



THE WORLD GAMES WROCLAW 2017



It is a great celebration of sport... An international event... A promotion of the city and country in the world ... But above all, it is an exceptional idea to promote exercise and a healthy lifestyle. The World Games 2017 is a unique opportunity to create the conditions for developing physical activity – both for younger and older people. The wonderful finale of this project will involve the participation of approximately 3,500 athletes in Wrocław arena in 2017.

This unique event will take place at over 20 venues in Wrocław and Lower Silesia. The World Games 2017 is an event that means more than 30 sport disciplines such as various water, aerial or team sports. Karate, squash, climbing sports, water ski, American football, speedway, ju-jitsu, boules or dancing sports are just some of many sports that we will see during The World Games.

Existing open swimming pool will be re-built into covered swimming pool complex. Another investments are the new track for the roller sports and The Olympic Stadium's modernization. TV broadcasting is planned for more than 100 countries all over the world.

It all began on May 21, 2012, when there was initial agreement signed between the City and the International World Games Association in the Canadian city of Quebec. Thanks to that agreement, in 2017 Wrocław will host one of the biggest sporting events in the world – The 10th World Games 2017. It is a great festival of sport and everybody is invited.

AIR SPORTS

Piloting
Glider Aerobatics
Paramotoring

ARCHERY

Field Archery – Barebow
Archery – Compound
Field Archery – Recurve

BILLIARDS

Pool (9-Ball)
Carom (3-Cushion)
Snooker

BOULES SPORT

Lyonnaise

Petanque

Raffa

BOWLING

Ten Pin – Single
Ten Pin – Mixed

CANOE

Canoe Polo

DANCE SPORT

Standard
Latin
Rock 'n' Roll
Salsa

FINSWIMMING

Pool

FISTBALL

Team Men

FLOORBALL

Team Men

FLYING DISC

Ultimate

GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic
Sports Acrobatics
Sports Aerobics
Trampoline
Tumbling

HANDBALL

Beach Handball

JU-JITSU

Fighting – Various Weight classes

Duo

Ne-vaza

KARATE

Various Weight classes

KORFBALL

Mixed Teams

LACROSSE

Team Women

LIFESAVING

Pool

MUAYTHAI

Various Weight classes

ORIENTEERING

Sprint

Mid. Dist.

Sprint Relay

POWERLIFTING

Various Weight classes

ROLLER SPORTS

Inline-Hockey – Men

Speed Skating – Track

Speed Skating – Road

Artistic

SPORTS CLIMBING

Lead

Speed

Boulder

SQUASH

Single

SUMO

Various Weight classes

TUG OF WAR

Indoor (Women)

Outdoor (Men)

WATER SKI & WAKE-BOARD

Classic Water Ski

Wakeboard

**INVITATIONAL SPORTS IN
TWG WROCŁAW****AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

Men

INDOOR ROWING

Various Weight classes

KICKBOXING

Various Weight classes

SPEEDWAY

Men

Great sport in Wrocław, Poland!

With nearly 4 000 athletes from 100 countries around the world and competitions in 31 disciplines in arenas all around Wrocław, The World Games will be the largest sports event in 2017.

We will see the best athletes in their respective disciplines vying for medals in the capital of Lower Silesia. These are the most important games on the 2017 sport calendar, and a medal in The World Games is as valuable as a medal in The Olympic Games.

The event is held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee. This will be a jubilee event—the tenth edition of The World Games. Previous editions were organized in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Japan. In 2013, TWG was held in South America for the first time, in Cali, Columbia. Following Wrocław, Birmingham, capital of the state of Alabama in the USA, will host the Games in 2021.

The competition is accompanied by great media attention. The competitions will be broadcast in over 100 countries on every continent.

The disciplines of The World Games

Karate, squash, running, climbing, skating - these disciplines are practised by hundreds, if not thousands of people in Wrocław. The Games draw a huge audience around world, and its top competitors are held as idols in their respective countries.

During The World Games 2017, dancers will compete as well. The program includes many different types of dance: standard, Latin dances, rock'n'roll and salsa.

Wrocław was granted the right to include a number of disciplines popular on the local and national Polish sport scene. Therefore, Speedway racing, American football, kickboxing and indoor rowing were add to the program of TWG 2017.

New trends and tradition

The World Games is an opportunity to showcase disciplines which are gradually becoming more and more popular. Ultimate Frisbee is one of the fastest growing sports disciplines in the USA. Seven-person teams compete on a field with dimensions of 100 by 37 meters. Points are awarded for catching a flying disk in the so-called point zone. In the United States there is even a professional league, and its most important matches are broadcast on national television.

Wakeboard is a sport involving spectacular feats on water using a special board. Competitors hold a rope and are towed by a motorboat or a lift. Beach handball is another spectacular

discipline. One interesting thing is the fact that unique and beautiful goals are awarded with an extra point.

The World Games is also a place for tradition. Tug of war, one of the oldest forms of sports competition, was an Olympic discipline between 1900 and 1920. The game of boules has been around since at least the 18th century. In France, the home of this sport, 600 000 players are registered. Archery, which during TWG will be played in two varieties - in the field and on the track, has been practised as a competitive sport for at least 250 years.

Towards a healthier Wrocław

Most of the disciplines included in The World Games can be practised by anyone, often without incurring significant costs. This is an important feature of the sports of TWG - accessibility and universality.

The World Games is also an investment in the sports activity of ordinary people. The idea is to encourage movement of any kind, both during and after the Games, by allowing people to try out different sport disciplines included in TWG program. In the UK, it is estimated that one pound invested in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle equals twenty pounds of savings for the health care system.

An unique program has been implemented for students in primary schools, who have the opportunity to get to know the ins and outs of handball. Free training sessions are held twice a week for two age groups and the program is supported by a former Polish national team member, **Artur Siódmiak**. Those who excel in these initial training sessions have the chance to move on to play for WKS Śląsk Wrocław. Beach handball is one of the most dynamic and spectacular sports of The World Games.

One thousand children from twenty various kindergartens participated in the first edition of the project "Mali Wspaniali." These are general physical activities with elements of martial arts, which also figure prominently in The World Games. It is worth noting that children participating in the program not only gain an understanding of the rules of the sport, but also learn the principles of fair play, healthy eating and general physical fitness. **Anna Lewandowska**, one of the ambassadors of TWG 2017 and a member of the Polish National Karate team takes an active role in the program and shares her knowledge with the program's instructors. Since September 2015, the „Mali Wspaniali” youth program has been growing even more. Thanks to the support of the city and the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, 6 500 children in Wrocław and another 2 000 children in surrounding municipalities have become involved. Two more regions will soon be added to the program.

Investments for the residents of Wrocław

One of the stipulations in granting the right to organize the next edition of The World Games is that the host-city not build facilities, which later cannot be made available to its residents.

In Wrocław, an indoor, Olympic-sized swimming pool, complete with stands will be constructed. After the competitions, the facility will be used by the public. It will be possible to train young swimmers and organize public competitions. The swimming pool will have a

movable bottom and the ability to be split into two smaller parts with a mobile bridge. Two outdoor swimming pools will also be renovated.

In Millennium Park, a track for rollerskating races will be constructed. It will be the only such facility in Poland. After TWG competitions, it will be made available to the public and, according to current plans, will be the first part of a sports and recreation complex dedicated to local use.

The largest investment associated with The World Games is the renovation of the Olympic Stadium. Organizing TWG 2017 has furnished an ideal justification for saving this wonderful, but decaying facility for the residents of Wrocław. After its renovation, it will become more accessible for people with disabilities as well as families with children. Fans of Speedway racing and American football will also benefit. The facility will be refurbished with new seats, lighting and room for athletes and clubs. In addition, the facade will be upgraded. The renovation work is being carried out under the supervision of the city conservator with completion slated for the beginning of 2017.

The World Games in Wrocław under the patronage of the IOC

Since 2000, TWG have been held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee. At the end of last year, during a special IOC session, it was decided to strengthen cooperation with the International World Games Association. The organizations will coordinate their programs and rules for assessment.

José Perurena, the IWGA President and also a member of the IOC, stressed: - *We want to show that non-Olympic sports represent the same high level as those in the Summer Olympic Games.*

- *While preparing Wrocław to organize The World Games 2017 we will very gladly draw upon the support and experience of the International Olympic Committee,* explained Piotr Przygoński, the President of the Organizing Committee of Wrocław. - *Thanks to their support, we are sure that we will be able to organize The World Games at a world-class level.*

In 2014, **Rafał Dutkiewicz**, President of Wrocław, **Andrzej Biernat**, Minister for Sport and Tourism and **Andrzej Kraśnicki**, President of the Polish Olympic Committee signed an agreement of cooperation to organize The World Games 2017.

In June 2015, the President Dutkiewicz, Undersecretary of State in the MST, Dorota Idzi, and Andrzej Kraśnicki (POC) met at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee with the IOC President, Thomas Bach. The head of the Olympic Movement wanted to know the status of the city's preparations to organize TWG2017 and provided support for the idea.

Sports stars at your fingertips

The Games will be played in over twenty facilities throughout the city of Wrocław. The opening and closing ceremony will be held in Wrocław Stadium. However, The World Games is not only a sporting contest. While competition for medals is, of course, the main focus of TWG, The World Games Plaza also plays an important role in this great event. As shown by the examples of previous editions, this fun zone enjoys great interest among local residents

as well as fans. What attracts them? Live music, sports shows, and interesting cultural events. What is more, the athletes themselves will be present. Taking a "selfie" with your favourite athlete, talking with the participants about the latest action – all this and much more will be possible in Wrocław during the summer of 2017.

Many Poles, including those who regularly compete for top spots in the World and European Championships in the disciplines of The World Games, will doubtless find themselves among the elite to win medals at TWG2017. Over the past several months, Polish athletes have won three gold medals at the World Championships in Ju-Jitsu. Polish teams took home gold at the World Lifeguarding Championships and at the European Championships in orienteering and Thai boxing. The last few seasons have seen increasing interest in Polish climbing teams. Many athletes from Wrocław can also be found among the elite participating in TWG 2017 and they will, along with their compatriots, have a chance to shine on the world stage during this unique event.

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