon from Cleveland Air Magic will also be defending his 2006 Open Mens World title.

Skipping Australia would like to congratulate, and send its best wishes to all those competing for Australia at the biggest rope skipping event this year, the 2008 Rope Skipping World Championships.

ROPE SKIPPING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Date: 23 - 28 July
Venue: Good Hope Centre, Cape Town
Time: 9AM - 9PM



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PROGRAM:

23 - 24 July:
Cape Town International
25 - 26 July:
FISAC WC Team Competition
27 July: FISAC WC Masters
28 July: FISAC Demo Cup

Skipping QLD hosts the 2008 Regional's and QLD Open

Skipping QLD has hosted its two major events for 2008.

The regional competition was the first of the year. Held in April, it was run over 2 days. Just over 150 skippers attended from 7 QLD clubs.

Every year this event gets bigger, with more skippers and clubs attending. This year was a slightly different format from the previous year, with each age bracket competing in a reduced event schedule. It is always a great warm up to the QLD open which was held at the end of June.

The QLD Open was a huge success, with the largest number of skippers to ever

attend. Over 200 competitors attended for the 2 day event. 11 clubs were represented including Yamba, Cowra and Tenterfield from NSW.

All skippers who will travel to South Africa for the 2008 Rope Skipping World Championships were present at the QLD Open

It was held for the first time at the Hibiscus Sports Centre at Mount Gravatt. The facility proved to be a success over the 2 day event.

A huge thank you goes to Antony Doyle for organizing this event, and the judges and marshalls, who gave up their time to make this the biggest QLD Open yet.

Roped Into It skip to the 2008 AAU Junior Olympics

Roped into It take on America's best this year when they send 5 skippers to the 2008 AAU Junior Olympics.

The local Birkdale club in QLD was formed in 2004 by Amanda Doyle. Over the past 4 years the club has been very successful at both state and national competitions, especially in the last 2 years. Its skippers have won several individual and team medals including a National title for masters and teams.

Attending their first international event, the Sapphire Gems comprising of Ivy Doyle 9, Ebony Corbin 9, Arna Stariha 9 and Courtney Rixon 11 will compete in several team events as well as masters. Samuel Corbin will also be competing as an 8 under male in the master events.

They will compete as masters in 8 under, 9-10 and 11-12. As a team they will compete in the 11-12 age bracket.

2 of Cleveland Air Magic's top skippers will also compete at the event. Jake Eve and Brittany Gardiner will represent Australia at the World Championships in South Africa, then head straight to the Junior Olympics.

The event runs over 4 days from the 30 July through to the 3 August, and comprises over 500 skippers. Clubs from across America will compete for gold.

Skipping Australia wishes all the Australian skippers the best of luck. Good Luck!!



Luke Boon Skips into Record Book

Cleveland Air Magic's Luke Boon will try to become the first skipper to win three consecutive world titles.

Luke has already won two world championships and will defend his title at the 2008 FISAC World Championships in Capetown, South Africa. Luke won the open men's division against the world's best in Toronto, Canada in 2006. The championships are held every two years, and run by the International Rope Skipping Federation.

Luke, 17 has been skipping for only 6 years, and what he has achieved in this short time has been truly amazing.

Luke skips for Cleveland Air Magic, who as a club has held several world titles, and numerous skippers who have competed for many years at the highest level across many international events.

Cleveland is sending 20 skippers to South Africa to compete in several age brackets, and events. Cleveland also has a number of skippers competing for the first time at a world event.

Luke will also attempt to break his current world record for 3 minute speed. Luke holds the record at 488.

Luke also skips for the Southern Crosses. They are a world class team comprising of Amiee Devlin, Kirstin Morris, Jake Eve and Bonnie Somers. As a team they will compete in several events at the championships, including speed, freestyle and double dutch.

Luke trains up to 10 times a week, balancing skipping with school work.

A true champion, so go for gold Luke!!



Skipping Australia's newsletter is designed to provide an avenue for clubs, and state associations, to promote skipping within Australia. It is also a tool to provide information on major events such as state, national and international news and competitions.

It highlights events, competitions, club news and profiles to not only all clubs across Australia, but to all visitors to the Skipping Australia website.

If you would like to promote your club, events, skipper profiles, or any skipping activity in your state, please email Ken Corbin at ken2831@optusnet.com.au.