

## **Bulletin No. 4**

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To all participating sports of the World Games 2005,

Enclosed you receive the fourth edition of the Information Bulletin on the World Games 2005 by the Duisburg Organising Committee (DOC). This bulletin complements the previous editions no. 1 to 3 sent to you earlier. This last edition of the bulletin deals with the Opening Ceremony and informs you about all remaining issues you have to know prior to arrival. Please go through the present information thoroughly and inform your respective technical staff members plus the participants of your sport accordingly.

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## 1. Side Programme

### 1.1. Opening Ceremony

#### **Opening of the World Games 2005 on Thursday, 14/07/05, at 8.15 pm in the Duisburg MSV Arena**

The opening of the World Games in Duisburg will be marked by a highly colourful and entertaining show. International artists, top-class special effects and over 1,000 athletes and protagonists will parade and perform in a dazzling spectacle in the Duisburg MSV Arena. A giant backdrop will show scenes from the hosting city of Duisburg plus the 40 World Games sports and during the show's finale the entire MSV Arena will be lit in the World Games colours as a greeting to the whole world. A special live performance of the newly composed official World Games song will feature as a special highlight. The mainstay of the show will be the performances by the artists Nena, José Cura, Hayley Westenra, the Duisburg Philharmonic Orchestra and Benny Martell.

The Opening Ceremony begins at 8.15 pm and will probably last until 10.15 pm.

Spectators will be allowed to enter the stadium from 5 pm and starting from 7.30 pm there will be a "Warm Up" to cheer up the crowd.

The parade of the athletes from over 100 nations will certainly be the highlight of the show. To be able to coordinate this event, below you find all necessary information regarding the participation in the Opening Ceremony:

- All accredited World Games participants, who want to take part in the athletes' parade, should please come to the Ice Arena by 6 pm on July 14. The Ice Arena is immediately next to the central catering unit and the MSV Arena itself. There the participants will be briefed about the parade.
- Immediately after the Opening Ceremony the athletes who participated in the parade can return to their hotels by shuttle buses (if they want to).
- From 10.30 pm there will be a concert on the World Games Plaza, immediately next to the stadium, to which the participants of the World Games are heartily invited. Shuttle buses will also be available for transport back to the hotels after the concert.
- The central catering unit will be open from 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm on this evening so that you can get a warm meal there.

Only accredited participants of the World Games 2005 (members of official delegations including extra officials) can participate in the parade of athletes on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony. That also refers to athletes who are accredited for a later period of time. To take part in the parade, you just need your accreditation card.

Therefore it is recommendable to fetch the accreditation card in time to be able to take part in the parade.

For athletes, whose competitions start on 15/07/2005, a limited amount of tickets to the Opening Ceremony is available at the central Information Center in front of the MSV Arena. The tickets are distributed according to the "first come, first served" principle and are available on 14/07/2005 starting from 8 am.

The same arrangement will be made for the Closing Ceremony:

For athletes, whose competitions finish on 24/07/2005, a limited amount of tickets to the Closing Ceremony is available at the central Information Center in front of the MSV Arena. The tickets are distributed according to the "first come, first served" principle and are available from 23/07/2005, 8 am.

The tickets are only valid in combination with an accreditation card and are only handed out upon presentation of the accreditation card.

## **1.2. Closing Ceremony**

### **Closing of the World Games 2005 on Sunday, 24/07/05, at 9 pm in the Duisburg MSV Arena**

With a grand finale, the World Games 2005 plan to awaken emotions once again looking ahead to the staging of the World Games 2009 in the host city Kaohsiung City / Chinese Taipei. Representatives from the worlds of politics and sports will say goodbye to the World Games 2005 in Duisburg and honour athletes and volunteers. For the artistic part of the show, Superstar-finalist Benny Martell will once again sing the official World Games song. Additionally the "Cuba meets Classic" project performs an atmospheric and exciting tightrope walk between two worlds of music. Finally, some 70 dancers from Chinese Taipei will present a unique performance to create a mood for the World Games 2009.

All participants are invited to attend the closing ceremony. Meeting point to arrange the athletes' parade is again the Ice Arena.

## **1.3. World Games Party**

On July 19 the World Games Party will be staged on the World Games Plaza. This is an event exclusively for athletes, officials, the DOC staff plus some sponsors, media representatives and World Games Ambassadors. The party starts at 7 pm, immediately after lunch time at the central catering unit. Apart from some official words of greeting the entire evening will be dedicated to good music and amusement.

#### 1.4. World Games Plaza

The drafting of the programme has been concluded. On May 23, the entire programme with all its details was presented in a press conference.

On the same occasion a 4-colour flyer was presented with the highlights of the cultural programme. It will be published in an edition of 400,000 copies to be inserted in regional magazines, distributed in hand or per display.

For some events tickets are needed; these tickets can be bought in advance at ticket offices or via internet. The numbers of tickets sold hitherto have made us optimistic. The programme has been accepted very well.

In time for the World Games another brochure (with 60 pages) will be published to present the cultural programme in detail.

## 2. Media

### 2.1. Main Media Center / International Broadcasting Center

The **Main Media Center** (MMC) will be situated in the business lounge of the MSV-Arena, where a multi-purpose office will be established. MMC will reserve approximately 150 desks with internet connections and telephone lines. It will be **opened on July 12 “High Noon”**. Opening times are from 12 am to 6 pm on July 12 /13 and from 8 am to 12 pm on July 14 to 24. Arriving journalists will receive their accreditation cards, the Media Guide, further information etc and a bag at the MMC Help Desk.

At the moment **a total of 525 journalists have submitted accreditation forms** – not all of them for the whole period of the Games. DOC will have a close look at every accreditation form and decide who will be accepted. A **number of 400** journalists might be a realistic number. The WIGE, WDR and Chinese TV staff will add another 250 people to this number.

The DOC is planning to build an International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) within the facilities of the MSV-Arena (east side) with technical work areas and offices. Chinese Television (CCTV) plans to broadcast a daily output of six hours.

Apart from supporting the working environment of the journalists, Media Communications is going to establish its own small News Agency in the MMC. The news desk will produce daily reports, previews, press releases, flash quotes and daily summaries to be distributed in the MMC, on the homepage [www.worldgames2005.de](http://www.worldgames2005.de) and by satellite via the leading German sport news agency “Sportinformationsdienst” (sid).

The news teams at the venues must receive **support from the press officers of the IFs and NFs**. DOC expects a close cooperation with these experts who will be the **main source for the journalists’ questions**. Both sides will be in a classical win-win-situation.

The results of the competitions will be **published on the World Games homepage** with the help of the **WIGE Data System**. Staff from DOC will **fill in result sheets online and publish them at the same time**. A link from the homepage will lead to the result system.

Press conferences will be held in the **MSV-Arena press centre** every morning at 11 am (IWGA/DOC) and on demand.

## 2.2. TV

WIGE Media is the host broadcaster of the World Games 2005. Twice a day WIGE will produce a roughly 30-minute programme of daily highlights which can be delivered upon request. Additionally WIGE will offer international TV stations to transfer live signals of the World Games 2005. The daily highlight features summarising the day's finals and covering all sports in an adequate way, will be transferred by satellite daily at 10.30 pm. Moreover the EBU (European Broadcasting Union) will provide a daily news edit.

Last but not least the German TV stations, WDR/ARD and ZDF, will ensure national media coverage of the World Games 2005.

Only the staff members of WIGE Media and WDR TV are allowed to enter the interior of the venues. They are also entitled to make appointments with the athletes for interviews. All other media representatives can interview the athletes in the mixed zone of the respective venue.

## 2.3. Live Video Streaming

The rights for live video streaming of the World Games are back with the DOC. The Federations therefore have the option to make arrangements for live video streaming at the venues. The federations themselves have to see to it that the necessary data lines and server capacity are booked. The cameramen of the federations will be accredited as photographers. To be able to make the necessary preparations, the DOC Media Office would like to ask you to contact them until July 1, 2005 at the latest, if you should wish to organise live video streaming.

## 3. Medal Ceremonies

The medal ceremonies are subject to the Regulations of the IWGA which are following closely the Olympic procedure of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The winning athletes are honoured in the following order: bronze, silver, gold. The national flags of the winning athletes are hoisted, while the national anthem of the gold medal winner is played.

The announcements of the masters of ceremonies at the venue to present the athletes and presenters to the audience will be in German and in English.

The medal ceremonies will be conducted by eight mobile teams consisting of thirteen people each.

These persons have various functions:

- Head of team
- Official
- Medal bearers and flower girls
- Flag hoister and technical staff

The athletes and presenters who will act in the ceremony meet the official at the Meeting Point and, from there, are led to the podium for the medal ceremony. At the same time they are accompanied by medal bearers and flower girls who hand the medals and flowers over to the presenters who pass them on to the sportsmen and women.

After presenting the medals and flowers, the flags of the three winning nations are hoisted, while the national anthem of the winner is played.

Afterwards the athletes pose for photographs.

Finally the athletes and presenters are led back to the Meeting point by the official.

#### **4. Ticketing**

As stated in Bulletin No. 3 under point 6, a limited number of free tickets to sporting events is available for delegation members, which are distributed according to the "first come, first served" principle. These tickets can be fetched from the central Information Center in front of the MSV Arena daily from 8.00 am for the events of a certain day and of the following day. Tickets are only valid in combination with an accreditation card and are only handed out upon presentation of the accreditation card.

#### **5. Change of participants' dates**

Even after the final entry of accreditation data on 19/05/2005, it may happen that athletes are unable to attend the Games and have to be replaced, for instance because of injuries. All changes of participants' dates have to be communicated by the International Federation. They know who is the respective DOC contact person for accreditation of their sports.

## 6. Anti-Doping Declaration (final version)

The last Bulletin contained the declaration which the participants are requested to sign upon accreditation. This is the final version of this text:

### **Acknowledgement and Agreement (for athletes only)**

I, the undersigned as a participant in The World Games 2005, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have received information on the IWGA Anti Doping Rules and was given the prior opportunity to review the IWGA Anti-Doping Rules.
2. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions and conditions of the WADA Anti-Doping Code, the IWGA Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Regulations of the International Federation administering my sport, including all amendments and International Standards as mentioned.
3. I acknowledge and agree that IWGA and the International Federation administering my sport have jurisdiction to impose sanction as provided for in the WADA Anti-Doping Code, IWGA Anti-Doping Rules and the Anti-Doping Regulations of the International Federation administering my sport.
4. I hereby grant permission to World Games 2005 Ltd. and to IWGA to utilise my appearance, name, voice and likeness in connection with the World Games 2005 in any and all media throughout the world in perpetuity for the purpose of promoting The World Games.
5. I also agree and accept in particular the exclusive competence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve definitely any dispute in accordance with the Code of Sport Related Arbitration. Applicable Law is Swiss Law.

### **Protection of data privacy**

Fully respecting your rights to privacy, the Organising Committee of The World Games 2005 will record your personal Data for the purpose of carrying out the World Games 2005. Your data will be erased afterwards.

### **Agreement**

I agree that my personal data, always for the purpose indicated above, will be recorded and verified by the World Games 2005 GmbH.

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Date

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Signature