



2011 WORLD BASEBALL CHALLENGE

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INITIAL INVITATION LETTER

Mr. Matt Konopisos
Reno Astros (USA)

Matt,

On behalf of the organizing committee of the World Baseball Challenge, it is our pleasure to present this letter signifying our **OFFICIAL INITIAL INVITATION** for the Reno Astros to participate in the 2011 event, slated to start on or around July 8, 2011, at Prince George Citizen Field, and ending on approximately July 19. Those dates and the schedule will be solidified in the coming dates.

The 2009 tournament was a resounding success on and off the field, and the 2011 plans call for full round-robin play and playoff structure. While we will stay in touch with you as the event draws near, here's the timeline of what we need to receive from you in order to confirm your participation:

- **Stage 1** -- March 21, 2011: Written confirmation of intent to participate
- **Stage 2** -- May 1, 2011: Confirmed travel arrangements, forwarded to WBC committee
- **Stage 3** -- June 15, 2011: Completed roster form, in full, and information as requested for official tournament program

As was provided for participants in the 2009 tournament, your team's accommodations and meals will be covered by the host committee, and your team can speak to the first-rate training and playing facilities that are in place – facilities are being enhanced further for the 2011 tournament. Again, each

team will be provided with a secured changeroom facility, laundry and towel services, and the opportunity to experience life in Central British Columbia, including our well-known first-class hospitality led by team hosts who will be at your service.

All the best to you and your program through the 2011 season.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely and in the spirit of baseball,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Swanson, Chair
Enbridge World Baseball Challenge
July, 2011, Prince George Citizen Field