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'09 fine for sport in the ACT

2009 will be the biggest ever year for sporting events in the capital according to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation Andrew Barr.

Speaking today at the launch of the 2009 ACT Government Sporting Events Calendar at Mount Stromlo Forest Park, Mr Barr said the huge number and high quality of scheduled events is great news for sports fans and for the ACT's tourism operators.

"This packed calendar of 50 major sporting events has something for every Canberra sports fan and for sports fans from across Australia," Mr Barr said.

"This year will see Canberra hosting world cup events, world championships, national championships, international matches and the best rugby league and rugby union competitions in the world. I encourage every Canberran to get along to as many events as they can and to invite their friends and family from interstate to join them.

"The ACT Government invests heavily to develop and maintain world-class venues such as Mount Stromlo Forest Park, Manuka Oval and Canberra Stadium. These investments are paying off in attracting top level sporting events to Canberra and providing Canberrans with great venues to play sport and stay active and healthy."

International highlights of 2009 include the Westfield Matildas v Italy, Women's World Cup Cricket, Qantas Socceroos v Kuwait, Qantas Wallabies v Italy and the 2009 Mountain Bike World Championships.

Canberrans will also be able to see the Brumbies, Raiders and Sydney Swans in action as well as Australian Cross Country Selection trials, AFL and cricket matches.

"Because we realise how important sport is to our community and to our tourism industry the ACT Labor Government will continue to invest in our sporting facilities including the redevelopment of the ACT Tennis Centre at Lyneham, a new state-of-the-art Basketball Centre of Excellence, new and re-surfaced community playing fields and a new aquatic and recreation centre in Gungahlin," Mr Barr said.

The action starts this weekend when Australian women's football team, the Westfield Matildas take on Italy in an international friendly match this Saturday 7 February 2009 at Canberra Stadium.

For details of the 2009 ACT Government Sporting Events Calendar visit

<http://www.canberrastadium.com/>

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2009 ACT Government Sporting Events Calendar

SPORT	DATE	VENUE	TIME
ACT Comets v Victoria	12/01/2009-15/01/2009	Manuka Oval	TBA
Australian Mountain Bike National Championships	22/01/2009- 26/01/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	TBA
Prime Ministers XI V New Zealand	29/01/2009	Manuka Oval	10:00am–6:00pm
CA Brumbies v Hurricanes	30/01/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: 6:30pm Kick off: 7:40pm
Westfield Matilda's v Italy	07/02/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 4:00pm
2009 Australian Cross Country Selection Trials	08/02/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	Start time: 7.30am
CA Brumbies v Crusaders	21/02/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:40pm
NAB Cup Round 1 (AFL pre season) Port Adelaide v Sydney Swans	22/02/2009	Manuka Oval	Start time: 3.40pm
Canberra Running Festival	27/02/2009 – 01/03/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	See www.stromloforestpark.com.au
NAB Challenge Match (AFL Pre-season practice game)	28/02/2009	Manuka Oval	Start time: 1pm
CA Brumbies v Western Force	28/02/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Start Time: 7:40pm
Qantas Socceroos v Kuwait	05/03/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 8pm
Women's Cricket World Cup England v Sri Lanka	07/03/2009	Manuka Oval	9:00am-6:00pm
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Sri Lanka v Pakistan			
CA Brumbies v Waratahs	13/03/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:40pm
Canberra Raiders v Roosters	22/03/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 2:00pm
ACT Cricket First Grade Final	28/03/2009- 30/03/2009	Manuka Oval	TBA
Manuka Oval Autumn Ground Restoration	01/04/2009- 25/04/2009	Manuka Oval	
Canberra Raiders v Cowboys	6/04/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:00pm
CA Brumbies v Stormers	11/04/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 5:35pm
CA Brumbies v Bulls	17/04/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:40pm
Canberra Raiders v Bulldogs	24/04/2009-27/04/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
First Scheduled game of the AFL Canberra 2009 season	26/04/2009	Manuka Oval	TBA
Canberra Raiders v Panthers	01/05/2009-03/05/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
CA Brumbies v Blues	09/05/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:40pm
Super 14 Semi- Finals (Dependant on Brumbies Results)	22/05/2009-23/05/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Canberra Raiders v Warriors	22/05/2009-25/05/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Round 10 2009 Toyota AFL Premiership - Western Bulldogs v Sydney Swans	30/05/2009	Manuka Oval	2:00pm -4:30pm
Super 14 Final	30/05/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA

(Dependant on Brumbies ' season results)			Kick off: TBA
Canberra Raiders v Sharks	12/06/2009-15/06/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Qantas Wallabies v Italy	13/06/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: 7:00pm
Canberra Raiders v Storm	26/06/2009-29/06/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
A-League Pre-Season Practice Game	July 2009	Canberra Stadium	TBA
Canberra Raiders v Titans	03/07/2009-06/07/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Canberra Raiders v Tigers	24/07/2009-27/07/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Round 17, 2009 Toyota AFL Premiership Melbourne v Sydney Swans	26/07/2009	Manuka Oval	1:00pm-3:30pm
Canberra Raiders v Broncos	31/07/2009-03/08/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Canberra Raiders v Dragons	14/08/2009-17/08/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
Canberra Raiders v Knights	28/08/2009-31/08/2009	Canberra Stadium	Gates Open: TBA Kick off: TBA
AFL Canberra Final Series	August/September 2009	Manuka Oval	TBA
ACT Junior Rugby Union Finals Weekend	August 2009	Canberra Stadium	TBA
ACT Junior League Finals Weekend	September 2009	Canberra Stadium	TBA
UCI 2009 Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships	01/09/2009-06/09/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	TBA

2009 National Junior Road Championships	10/09/2009-13/09/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	TBA
NRL Home Semi-Final (If Raiders finish top 4)	11/09/2009- 13/09/2009	Canberra Stadium	TBA
2009 Australian Masters Road Cycling Championships	30/09/2009-05/10/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	TBA
Manuka Oval Spring Ground Restoration Period	October 2009	Manuka Oval	
Scott 24 National 24 Hour Mountain Bike Challenge	10/10/2009- 11/10/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	12 noon – 12 noon
Fitz's Challenge	25/10/2009	Stromlo Forest Park	TBA
ACT Cricket Season Commences	November 2009	Manuka Oval	TBA

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