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1. PURPOSE

As per Article 1.5 of the Constitution of the IWGA these Rules of The World Games have been established to govern all aspects of organising and staging World Games events, as defined in Article 2.2 of the Constitution.

2. PARTICIPATION IN WORLD GAMES EVENTS

2.1. Requirements for being eligible (Const. 5)

The quality of The World Games does not depend on the inclusion of a maximum number of equal or similar competitions but on the proper selection of the programme and the quality and attractiveness of the sporting events it consists of. Each Member Federation, in order to be eligible for inclusion in the World Games programme, must guarantee to organise an elite competition which is reserved for invited competitors of the highest standard only. In selecting the competitors and/or teams the Member Federation shall ensure adequate international representation of its members.

2.1.1. Pursuant to Article 5 of the Constitution Member Federations, in order that sports or disciplines of sports under their control may be eligible for participation, must produce documented evidence:

- that they effectively control such sports or disciplines of sports world-wide and
- that these sports disciplines are being practised in a competitive way in at least three (3) of the world's continents;
- that they have organised at least three (3) World Championships or comparable events for the sports disciplines concerned.

2.1.2. In addition, the nature of the sports or disciplines of sports of the concerned shall meet the following eligibility criteria:

- the sport is competitive and the results of the competition are measurable;
- the sport does not depend directly and/or only on non-human energy for the performances of the participants;
- the competition in the sport is not of necessity organised in separate age groups;
- the sport does not depend on the availability of ice and/or snow for its competitions.

Furthermore, sports or disciplines of sports to be admitted for the first time, should not show characteristics which are very similar to those of sports or disciplines of sports already on the sports programme.

Member Federations with their applications for participation will provide a specification of technical requirements as laid down in their regulations as these read on the day they submit their applications to participate, and no changes therein enacted at a later date will apply or be enforceable on the Host City of the World Games event concerned, unless the Host City will have accepted these in writing.

2.2. Exclusion from participation by the Executive Committee (Const. 5)

The Executive Committee (ExCo) has the power to deny otherwise eligible sports or disciplines of sports participation in a World Games event:

2.2.1. If infrastructure or other constraints in the Host City would make this unavoidable.

2.2.2. If the staging of the competition concerned would require expenditure in considerable excess of the average expenditure for all participating sports or disciplines of sports.

2.2.3. If the Member Federation concerned does not comply with all administrative requirements relating to the organising of the World Games event.

2.2.4. If the Member Federation concerned at or in the period leading up to a previous World Games event by its organisation and performance has caused adverse effects to the event

2.3. The official sports programme of World Games events (Const. 5)

The ExCo, in accordance with an evaluation of the criteria mentioned above, takes the final decision on the composition of the official sports programme. Member Federations may lodge an appeal against the decision of the ExCo within four (4) weeks after this decision has been made public.

2.4. The invitational sports programme of World Games events

In mutual agreement with the host city the ExCo may establish a so called Invitational Sports Programme for those sports disciplines which, on the day of the final decision on the official sports programme, did not fulfil one or more of the requirements mentioned in Rule 2.1. Such sports or disciplines of sports do not qualify for free accommodation of their participants and their medals will be different, but all other stipulations of these Rules will apply.

3. PRINCIPLES OF ORGANISING AND AWARDING THE WORLD GAMES EVENT

3.1. Partnership

Organising a World Games event is done in partnership between the IWGA and the Host City, who for this purpose will conclude an agreement. The IWGA shall be responsible for arranging the participation of International Sports Federations, providing world top class competitions, whilst the Host City shall be responsible for the provision of all facilities including all relevant competition and/ or training equipment for the sports disciplines using the facility as well as the personnel to operate the equipment, and services required to stage a World Games event, covering the operating cost of the IWGA for the four (4) years period, of which the last year is the calendar year of the event. In order to assist the Host City in financing the organisation of the event, the IWGA will, under agreed conditions, transfer the commercial rights of the event to the Host City for the purpose of marketing those rights. The formal decision on the venue and the dates of a World Games event is taken by the AGM preferably before the preceding World Games event. (Const.7.15)

Such decision cannot be taken unless:

- an agreement has been concluded and signed with the Host City;
- the Host City has ascertained the support of the sports organisations in its country.

3.2. Tender fee

The ExCo may require the payment of a tender fee by the Cities applying for staging a World Games event.

4. TASKS OF AND SUPPORT BY THE HOST CITY

4.1. Tasks Host City

The following tasks are to be undertaken by the Host City free of any charge and this will be part of the agreement between the IWGA and the Host City;

- 4.1.1. To set up an Organising Committee with a supporting office for the execution of all duties and fulfilment of all tasks relating to organising and staging of the event.
- 4.1.2. To recruit sufficient and capable personnel to staff all sectors of the organisation.
- 4.1.3. To provide installed and equipped office space for all those involved in preparing, organising, staging and liquidating the event.
- 4.1.4. To provide the sports facilities required for the event, inclusive of all relevant equipment -among others office equipment - in operational order for the event, as well as the personnel to operate them. The respective IF's and the rules of their particular sport or sports discipline direct the competitions at the World Games event.
- 4.1.5. To provide the accommodation for all participants and for the officials and guests of the IWGA.
- 4.1.6. To arrange the facilities for doping control tests and finance the doping control. The number of doping control tests to be taken during a World Games event will be determined by the ExCo before concluding the agreement with the Host City and will not be less than five percent (5%) of the total number of participating athletes.

- 4.1.7. To arrange for medical services and first aid at sports arenas, including transport arrangements to hospitals.
- 4.1.8. To provide banners, decorations, direction signs etc. in the City and the sports installations.
- 4.1.9. To provide a suitable transportation system for the benefit of all participants, competitors as well as officials.
- 4.1.10. To arrange for security services for the protection of participants and spectators.
- 4.1.11. To arrange for insurance against liability claims and the damages of non-performance.
- 4.1.12. To establish and execute programmes for propaganda and promotion.
- 4.1.13. To provide during the Games sufficient and properly installed and equipped space for IWGA officials and their guests to work and meet, and for the media.
- 4.1.14. To arrange the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the event and the medal ceremonies for each competition, including supplying the medals (of which no less than two (2) complete model sets will be given to the IWGA).
- 4.1.15. To provide Press information as described in WG Rule 9.
- 4.1.16. To contract a Host Broadcaster who will produce the TV signal of the event

4.2. The Host City further undertakes the following hospitality functions:

- 4.2.1. To include, within the scope of the World Games event, a general cultural and social programme. An additional sport programme may be part of this social and cultural programme for the promotion of disciplines of sports which are not on the programmes of the events mentioned in WG Rules 2.3 and 2.4. Such disciplines of sports can not be sports disciplines of Olympic sports. The social programme arranged by the Organisation Committee shall put emphasis on cultural activities and actions of international solidarity.
- 4.2.2. For the purpose of promoting international communication: to create suitable amenities near one of the principal sports installations, for the participants to meet, to have meals and to attend social events.
- 4.2.3. To arrange for suitable touring packages for the foreign visitors which will enable them to be introduced to the City and the Region.
- 4.2.4. To provide receptions and invitations to social events during the event.
- 4.2.5. To provide a commemorative gift to all participants.
- 4.2.6. To arrange to cover expenses for one (1) meeting of the ExCo of the IWGA in the Host City each year during the period of preparation for the World Games event and in the calendar year of the World Games. The President of the IWGA will co-ordinate with the Host City on the participation of any additional official of The World Games required for that meeting.

4.3. The Host City will use its best efforts to:

- 4.3.1. Facilitate the issue of entrance visa to participants, officials and media personnel where these are required.
- 4.3.2. Ensure that the independent sports organisations in its country, the province and the region be prepared to support the event through their organisational capabilities and manpower.

4.4. Other commitments of Host City

- 4.4.1. The Host City will recognise and observe the Rules of The World Games as they read on the day the agreement between the IWGA and the Host City is signed. The IWGA has the right to change the Constitution, Regulations and the Rules of the

World Games. These changes will have no effect on the current contract with the Host City and will not be applicable to the Host City. However, in case these changes would improve the operation of a World Games event, the Host City, in mutual consent with the IWGA, may request in writing that these changes are applicable to the event in the Host City.

- 4.4.2. The Host City will recognise and observe any agreements between the IWGA and other parties which have a bearing on the World Games event concerned.

5. THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

5.1. The Organising Committee.

5.1.1. The Organising Committee mentioned in WG Rules 4.1.1 will be set up not later than six (6) months after the World Games event has been awarded to the Host City. The Host City will appoint its Chairman and his or her deputy in agreement with the ExCo of the IWGA. The Chairman will appoint further members from the civil and sports authorities of the host country, and to achieve the best co-operation such members must have the support of the authorities of the Host City and of the relevant sports organisations.

5.1.2. The Organising Committee shall execute all responsibilities of the Host City regarding the World Games event and in this respect among other things take care of:

- social programmes
- tickets
- promotional material for national use
- promotional material for international use, such as posters and brochures
- public relations, press and information services
- transportation
- accreditation
- technical equipment for competition and training facilities
- housing and boarding facilities
- medical services
- security services
- arrangements for meetings and congresses
- ceremonies
- decorations, medals, awards and souvenirs.

5.1.3. As soon as possible but no later than from the end of the fourth (4th) year before the World Games event, the Organising Committee will have a headquarters with a permanent address, equipped with the necessary communication equipment.

5.1.4. From one (1) week before the start of the World Games event until two days after the Closing Ceremony, the headquarters will be open twenty-four (24) hours per day.

5.2. The Co-ordination Committee

A Co-ordination Committee for conducting the communications between the IWGA and the Host City will be set up at an agreed upon date. It will consist of an equal number of members from the ExCo of the IWGA and the Organising Committee, and its Chairman will be the President of the IWGA. (Reg. 5.4)

6. ACCREDITATION

6.1. The Organising Committee will establish an Accreditation Office where all competitors, officials and participants shall receive an Identity Card (ID Card). ID Cards for participants can only be issued against a corresponding nomination form received from the respective International Sports Federation within the time limit set by the ExCo of the IWGA. The staff in the Accreditation Office shall include at least one representative of each sport on the programme, who shall have the authority to confirm and approve the accreditation of each participant in the respective sport.

6.2. ID Cards shall be issued in different colours for the following categories:

Card A

- a) The highest representative of the City and the State to an extent to be agreed in detail between the ExCo of the IWGA and the Organising Committee.
- b) The highest representatives of international and national sports organisations to an extent to be agreed in detail between the ExCo of the IWGA and the Organising Committee.
- c) The President and the Secretary General of each International Sports Federation whose sports or disciplines of sports are on the programme of the current World Games.
- d) The Members of the ExCo of the IWGA.
- e) The Members of the Organising Committee.
- f) VIP's.
- g) The observers of the Host City of the next World Games event.

Card B

- a) The members of the technical committees of the sports events.
- b) The Technical Delegates of the International Sports Federations.

Card C

- a) Competitors, officials, coaches, trainers, judges, referees, umpires and jury members according to the agreements reached with the respective International Sports Federations.
- b) The ancillary personnel of the Organising Committee.
- c) Physicians under contract, medical staff, sanitation personnel.
- d) Security personnel.

Card D

- a) Sports writers
- b) Photographers.
- c) Television personnel including commentators, producers, directors, cameramen and technical staff.
- d) The personnel of PR and Marketing Consultants, where applicable.

6.3. ID Cards can only be issued in accordance with previously submitted nomination forms. Each individual must present his or her personal identity document, passport or, where applicable, the duplicate of the nomination form.

6.4. Based on the different categories ID Cards, the Organising Committee shall determine the authorisation to enter the specialised areas of the sports venues and other installations, according to the competence of each individual. If the necessity arises to change any of the participants on the original list after the list has been submitted, the International Sports Federation concerned must officially inform the Organising Committee in writing, by e-mail, fax, telegram or telex, with the names of the participants who will be replacing the original ones. Such information shall be sent immediately after such changes have been made.

7. RESERVATION OF SPECTATOR SEATS

7.1. Reserved spectator seats shall be available for all accredited persons. Holders of A Cards shall be entitled to a second free entrance ticket for the seat next to them, provided that this has been requested at the time of accreditation or in advance by permission of the ExCo of the IWGA or the Organising Committee.

7.2. Seats in the places of honour shall be reserved for:

- a) The head of State and the highest political persons of the Host City's country.
- b) The most important sports authorities of the world, including the Members of the International Olympic Committee.
- c) The three highest authorities of the Host City.
- d) The President of the highest sports authority and the President of the National Olympic Committee of the Host City's country.
- e) The Members of the ExCo of the IWGA and their partners.
- f) The Presidents of International Sports Federations affiliated with the IWGA.

- 7.3. Seats for press and TV reporters shall be in locations which will provide them with a good view and technical facilities appropriate to their duties.
- 7.4. Television cameras shall have an unobstructed view of the various competitions.
- 7.5. Photographers and cameramen who have been accredited shall be provided with arm-bands/bibs which will authorise access to a reserved area close to the competition area, provided that they do not interfere with the progress of the sport event.
- 7.6. The number of seats reserved for non-competitors and athletes at venues other than their own competition venue will be limited in accordance with the demand for such seats.

8. INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAMES

- 8.1. Communication between the ExCo of the IWGA and the Organising Committee on the one side, and the International Sports Federations on the other side shall be carried out as follows:
 - 8.1.1. Before the start of the activities of the Organising Committee: by circulation of a Bulletin by the IWGA Press Officer to the Federations.
 - 8.1.2. After the start of the activities of the Organising Committee: by circulating, in close co-operation with the IWGA Press Officer, current information about the situation of the preparations and other important details.
- 8.2. A programme brochure will be produced by the Organising Committee, in which due recognition shall be given to The World Games and its organisation.

9. PRESS INFORMATION

- 9.1. The Organising Committee will, in close co-operation with the IWGA Press Officer, provide information and press service before, during and after the World Games event. The press service will record the events in such a way, that statistical evaluation is possible and will provide, among other things:
 - a) The necessary information with respect to the participating International Sports Federations.
 - b) Explanations of the various sports events included in the programme and their rules.
 - c) Descriptions of the sports installations with dates and times of the competitions.
 - d) Information about participants and high-ranking athletes and, for team sports, the team composition.
 - e) Interim and final results.
 - f) The names of the judges and referees.
 - g) Information about the spectator capacity of arenas and the actual numbers of spectators.
 - h) Other important information.
- 9.2. The press and information service shall publish its releases in the language of the country where the World Games event takes place and it will provide material in English for worldwide publicity.
- 9.3. The press and information service shall start, in close co-operation with the IWGA Press Officer, its activity three years before the start of the World Games event, beginning with a thorough description of the sports installations, the planned accommodations, the available rooms and the introduction of the Members of the ExCo of the IWGA and the Organising Committee.
- 9.4. In addition to the work of the press and information service, press conferences shall be held before and during the event. The Press Section of the Organising Committee shall coordinate these press conferences with the Press Officer of the IWGA.
- 9.5. Particular attention shall be given to the early announcement of the accredited representatives of the press and mass media, the participating sports federations and the invited sponsors and VIP's.

10. FLAGS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Following the principle that The World Games is a multi-sports festival organised by the IWGA in the name of the International Sports Federations, the mentioned there under stipulations shall be observed:

10.1. Opening- and Closing Ceremony

At the Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony the national anthem of the hosting country will be played. At the Opening Ceremony, at the sports installations and at the accommodations the flags of The World Games, the International Sports Federations, the International Olympic Committee and of the Host City and hosting country may be flown.

10.2. Medal Ceremony

At medal ceremonies the flags of the three winners' delegations shall be hoisted. The national anthem of the winner shall be played. The flags and national anthem used in the ceremony shall be those as recognised by the IOC for that delegation and all three flags shall be one size.

10.3. Use of flags, logo's and hymns by Host City

Following from Article 10.5 of the Constitution of the IWGA, any flags, logos and hymns designed for a specific World Games event need the approval of the ExCo of the IWGA and will be the property of the IWGA. The rights of the Host City to use such flags, logos and hymns in promotional activities will be laid down in the agreement between the IWGA and the Host City.

11. THE IF-PASSPORT

The IF-Passport is a document issued by the IWGA and signed by its Secretary General, in which are

- recorded the following elements relating to the participation of the International Sports Federation concerned:
- number of competitors;
- number of officials (judges, referees, delegates, technicians, Technical Delegate);
- arrival and departure dates;
- number of beds/nights;
- allocated venue;
- number of medals;
- dates of competitions.

The IF-Passport shall become valid upon receipt of a copy signed for acceptance by the International Federation.

12. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

12.1. The ExCo of the IWGA determines the number of participants in the various disciplines for each participating International Sports Federation. The ExCo will attempt to achieve a suitable balance with regard to the number of competitors in the various sports events. The popularity of a sports event in the world as well as the manner of presentation of the competition and its attractiveness shall be taken into account.

12.2. The necessary limitation of the number of participating athletes requires for the same reasons the application of strict rules regarding the number of officials. The number of officials accompanying competitors shall not exceed a percentage which has been agreed upon between the ExCo of the IWGA and the Federation concerned. These agreed numbers must be strictly observed by all parties.

12.3. Team competitions shall be limited to six (6) teams from six (6) different countries unless the ExCo of the IWGA decides otherwise. The hosting country may be represented if the standard of their team is at a level acceptable to their International Sports Federation but their team will be one (1) of the six(6).

- 12.4. The results in single sports events cannot at the same time count for team events. Combination wins cannot be allowed for competitions where already single winners have been awarded medals.
- 12.5. A suitable relation between the number of competitors and the number of medals will be established by the ExCo of the IWGA, and they will take into account the nature of the various competitions.
- 12.6. The names of the participants, which shall be sent to the Organising Committee as soon as possible after the 1st of January of the calendar year of The World Games and no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the opening of the Games, may not exceed the numbers recorded in the IF-Passport.

13. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARDING

- 13.1. Accommodation will be provided in hotels and/or on a campus for all participants according to the numbers mentioned in the IF-Passport.
- 13.2. Preferably the participants shall be hosted during the whole, currently ten (10) days, period of the World Games event. The number of bed nights for which free accommodation and three (3) meals (incl. breakfast and at least one hot meal) will be provided shall be at least the number of days required for the competition plus two (2) – three (3) for participants travelling from another continent-, whilst ensuring participation of the athletes in either the Opening or in the Closing Ceremony or in the World Games Party. On the day of arrival a free dinner will be provided and on the day of departure a free breakfast.
- 13.3. The Presidents and the Secretaries General of the participating Federations shall be the guests of The World Games. They will be accommodated in single rooms with breakfast at the same hotel as the Members of the ExCo of the IWGA. These invitations are personal and cannot be transferred to other persons. In case of participation in World Games events of more than one separate sports discipline of one Federation, the Chairmen or Presidents of the respective sports Commissions of the Federation may take the place of the Secretary General.

14. SPECIAL SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall guarantee:

- 14.1. To provide at least one (1) hot meal on all days, in general between 12.00 and 22.00 hours. On behalf of participants one of their Delegates will - if so requested by the Organising Committee - indicate on the previous day the exact number of meals and the time at which they are required. Participants who, due to time constraints of their competition, wish to have their hot meal outside these hours must make special arrangements with the Organising Committee.
- 14.2. To provide lunch-packets to participants in case they cannot take their regular meals. The desired number of such packets must be announced on the previous day.
- 14.3. Possibilities to purchase drinks and snacks at or close to the sports facilities and the accommodations preferably until two (2) hours after the end of the last competition each day.
- 14.4. Possibilities to have the laundry of the participants taken care of by a laundry service close to the accommodations, but participants will pay their own expenses.
- 14.5. Possibilities for leisure, relaxation and entertainment for the participants.
- 14.6. Information about all these services at well chosen locations. This also applies to information about meals in the catering centres.

15. THE TECHNICAL DELEGATES

- 15.1. For each World Games event the participating Federation must appoint a Technical Delegate who should, if possible, have his or her residence in the country where the event takes place. During the Games the Technical Delegate is the only responsible person for the participants

of his or her Federation. Technical Delegates will be provided with a task description by the ExCo of the IWGA.

15.2. As such he or she will take care of:

- forwarding all information to the participants of his or her Federation;
- all announcements in the catering centres about meals;
- the control of all accommodations in the housing area of the participants of his or her Federation;
- the determination of responsibilities in case of breakages or damages; the Federations shall be held responsible for such damages and breakages and it is advised that they request compensation from their national associations or from the participants of their sports;
- assisting with the accreditation procedure for all participants of his or her Federation;
- checking the technical installations of the training and competition venues for his or her sport;
- assisting his or her Federation in providing adequate technical officials for the control of the competitions.

15.3. The Technical Delegate will be housed in a room of his or her own with telephone in the same hotel or at the same campus where the participants of his or her Federation are staying. Office equipment will be at his or her disposal.

16. MEDICAL SERVICES

16.1. The Organising Committee shall guarantee that a first aid service is available at all sports facilities. Sports or disciplines of sports which consider permanent on-site standby service necessary during their competitions will have to make arrangements themselves and at their own expense.

16.2. Medical service close to the sports facilities as well as in the nearest hospitals shall be guaranteed by the Organising Committee which for this purpose shall conclude the necessary contractual agreements.

16.3. Doping control

16.3.1. As part of its doping control programme the IWGA shall establish Anti-Doping Rules, which shall be an integral part of these Rules of The World Games. By their application to participate in The World Games the Members of the IWGA shall implicitly recognise and agree to abide by the provisions of the IWGA Anti-Doping Rules.

16.3.2. Any medal winner failing to pass a doping control test shall forfeit his or her medal. The ExCo of the IWGA will take the relevant decision. Further disciplinary actions will be the responsibility of the Federation concerned and it will inform the IWGA of any such actions taken.

17. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The participating Federations or the participants in the competitions shall bear the cost of travelling to the World Games event. This includes travel from the nearest airport to the Accreditation Office. If requested, the Organising Committee will arrange the transport from the nearest airport to the Accreditation Office or to the accommodation area of the participants.

18. MEETING ROOMS

18.1. The Organising Committee shall provide free of charge meeting rooms:

- for permanent use during the Games by the ExCo of the IWGA which should be equipped with telephone, fax, word processing and photocopying facilities;
- on previous announcement: for assemblies of the IWGA and for press conferences of the IWGA;
- likewise on previous announcement: for assemblies and/or press conferences of the participating Federations.

19. PROTOCOL

- 19.1.** At all official functions and ceremonies the President of the IWGA will be the guest of honour. He or she will represent the IWGA at all functions and ceremonies.
- 19.2.** Presidents, or in case of a Federation participating with more than one distinct discipline of sports, the President or the Chairman of the respective disciplines of sports of the International Sports Federations will preside over all ceremonies in connection with their events.
- 19.3.** Presidents and Secretaries General of the participating Federations will be guests of honour at all events.
- 19.4.** All those who have contributed to the organisation of the World Games event in whatever way or manner, as professionals or volunteers, shall receive a commemorative gift, on the nature of which the ExCo of the IWGA will decide together with the Organising Committee.

20. OPENING, CLOSING AND MEDAL CEREMONIES

20.1. Opening Ceremony

The ExCo of the IWGA shall agree with the Organising Committee the programme of presentations and sports events which will be included in the Opening Ceremony. In case a parade of participants is included in the Opening Ceremony, the parade must be early in the programme so as to avoid having them standing in the assembly or arena for unduly long periods. The participants will march in by country behind the flag of their country. The delegations will parade in alphabetical order according to the language of the host country. The delegation of the host country will march in last.

- 20.1.1. A Master of Ceremonies will introduce the Chairman of the Organising Committee who will give a short speech. The Host City may co-ordinate with the IWGA regarding other dignitaries to be included as speaker at the Opening Ceremony. He or she will then introduce the President of the IWGA who will likewise deliver a short address, ending with the invitation to the guest of honour to declare the World Games event open. The guest of honour will be the head of State or the highest political or sports authority of the hosting country or the representative of a world sports organisation.
- 20.1.2. After the guest of honour has declared the World Games event open there will be a simultaneous raising of the flags of The World Games, the IOC, the Host City and the hosting country as the national anthem of the host country is played (WG Rules 10).
- 20.1.3. The participants will then march out of the arena and they will be seated in the stands to watch the following events of the Opening Ceremony
- 20.1.4. The Opening Ceremony will conclude with suitable sports and other presentations.

20.2. Medal Ceremonies

Medal Ceremonies for the different sports disciplines will take a uniform format and follow the same procedure. The Organising Committee and the IWGA will co-ordinate with the International Federation on the involvement of officials in the Medal Ceremony.

- 20.2.1. At the conclusion of the competition concerned a podium will be placed facing the main stand for the purpose of the Medal Ceremony.
- 20.2.2. Accompanied by a special fanfare and preceded by an official and the medal bearers the medal winners will march in (from the right in the order 2, 1, 3; from the left in the order 3.1.2) and take up their respective positions behind the podium.
- 20.2.3. Two presenters (preferably more in the case of team sports), at least one of whom should be from the IF concerned, will take up their position at the side of the podium.
- 20.2.4. The Master of Ceremonies will make the following announcement over the public address system, first in the language of the organising country and then in English:

“Ladies and gentlemen, the World Games Medal Ceremony for (name of the event). The medals will be presented by (name, title and other particulars where applicable) He/She/They is/are accompanied by (name, title and other particulars where applicable) The winner(s) of the bronze medal(s), representing (name of country) is/are The winner(s) of the silver medal(s), representing (name of country) is/are..... The winner(s) of the gold medal(s) and World Games Champion(s), representing (name of country) is/are”

- 20.2.5. As each winner is announced he or she or team will mount the podium on the appropriate level whereupon the medal bearers will bring the appropriate medals on a tray to Presenter(s) 1 who will present the person(s) concerned with the appropriate medal(s). Thereafter Presenter(s) 2 will present the person(s) concerned with flowers or a memento.
- 20.2.6. After the medals have been presented, the Master of Ceremonies will announce: “Ladies and gentlemen, the national anthem of (name of country of gold medal winners(s))”, whereupon the flags of the three medal winners will be hoisted and the national anthem of the winner(s) of the event will be played. (WG Rules 10.2)
- 20.2.7. After the playing of the national anthem the medal winners may pose for photographs, whereupon, preceded by an official, they will march off.
- 20.2.8. The medals shall have the World Games logo on the observe side with space for name and event, and the coat of arms or the seal of the Host City on the reverse side. In a team sport at least one (1) additional medal shall be given to the national association to dispose of as they wish.
- 20.2.9. The presentation of gifts during the Medal Ceremony is not permitted, nor loud-speaker advertisements, commercial messages and detailed information about the medal winners.

20.3. Closing Ceremony

- 20.3.1. The Closing Ceremony shall be held at a location agreed upon by the ExCo of the IWGA. The delegations of the participating Federations, Members of the ExCo of the IWGA and Members of the Organising Committee will attend.
- 20.3.2. The President of the IWGA will deliver an address of thanks on behalf of the IWGA and he or she will present to the City authority a World Games flag which will be retained by the Host City as a permanent memento.
- 20.3.3. The representatives of the Host City of the next World Games event, if present, will attend to receive the World Games flag.
- 20.3.4. The highest authority of the Host City will be the official host of the Closing Ceremony. He or she will close the Games.
- 20.3.5. The Closing Ceremony will be followed by a social gathering.

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