



On behalf of the Minneapolis Mayhem Rugby Football Club, it is my pleasure to formally kick-off the “Countdown to Bingham Cup 2010.” To accommodate the demands of planning a top-notch tournament, we have established the Bingham Cup Organizing Committee (BCOC), which has been hard at work planning this event.

**Here is the status of our progress for Bingham Cup 2010:**

- **We have secured the National Sports Center (NSC) to host the tournament matches.** NSC is the world’s largest amateur sports facility and has played host to several world-class events and some serious rugby. Confirmation of our contract with NSC is attached.
- We have contracted with two National hotel chains, Marriott City Center and Radisson Plaza, in the heart of downtown Minneapolis for tournament lodging.
- **We have secured top-notch referees from around the country, through the Minnesota Referee Society,** to oversee all matches and ensure safe and fair play throughout the tournament.
- We are finalizing contracts with some pretty impressive venues for our opening and closing ceremonies, to ensure we celebrate this tournament in style.
- **We have arranged events at our local bars throughout the week** to ensure all Bingham Cup ruggers will be welcomed and entertained throughout their stay.

Currently, we have over 500 ruggers, across more than 25 clubs, registered for Bingham Cup 2010. To keep you informed of tournament activities, actions and status, we have created a new Bingham Cup website ([www.binghamcup.com](http://www.binghamcup.com)) as your immediate reference for everything you need to know.

**The website offers:**

- News and Updates (both current and previously distributed)
- Tournament Rules and Structure
- National Sport Center Information
- Tournament Registration Information
- Hotel Reference and Links
- Contact Information
- Links to Bingham Cup Merchandise

With Bingham Cup 2010 less than four months away, final preparations are being finalized daily. As a result, we encourage you to visit [www.binghamcup.com](http://www.binghamcup.com) often, to get the most up-to-date information.

In addition, following this communication, the BCOC will be sending out frequent (bi-weekly/monthly) communications, *The Bingham Buzz*, to keep you apprised on tournament activities, parties and events around town to ensure your overall Bingham Cup experience is something to remember.

Our mission from the beginning has been to plan and promote the Bingham Cup as a top-notch tournament, executed as any other championship event. As you can see, Mayhem RFC and our organizing committee (BCOC) is on-track to make sure we meet this mission – and Bingham Cup 2010 – will be a memorable experience.

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact:**

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On behalf of the National Sports Center, it is with great pleasure that we extend our warmest invitation to all athletes, families and friends of Bingham Cup 2010. We are proud to be hosting this event at our campus June 17-20, 2010. We are well underway with our planning and scheduling of fields for games throughout the tournament.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone in June and hope you enjoy your visit while you are here. We know that the memories that you create during the tournament will last a lifetime and we are happy to have a part in that.

Safe Travels,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephonie". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

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