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The athletes competing in The 7th World Games count on the great efforts by the organizers and on the enthusiasm of millions living in an area extending from the junction of Rhine and Ruhr to provide the stage for them to perform on. More than 3,000 men and women from all continents enter 2005 Duisburg with but a few goals: to be at their personal best – in whatever their game – to represent their country as well as their sport, and to make new friends.

I am confident that when our athletes return home on July 24, 2005, they will do so with the fondest of memories. At the same time, spectators in Germany and everywhere will have thoroughly enjoyed the top-level and exciting competitions which are scheduled as part of our multi-sports games.

The Duisburg organizers are exceptionally seasoned in the staging of large-scale international events, and the four host cities are at the heart of what professes to be a 'Land of Sports' – North Rhine Westphalia. But beyond that – in every Bundesland, in the Benelux, in Europe and around the globe – the diverse, popular and spectacular sports as performed by their international elite are capable of creating passion too. Whether it is for 7-a-side rugby in New Zealand, sumo in Japan, korfbal in the Netherlands or dance sport in Germany, a truly global focus will be on The World Games 2005 – their athletes and their hosts.



NAME THAT GAME



While some images tell the full story – all by themselves – others require a caption. A game may well be universally popular and still misunderstood. ULTIMATE is not just about catching the FRISBEE! It is a running/passing game very similar to RUGBY 7s – but ULTIMATELY different!

ULTIMATE is the most popular of all flying disc sports. The game is played by two seven-a-side teams on a grass field measuring 40 by 120 yards. The number of substitute players is not restricted, but the minimum team roster for tournaments at the highest international level is 12 players. In terms of tactics, the sport bears some resemblance to American football, but is played with a continuous and faster pace, much like soccer or RUGBY.

Physical contact, however, is strictly prohibited. A goal is scored by

catching the disc in the end zone. A major difference to other sports is that the players act as referees themselves on all levels of competition, including the World Championships.

More than 1,500 athletes from 23 countries took part in the 2004 World Ultimate and Guts Championships in Turku, Finland, during the first week of August!

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