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WPFG Mission

To unite public safety athletes and provide them with the ultimate in an Olympic style athletic experience. We endeavor to encourage health and wellness among all public safety personnel and create lifelong memories for the athletes, their families, and the communities we serve.

ABOUT US

The World Police and Fire Games represent a prestigious global competition, bringing together active and retired personnel from law enforcement, firefighter, and correctional services worldwide. This event draws more than 8,500 competitors from over 70 countries, competing in over 60 sports across 10 days. It's noted that participants often bring along one to two family members, significantly benefiting the host city through enhanced engagement and substantial economic contributions. The organization and execution of the Games necessitate a collaborative effort among law enforcement, firefighter, and correctional services, alongside local tourism bodies and government entities at various levels. Leveraging the collective expertise of these partners is crucial for the seamless delivery of the Games, ensuring not only the success of the current event but also setting the stage for future hosting opportunities. WPFG offers athletes far more sporting disciplines than the Summer and Winter Olympics combined.

WHY HOST THE WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES?

The World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) is more than just an international sporting event—it is a unique opportunity for cities to honor first responders, boost their economy, and showcase their commitment to public safety and community service. Hosting the WPFG offers unparalleled benefits that go beyond those of typical large-scale events. Here's why your city should consider hosting:

HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

The WPFG celebrates and recognizes the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of law enforcement officers, firefighters, border protection agents, corrections officers, and other first responders from around the world.

Hosting the Games provides a platform to highlight and strengthen relationships between public safety professionals and the community.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE & PRESTIGE

The WPFG brings worldwide attention to the host city through media coverage, live streaming, and social media engagement.

Hosting positions the city as a premier destination for large-scale international events and fosters future tourism and investment opportunities.

The Games enhance civic pride and create lasting partnerships between local governments, businesses, and public safety organizations.

USE OF EXISTING & ENHANCED SPORTS FACILITIES

The WPFG utilizes existing sports venues, reducing infrastructure costs while maximizing facility usage.

The event encourages upgrades and improvements to local sports complexes, ensuring long-term benefits for the community.

Facilities that accommodate WPFG competitions—such as swimming pools, tracks, and arenas—can be leveraged for future athletic events and community programs.

ECONOMIC BOOST & TOURISM IMPACT

The WPFG attracts 8,500–10,000 athletes plus their families, friends, and supporters, resulting in an estimated 30,000+ visitors.

These visitors contribute significantly to the local economy by staying in hotels, dining at restaurants, shopping, and exploring local attractions.

Cities that have hosted the WPFG have seen tens of millions of dollars in economic impact, with businesses experiencing increased revenue across various sectors.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEERISM

The WPFG provides extensive volunteer opportunities, fostering civic pride and community involvement.

Local residents and organizations can participate in hosting, logistics, and support roles, enhancing public engagement and unity.

Schools, nonprofits, and businesses can collaborate in community-focused initiatives related to the Games.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORKS

Hosting the WPFG brings together first responders from across the globe, allowing for knowledge sharing, training opportunities, and relationship-building.

Law enforcement and emergency services benefit from exposure to international best practices in public safety and emergency response.

Strengthened professional networks can lead to long-term collaboration in crisis management and security operations.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION ECONOMIC IMPACT

Our Journey Through the Years

2007 – ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

- 12,000+ Participants
- \$31 Million (USD)

2009 – BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

- 13,000+ Participants
- \$84 Million (USD)

2015 – FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, USA

- 12,680 Participants
- \$83.85 Million (USD)

2017 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA

- 10,897 Participants
- \$77.45 Million (USD)

2019 – CHENGDU, CHINA

- 11,470 Participants
- \$72.25 Million (USD)

2022 – ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

- 6,675 Participants
- \$36.9 Million (USD)

2023 – WINNIPEG, CANADA

- 7,186 Participants
- \$36.7 Million (USD)

**Note-All numbers reported for each Economic Impact were provided by the Host of the Games in the stated year.*

BY THE NUMBERS

- **8,500+ ATHLETES**
- **70+ COUNTRIES**
- **60+ SPORTS**
- **3,000+ VOLUNTEERS**
- **1,600+ MEDALS EVENT**



HOST TESTIMONIALS



Lady Mary Peters

*Patron of the 2013 WPFG (Belfast, Northern Ireland)
Olympic Pentathlon Gold Medalist, Munich 1972*



The 2013 World Police and Fire Games in Belfast was a resounding success, drawing athletes and visitors from over 80 countries. It not only had a significant short-term economic impact but also boosted the city's confidence to bid for other major events like the Giro d'Italia and the Open Golf Championship. Witnessing Belfast's transformation into a lively and inviting destination left a lasting impression on organizers and participants alike.



Barry Biggar

*President/CEO, Fairfax County Convention & Visitors Corporation
(Visit Fairfax)
Interim Ceo, 2015 WPFG Chairman Of The Board, 2015 WPFG
Member Of 2015 WPFG Bid Team*



The World Police and Fire Games are an outstanding multi-sport event with significant economic benefits for hosting communities. Fairfax County, Virginia, for instance, generated over \$84 million in just 10 days. However, beyond the financial gains, these games foster community spirit, volunteerism, and appreciation for the brave men and women who protect us every day. Hosting these games not only showcases a destination but also creates lasting pride and legacy. Consider bidding for this prestigious event if your area has the necessary infrastructure and resources.



Mike Edwards

Chief Operating Officer, 2023 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



The World Police and Fire Games is a one-of-a-kind world class event that creates large and widespread economic impact. The Games also fosters immense community pride through the display of elite athleticism and dedication of the world's best first responders personnel.

CORE SPORTS

Core Sports mandated for the WPPFG are compulsory. Additional sports may be included with Federation authorization, permitting the host to orchestrate and oversee a minimum of fifty-five (55) but no more than sixty-five (65) sports. Among the required fifty-five sports, the following "Core Sports" must be included:

- Angling (Fresh or Salt)
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball 5v5
- Basketball 3v3
- Bench Press
- Biathlon
- Bowling
- Boxing
- Cross Country
- Cycling (Street Bikes)
- Cycling (Mountain)
- Dodgeball
- Golf
- Half Marathon
- Ice Hockey
- Karate
- Motorcycle (Dirt Bikes)
- Muster
- Open Water Swim
- Pistol-PPC
- Pistol-PAP
- Push-Pull Lifting
- Rifle Large Bore Small Bore
- Rowing (Indoor)
- Rugby (7-Aside)
- Shotgun-Skeet, Sporting Clays, Trap
- Soccer (Futbol)
- Stair Race
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- TCA
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Firefighter
- Volleyball (Beach)
- Volleyball (Indoor)
- Wrestling



ADDITIONAL SPORTS

Alongside the required Core Sports, the host has the option to choose from a list of elective sports to fulfill the mandatory fifty-five (55) sports quota.

- Air Rifle
- Baseball
- Body Building
- Boules
- Canoe
- Chess
- Cornhole
- Cricket
- Crossfit
- Curling
- Darts
- Dragon Boats
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Flag Football
- Handball
- Horseshoes
- Indoor Hockey
- Jiu Jitsu
- Judo
- Lawn Bowls
- Motorcycle (Street Bikes)
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Paintball
- Pickleball
- Pistol (Center Fire)
- Pocket Billiards
- Police Pentathlon
- Police Service Dogs
- Racquetball
- Roller Skiing
- Rowing (Outdoor)
- Rugby (Touch)
- Sailing
- Scuba
- Softball (Slow-Pitch)
- Softball (Fast Pitch)
- Squash
- Surfing
- Taekwondo
- Team Handball
- Tug of War
- Water Polo
- Water Skiing
- Weightlifting
- Windsurfing
- Wrist Wrestling



If the host intends to substitute one (1) or at most two (2) elective sports with an "introductory sport," permission must be sought and granted in writing from the WPFGE. An "introductory sport" refers to a sport not previously featured in any WPFGE event, and the HOST is required to furnish sport regulations as outlined in the Rule Book. Under no circumstances should the cumulative count of core, elective, and "introductory sports" surpass sixty-five (65).

BUILDING A SPORTS LEGACY

The WPFG presents your city with a unique opportunity to establish a lasting legacy that will have a profound, long-term impact on your community. Your Sport Legacy plan should outline your intentions for contributing positively to your community post-WPFG, focusing on creating a legacy tailored to your local community's needs.

A Sport Legacy allows the host city to make a meaningful contribution to the local community, fostering increased participation in sports, improved access to high-quality facilities, coaching availability, and support for young talents and athletes with disabilities. Here are key considerations for your Sport Legacy plan:

INCLUSIVE IN SPORTS

Strategize on ways the Sport Legacy will promote participation among underrepresented groups, including economically disadvantaged communities, women, and individuals with disabilities, to create broader access to sports.

ATTRACTION OF FUTURE SPORTING EVENTS

Detail plans for attracting legacy sporting events to ensure the continued use of the facilities and infrastructure enhanced or built for the WPFG, thereby securing ongoing benefits for the community.

YOUTH AND SCHOOL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Explain how the event will serve as a catalyst for the development of school and youth sports programs, enhancing physical education and fostering a culture of health and activity among the younger generation.

COACHING ADVANCEMENTS

Outline initiatives to improve coaching standards as a result of the event, ensuring that local athletes have access to high-quality training and mentorship.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Discuss strategies for retaining volunteers from the WPFG and engaging them in future community and sports events, leveraging their skills and enthusiasm for long-term community benefit.

PROMOTION OF MASS PARTICIPATION

Present plans to encourage widespread community involvement in sports and physical activity, detailing how this increased participation will be maintained over time to ensure lasting health and social benefits.

Including these components in your bid proposal will not just emphasize your dedication to forging a sustainable Sports Legacy, but also showcase the extensive social and economic advantages that hosting the WPFG can offer to your city.

MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS A BID

Step One

Letter of Intent

The Letter of Intent guidelines can be provided to potential host candidates upon request, offering clarity and guidance for the submission process.

Step Two

Site Inspection

Once the "Letter of Intent" is received, the potential Host City Candidate will have several months to prepare for a Site Inspection. At the expense of the Host City Candidate, the WPFG Federation will then send a small group of members of the Board of Directors to the Host City Candidate to examine the sports venues and housing facilities which the Host City Candidate plans to use for the Games.

Step Three

Bid Presentation

The final step is to participate in a "Bid Presentation" to the WPFG Federation Board of Directors. The purpose of the Bid Presentation is for the potential Host City Candidate to convince the Federation that it is the best organization to stage the Games. The WPFG Federation Board of Directors will select the Host City based on the quality of its Site Inspection and Bid Presentation.

Timeline

March 1, 2025 - Bidding Process Opens

December 31, 2025 - Deadline for submission of potential Host City Candidate's Letter of Intent and questionnaire.

April-June 30, 2026 - Site inspection of potential venues.

NOTE: Two weeks following the site inspection, the potential Host City Candidate will be notified if they are a viable candidate to move forward towards being invited to present at the 2027 WPFG in Perth, Australia, March 2027.

January 15, 2027 - Bid books are due to all WPFG Federation Board of Directors.

March 2027 - Bid presentations will be conducted at the 2027 WPFG.

PREVIOUS HOSTS



San Jose,
California, USA
(1985)



San Diego,
California, USA
(1987)



Vancouver,
Canada
(1989)



Memphis,
Tennessee, USA
(1991)



Colorado Springs,
Colorado, USA
(1993)



Melbourne,
Australia
(1995)



Calgary,
Canada
(1997)



Stockholm,
Sweden
(1999)



Indianapolis,
Indiana, USA
(2001)



Barcelona,
Spain
(2003)



Quebec City,
Canada
(2005)



Adelaide,
Australia
(2007)



British Columbia,
Canada
(2009)



New York City,
New York, USA
(2011)



Belfast,
North Ireland
(2013)



Fairfax County,
Virginia, USA
(2015)



Los Angeles,
California, USA
(2017)



Chengdu,
China
(2019)



Rotterdam, The Netherlands
(2022)



Winnipeg, Canada
(2023)



Birmingham, Alabama, USA
(2025)



Perth, Australia
(2027)

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