

DUISBURG - BOUND

500 of the 3,000 athletes in The World Games 2005 have been nominated by their International Federations at press time. The number is expected to increase rapidly over the coming weeks and months, as many more federations should provide the names of qualified/selected athletes to our Headquarters in Colorado Springs. With only one sixth of the nominations in, the number of nations entering athletes in the 177 events of 2005 Duisburg stands at 70 already. While nations such as Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates field single athletes, for the time being, the German delegation is made up by 52 – without considering the team sports.

The information provided under DUISBURG – BOUND does not have official character. National Olympic Committees will be notified of their athletes' names directly by the IWGA Headquarters.



Air Sports

The World Air Sports Federation (FAI) announced all but ten of its World Games qualifiers in mid-October. After the completion of the successful 2004 World Championships in São Paulo, Brazil, and in Rijeka, Croatia, FAI assigned the 76 berths in accuracy landing (16), formation skydiving (30), freestyle (12) and freeflying (18) to the top-placed athletes and teams from 13 nations. Because hurricane Charley had ravaged the venue for the 2004 World Cup of Canopy Piloting in Florida, USA, FAI was forced to postpone this event until February 2005. The remaining ten qualifiers for the World Games 2005 canopy piloting event will be announced no later than March 15.

2004 World Parachuting Championships Accuracy Landing
September 18 – 24;
Rijeka, Croatia

Wang	CHN
Sladetic	CRO
Dvorakova	CZE
Jurca	CZE
Willumsen	DEN
Valois	FRA
Lückler	GER
Wiesner	GER
Asztalos	HUN
Angerer	ITA
Ekshikeeva	RUS
Touzov	RUS
Avbelj	SLO
Karun	SLO
Kogyigit	TUR
Daykivich	UKR

2004 World Formation Skydiving Championships 4-Way
September 18 – 24;
Rijeka, Croatia

BEL
FRA
GER
ITA
RUS
USA



2004 World Artistic Skydiving Championships Freestyle
September 14 – 18;
São Paulo, Brazil

FRA
GER
USA

2004 World Artistic Skydiving Championships Freestyle Skydiving
September 14 – 18;
São Paulo, Brazil

DEN
FRA
GER
JPN
ITA



BodyBuilding

The 2004 Women's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships concluded on September 19 in Santa Susana near Barcelona, Spain. Per criteria established by the International BodyBuilding Federation (IBBF), the top five finalists in the lightweight and the heavyweight classes qualified outright to enter The World Games 2005 Duisburg. 25 male athletes qualified in five classes – bantamweight, heavyweight, lightweight, middleweight, welterweight – at the 2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships in Moscow, Russia, on November 7.

Additionally, three finalists in all these classes at 2004 Continental Championships and any former World Champion will be entitled to compete in 2005 Duisburg. The announcement of the list of all 56 (men and women) World Games qualifiers will be made by the IBBF shortly.

2004 Women's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Lightweight
September 16 – 20;
Santa Susana, Spain

Lomachevskaya	RUS
Stastna	CZE
Krupa	POL
Nixon	USA
Stenberg	FIN

2004 Women's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Heavyweight
September 16 – 20;
Santa Susana, Spain

Nelson	USA
Grozajova	SVK
Klopp	GER
Muntean	ROM
Taksonya	HUNG

2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Bantamweight
November 6 – 8;
Moscow, Russia

1	MAS
2	EGY
3	BRA
4	RUS
5	POL

2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Lightweight
November 6 – 8;
Moscow, Russia

1	BUL
2	ITA
3	RUS
4	RUS
5	GER

2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Welterweight
November 6 – 8;
Moscow, Russia

1	RUS
2	RUS
3	CZE
4	SVK
5	ESP

2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Middleweight
November 6 – 8;
Moscow, Russia

1	RUS
2	EGY
3	RUS
4	BRA
5	GER

2004 Men's Amateur World BodyBuilding Championships Heavyweight
November 6 – 8;
Moscow, Russia

1	LIT
2	LIT
3	BLR
4	POL
5	RUS



Boules Sports

The World Boules Sports Confederation (CMSB) was able to finalize its list of nations qualified for The World Games 2005 Duisburg in *Boule Lyonnaise* – in the events Precision Throw and Shuttle Throw – after the completion of the 2004 World Championships for women in Montmorency, France. Qualifiers for the *Pétanque* events of 2005 Duisburg were determined at the 2004 World Championships for women in Maspalomas, Spain, and for men in Grenoble, France. The top five nations – plus Germany – per final standings at both championships have qualified for the *Triplette* event of 2005 Duisburg. The CMBS is to assign the berths marked with * for *Pétanque* in the near future.

2004 Women's World Boule Lyonnaise Championships World Games Qualifiers, Precision Throw
September 7 – 11;
Montmorency, France

ALG
BRA
CHN
CRO
FRA
ITA
MAR
TUN

2004 Women's World Boule Lyonnaise Championships World Games Qualifiers, Shuttle Throw
September 7 – 11;
Montmorency, France

ALG
CHI
CHN
CRO
FRA
ITA
MAR
TUN

2004 Men's World Pétanque Championships Triplette
September 22 – 26;
Grenoble, France

1	FRA
2	BEL
3	CAM
4	MAD*
5	ESP*
6	SUI*
7	ESP*
8	GER*

2004 Women's World Pétanque Championships Triplette
July 9 – 11;
Maspalomas, Spain

1	THA
2	GER
3	ISR
4	SUI
5	FRA*
6	ITA*
7	MAR*
8	TUN*





Casting

After the conclusion of the 2004 World Casting Sport Championships in Bern, Switzerland, the International Casting Sport Federation (ICSF) announced the first 31 qualifiers for The World Games 2005. The championships were dominated by the German team – to an extent that it made the contests in 23 events its very own, and that it won't have to resort to wild cards in order to participate in 2005 Duisburg. German athletes won 28 of the 69 medals which were awarded. Germany gets to field the largest contingent of casting athletes in The World Games 2005.

Another 17 casters – 14 men and 3 women – will be issued wild cards by the ICSF. Announcements will be made by the end of the year.

2004 World Casting Sport Championships World Games Qualifiers – Men's Division
September 7 – 11;
Bern, Switzerland

AUS
AUT
CZE
CRO
GER
LIT
POL
SWE
SUI
USA

2004 World Casting Sport Championships World Games Qualifiers – Women's Division
September 7 – 11;
Bern, Switzerland

AUT
CZE
GER
POL



Climbing



The International Council for Competition Climbing (ICC), the body responsible for climbing within the International Mountaineering Federation (UIAA), goes to considerable length in ensuring that the world's best climbers from all continents get to enter the difficulty and speed events of The World Games 2005 Duisburg. Only world and continental champions, winners of the World Cup 2004, and German champions in the men's, women's and junior divisions are assigned a berth. The UIAA ICC updates on qualifications taking place around the world. As of November 15, 2004, the following athletes have qualified:

2004 European Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers Difficulty
June 21 – 27;
Leco, Italy

Puigblanque ESP
Schöpf AUT

2004 Asian Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers Difficulty
October 30 – 31;
Jeolla Nam Do,
Republic of Korea

Son KOR
Kim KOR

2004 European Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers Speed
June 21 – 27;
Leco, Italy

Pechekhonov RUS
Saulevitch RUS

2004 Asian Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers Speed
October 30 – 31;
Jeolla Nam Do,
Republic of Korea

Chen CHN
Neliwanti INA

2004 Central and South American Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers – Difficulty
August 24 – 29; San Antonio de Los Altos, Venezuela

Escobar VEN
Rodriguez VEN

2004 German Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers – Difficulty
October 16 – 17;
Duisburg, Germany

Jung GER
Uhden GER

2004 Central and South American Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers – Speed
August 24 – 29; San Antonio de Los Altos, Venezuela

de Las Salas VEN
Blanco VEN

2004 German Climbing Championships World Games Qualifiers – Speed
October 16 – 17;
Duisburg, Germany

Hartung GER
Knoche GER

Life Saving



The World Life Saving Championships RESCUE 2004 concluded on September 19 in Livorno and Viareggio, Italy. The International Life Saving Federation (ILS) was able to announce the full list of qualifiers for The World Games 2005 on the basis of results obtained by the 35 national teams competing in RESCUE 2004.

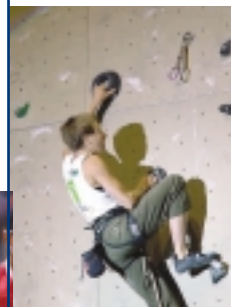
Per criteria established by the ISL, the top seven national teams – plus Germany – qualified, taking into consideration only their scores in those events which feature in the beach and pool events at The World Games 2005 Duisburg.

2004 World Life Saving Championships RESCUE 2004 Beach
September 18 – 19;
Livorno, Italy

AUS
ESP
FRA
GBR
GER
NZL
RSA
USA

2004 World Life Saving Championships RESCUE 2004 Pool
September 15 – 17;
Viareggio, Italy

AUS
BEL
ESP
GER
ITA
NED
NZL
RSA



Orienteering



Successful 2004 World Orienteering Championships in Västerås, Sweden, served as World Games qualifying event, according to the criteria put forward by the International Orienteering Federation (IOF). The six 2004 World Champions and a total of 16 nations qualified outright for participation in the three orienteering events (men's and women's individual races, mixed team relay) included in the program of The World Games 2005 Duisburg.

The winners of the 2004 World Orienteering Championships' individual races were all awarded a personal berth in the IOF contingent of 80 athletes (men and women). 16 nations – altogether – qualified to field athletes for the individual races of The World Games 2005. Twelve of these nations (marked *) qualified for participation in the mixed team relay.



Speed Skating

The 2004 World Speed Skating Championships in Italy's Abruzzo region concluded on September 11. The track, road and marathon events were contested in the three cities L'Aquila, Sulmona and Pescara. Again, Colombia came out on top in the final medal tally.

For the second time after 2000, Colombia prevailed over perennial rivals USA and Italy in the fight for most medals.

The championships had been declared qualifying event for the speed skating events of The World Games 2005 by the International Roller Sports Federation (FIRS). FIRS – the world governing body for artistic and speed skating, and for inline hockey – will announce all of its World Games qualifiers by the end of the year. It should go without saying: quite a few will be from Colombia, Italy and the USA.



Powerlifting

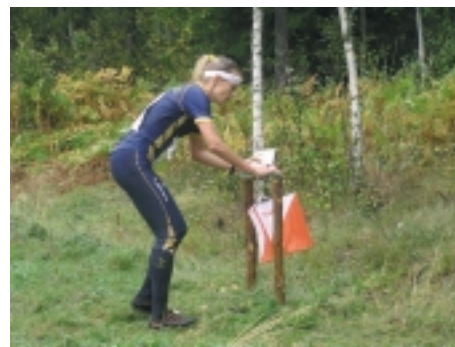
The International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) held its 2004 Men's World Powerlifting Championships in Cape Town, South Africa, from November 9 through 14. Tons of steel were lifted off the racks and off the floor by 250 athletes representing 37 nations. Brian Siders (USA, 154.42 kg) established a new world record in the +125 kg weight class, coping with a total of 1147.5 kg in the three lifts. Equally impressive but literally on the other end of the scale: Sergey Fedosienko (RUS, 51.56 kg) squatted 260 kg, benchpressed 165 kg, and deadlifted 240 kg for a new world record in his weight class. The combined 665 kg represent nearly 13 times Fedosienko's bodyweight! With their incredible exploits, both athletes should have qualified to represent their countries in The World Games 2005 Duisburg. The IPF will publish the full list of World Games qualifiers by the end of the year.

2004 World Orienteering Championships World Games Qualifiers – World Champions
September 11 – 19;
Västerås, Sweden

Gueorgiou	FRA
Staff	NOR
Valstad	NOR
Niggli-Luder	SUI
Höjsgaard	SWE
Jonasson	SWE

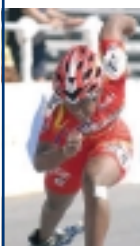
2004 World Orienteering Championships World Games Qualifiers – Nations
September 11 – 19;
Västerås, Sweden

AUS
CZE
DEN
FIN
FRA
GBR
GER
LAT
LIT
NOR
POL
ROM
RUS
SUI
SWE
UKR



2004 World Speed Skating Championships Official Medal Count – Top 10 Nations
September 2 – 11;
Abruzzo, Italy

COL
ITA
USA
KOR
FRA
ARG
NZL
TPE
VEN
BEL



2004 Men's World Powerlifting Championships Final Standings, Top 10 Nations – By Points
November 9 – 14;
Cape Town, South Africa

RUS	66
UKR	61
USA	52
POL	47
TPE	41
FIN	31
SWE	30
GBR	28
HUN	26
JPN	10



Squash



Queensland sisters Rachael and Natalie Grinham clinched the 2004 Women's World Team Squash Championships title for Australia for the eighth time in history with a 2:0 victory over England. It was the eleventh time that the perennial rivals Australia and England faced off in the final. And Australia was seeded to beat the second seeds on the glass centre court at the Frans Otten Stadium, an impressive new 21-court complex in the Netherlands' capital Amsterdam.

Rachael Grinham, the world #1 from Toowoomba, AUS, twice had to come from behind to overcome England's Cassie Jackman, the world #2, in the opening match. The capacity crowd was treated to squash of the highest quality as 27-year-old Grinham, the older of the two sisters, ultimately conquered Jackman in 75 minutes of spectacular play. The inventors of the game were unable to force the tie into a decider when Natalie Grinham, the world #4, beat England's #2, Linda Elriani, to retain the title for Australia. Ted Wallbuton, the World Squash Federation Chief Executive Officer, informed the IWGA on October 22 about the qualification which had concluded with the 2004 Women's World Team Championships in Amsterdam. He announced the 14 qualified nations each in the men's and women's division. Two wild cards per division are to be awarded at a later date; one in each division is expected to go to Germany. Wallbuton also confirmed that the majority of players in The World Games come off squash's two professional tournament circuits: "According to the current world ranking lists, we expect eight out of the top ten women to play and seven of the top ten men. The strongest nations in our sport – such as Great Britain, France, Australia, Egypt, Netherlands, USA, Malaysia and Canada – will all be represented by their #1 players."



Sumo



The 2004 World Sumo Championships in Riesa, Germany, were again an unqualified success. The Saxonian town, the self-proclaimed sumo capital of Europe, hosted the event for the second time since 1999. Large crowds at the *Erdgas Arena* and huge media interest proved once more that the Germans have acquired a taste for the Japanese wrestling sport: even Chancellor Gerhard Schröder professes to be a sumo fanatic. 133 rikishi, wrestlers, representing 34 nations fought for the 2004 world titles in the different weight classes of the men's and women's division on October 16 and 17.

Sandra Köppen (GER) participated as a judoka in the Athens Olympics. The imposing athlete – 178 cm, 125 kg – remained below her potential and lost in the preliminaries. As a rikishi she fared much better when she won the gold in the women's open weight class in Riesa. Torsten Scheibler (GER) made it also to the final in the open class of the men's division. But he lost the bout to Keisyo Shimoda (JPN). The athletes who finished highest in the world championships standings qualified for The World Games 2005 Duisburg.

2003 Men's World Team Squash Championships World Games Qualifiers
October 19 – 25;
Vienna, Austria

AUS
CAN
EGY
FRA
GBR (3)
HKG
IRE
MAS
NED
PAK
RSA
SUI



2004 Women's World Team Squash Championships World Games Qualifiers
September 26 – October 2;
Amsterdam, Netherlands

AUS
BEL
CAN
DEN
EGY
GBR (2)
HKG
IRE
MAS
NED
NZL
RSA
USA

2004 World Sumo Championships Final Standings, Top 10 Nations – By Medals
October 16 – 17;
Riesa, Germany

JPN
GER
UKR
RUS
BRA
POL
BUL
NED
HUN



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At press time, the 2004 World Figure Roller Skating Championships were under way in Fresno, USA. 27 nations entered athletes in the different events. The skating federation of Catalonia, a provisional member of the International Roller



Sports Federation (FIRS) and entitled to field its own team at FIRS skating competitions, opted to have its skaters represent the Spanish Federation at the 2004 World Championships to avoid controversy. FIRS will use the final championships standings for the qualification of its athletes in the dance, freeskating and pair events at The World Games 2005. The top 8 skaters – one per nation – at the 2004 World Championships qualify in the individual events. The top 6 teams – one per nation – qualify in the dance and pair events.



Tug of War

Teams representing 24 nations entered the 2004 World Tug of War Championships held at the Olmsted County Fair in Rochester, USA, from September 2 through 5. The Tug of War International Federation used these championships for the qualification of a total of 12 national teams in the men's 640 kg and 680 kg weight classes at The World Games 2005. Switzerland dominated this year's premier outdoor pulling championships by winning three gold, one silver and two bronze medals. Together with ten teams from six other nations, the Swiss 640 kg and 680 kg teams join six women's teams – they have qualified earlier in the year to contest the indoor event (520 kg) – in The World Games 2005.

2004 World Tug of War Championships World Games Qualifiers, Men's 640 kg
September 2 – 5;
Rochester, MN, USA

GBR
GER
IRL
NED
SUI
SWE

2004 World Tug of War Championships World Games Qualifiers, Men's 680 kg
September 2 – 5;
Rochester, MN, USA

GBR
IRL
NED
RSA
SUI
SWE

2004 World Indoor Tug of War Championships World Games Qualifiers, Women's 520 kg
February 19 – 22;
Glasgow, Scotland, UK

ESP
GBR
JPN
NED
TPE
USA



Underwater Sports

The 2004 World Fin Swimming Championships under the auspices of the World Underwater Federation (CMAS) are history. They finished on October 28 in Shanghai, China, with new and stunning world records set in different events. An immersed and fin-equipped Jevgeny Skorjenko (RUS) set a new CMAS World Record with 0:14.19 over 50 m; the current FINA World Record over the same distance – established by Jevgeny's countryman Alexander Popov on June 16, 2000, in Moscow – stands at 0:21.64 Mermaids are nearly as fast: the FINA World Record in women's 50 m freestyle stands at 0:24.13 (Inge de Bruijn, NED; Sydney, September 22, 2000); in fin swimming it is down to 0:16.12. Zhu Baozhen (CHN) smashed the existing mark during the 2004 World Championships.

CMAS is now to officially nominate the 84 best fin swimmers – based on the results they achieved in Shanghai – for The World Games 2005.

2004 World Fin Swimming Championships Final Standings, Top 10 Nations – By Medals
October 21 – 29;
Shanghai, China

CHN
RUS
HUN
KOR
GRE
ITA
GER
UKR
EST



Karate

The 2004 World Karate Championships saw more than 1,200 athletes representing 80 nations compete over 4 days, from November 18 through 21, at the 17,000-capacity Arena in Monterrey, Mexico. Among them: Duisburg's own Kora Knühmann, the charming World Games 2005 Ambassador! At age 18 – at the 2002 World Championships in Madrid – she had become the sport's youngest ever gold medalist in kumite (fighting) up to 53 kg. The German karateka was unable to revalidate her title but ended up winning two bronze medals in Mexico.

2004 World Fin Swimming Championships Final Standings, Top 10 Nations – By Medals
October 21 – 29;
Shanghai, China

JPN
GBR
USA
ITA
TUR
FRA
ESP
RUS
VEN

