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the Newsletter of the Gay Games



Welcome to the June 2022 Edition of Participate!

Join us for Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong and Guadalajara, November 3-11, 2023!

Joanie Evans, Co-President



Sean Fitzgerald, Co-President



Since announcing that Hong Kong and Guadalajara will co-host Gay Games 11 from November 3-11, 2022, the question we get asked most is "Where will I be able to participate in my event?" At this point, we are ready to share the sport programs from each city, and are still working on the cultural programs. As we have learned over the past two years, all programs are subject to change, but this is the latest information that we have:

Hong Kong Sports Program

- 5K-10K
- Badminton
- Dodgeball
- Dragon Boat Racing
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Football (Soccer)
- Half Marathon
- Mah-jong
- Marathon
- Open Water Swimming
- Rowing
- Rugby Sevens
- Sailing
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Trail Running Long
- Trail Running Short
- They are also working to produce:
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Triathlon
- E-Sports
- Golf
- Netball
- Cricket
- Tae Kwon Do

Guadalajara Sports Program

- 5K-10K
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Bowling
- Cheer
- Dance Sport
- Diving
- Golf
- Marathon & Half M
- Powerlifting
- Soccer 11/7
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track And Field (Athletics)
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Wrestling
- They are also working to produce:
- Open Water
- Artistic Swimming
- Tae Kwon Do
- Triathlon

We are excited to be hosting Gay Games 11 in Hong Kong and Guadalajara and are trying to give everyone the best opportunity to participate. We hope to see you next year.

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FEDERATION OF GAY GAMES AND GAY GAMES 11 GUADALAJARA SIGNS OFFICIAL LICENSE AGREEMENT



The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) and Gay Games 11– Guadalajara organizers have officially signed the license agreement finalizing the agreement between the FGG (International governing organization) and Gay Games 11 - Guadalajara (Local host organization).

“The Federation of Gay Games is thankful to the Guadalajara organizers for their successful bid efforts, but we are more excited for our first opportunity to promote The Gay Games in Mexico,” states co-president Sean Fitzgerald (Vancouver, Canada). “The FGG Board and steering committee will be working closely with the Guadalajara team over the next five years to produce a very successful Gay Games”, continues co-president Joanie Evans (London, England).

The FGG expresses gratitude to the record number of 17 cities that expressed interest in 2022 Gay Games XI. Five of these cities made it to the semi-final round (Austin, TX, Dallas, TX, Denver, CO, Salt Lake City, UT, and San Francisco, CA). In the first phase, an additional nine cities had expressed interest: Cape Town, South Africa, Tel Aviv, Israel and USA cities Anaheim, CA, Atlanta, GA, Des Moines, IA, Los Angeles, CA, Madison, WI, Minneapolis, MN, and San Antonio, TX.

“Gay Games Change the World” and the impact in host cities is incredible in terms of culture, sport, economic impact, history and most importantly elevating all matters of LGBT+ equality.

On August 10, 2022, the FGG announced that it had signed a license agreement with the Guadalajara organizers to host the 2022 Gay Games XI in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Since 1982, the FGG mission promotes equality and is the largest sport and culture event in the world open to all. Its legacy changes social, and political attitudes towards LGBT+ people through the core principles of “Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™”. The Gay Games was conceived by Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic decathlete, and was first held in San Francisco in 1982. Subsequent Gay Games are San Francisco (1986), Vancouver (1990), New York (1994), Amsterdam (1998), Sydney (2002), Chicago (2006), Cologne (2010), Cleveland+Akron (2014), and Paris (2018).

Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2023 (GGHK) Update



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COME OUT FOR THE GAY GAMES!

New sports, new venues, new energy! After months of preparation, GGHK is poised to relaunch this summer with Summer Pride in Hong Kong, featuring a line-up of support events by our incredible partners.

More venue and event partners confirmed

GGHK have been hard at work securing commitments from potential partners, and keeping associated sports organizations informed. Several partners have already confirmed their support, including the Hong Kong Rugby Union for Rugby Sevens, Victoria Recreation Club at Deep Water Bay for Open Water Swimming, and additional organizations for Fencing, Badminton and Table Tennis. More venue and event partners will be announced in the months to come.

In the meantime if you have a question for our sports team or an idea for a collaboration, drop us a line at hello@gghk2023.com! You can also join our private Facebook group for volunteers and partners by following this [link](#).

Summer Pride Parties and Events

With the expected relaxation of social distancing rules around the world, GGHK will organise Summer Pride 2022, a series of promotional events in June and July, as well as pop-ups at major European and Asian sports and community events. These include a presence at the Commonwealth Games in partnership with PrideSports, EuroGames in Nijmegen, and Pink Dot Singapore.

With satellite events expected to welcome 2,000 participants per month on average over the next 19 months, as well as 7,000 participants and 25,000 visitors during November 2023, we estimate the Hong Kong-hosted Games will in total bring 70,000 individuals together to celebrate this global experience.

As we emerge from Covid restrictions beginning 21 April, our re-energised team at GGHK is fully focused on the delivery of our sports, arts and cultural events. In collaboration with our co-host city Guadalajara and the FGG, Gay Games 11 will truly be the broadest and most inclusive Gay Games event ever.

Come join us, we are ready!

Two 40th Anniversary Pins Now On Sale! Order Yours Today!

Just in time for 2022 and the 40th Anniversary of the first Gay Games, two exciting new collectible pins are now available for sale. Help kickoff the 40th Anniversary celebrations; buy yours now at gaygames.org/store (or click on the “Store” link at the top of the Gay Games website).

To preview these exciting collectible offerings, check out [THIS VIDEO](#).

40TH ANNIVERSARY “PIN PUZZLE” SET

This is 12 pins in one elegant gift box. These pins represent each of the editions of the Gay Games. They cleverly form a “Pin Puzzle” in the shape of the Federation of Gay Games logo. Inside the beautiful gold ribbon box, you’ll find a printed card telling the design story behind this limited edition offering.

The individual pins can be removed and worn or displayed however you like. Or, you can showcase them as they come in the gold ribbon box. Each pin measures between 1-½” and 2”.

Only 500 of these “Pin Puzzles” have been produced and each set is individually numbered. The price is USD 50 each plus shipping.





40TH ANNIVERSARY TRADING PIN

This is a small version of the large “Pin Puzzle,” featuring all the historic Gay Games logos arranged in the shape of the FGG logo. This is a substantial pin, measuring 2”, in solid brass with gold trim, and two pin posts to support its weight. It truly is the perfect gift for any Gay Games participant, especially if they collect pins. Order a supply for trading while in Hong Kong or Guadalajara at Gay Games 11.

At the online store, you can purchase individual pins or bundles of 5 or 10 pins.

- Single Pin = USD 10 plus shipping
- Pack of 5 Pins = USD 45 plus shipping
- Pack of 10 Pins = USD 90 plus shipping

ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT THE FGG

The net proceeds from all pin sales will be used to further the global mission of the Federation of Gay Games, in the spirit of founder Dr. Tom Waddell.

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Share your stories of Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™ with the hashtag #gaygames

Since the first Gay Games in 1982, the Federation of Gay Games mission promotes equality in and through sport and culture and ensures that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of *Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™*.

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