

# THE WORLD GAMES

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Ever since D-1419, August 26 and the last day of 2001 Akita, Duisburg organizers and IWGA board members have worked incessantly on establishing the solid foundation to successful World Games 2005 for 3 000 athletes competing in 33 official sports and for the hundreds in the invitational sports.

Efforts between Duisburg and IWGA to start securing maximum prominence for The World Games 2005 — by defining their media coverage and by launching promotional campaigns at an early stage — have been described as well.

At D-700 to July 14, the first day of 2005 Duisburg, International Sports Federations with events on the program start making what is the most significant contribution to the event's success. They attach names and faces to what until now have been mere numbers. Over the next 17 months, the federations ensure that every one of the 3 000 numbers is taken up by a remarkable athlete. Putting his or her name, the face and, as Jay Stuart suggests, his or her story into the World Games formula will make the difference.



## D MINUS 7

*For those of us living in the northern hemisphere, summer is definitely upon us! The period from June to September coincides with the peak in the international competition calendars for all sports associated with the corresponding seasonal label. July and August are packed with high-profile sporting events: world championships in athletics, artistic gymnastics, p tanque and orienteering. The list does not aspire to be complete. And these world championships are not quite random samples. Two involve Olympic sports, which will have their following competitions concur on the program of Athens 2004; two are sports belonging to the International World Games Association (IWGA) and will both feature in The World Games 2005.*

*While I m certain that plenty of reference to next year s Olympiad will be made in Paris (FRA; World Championships in Athletics, August 23 -31) and Anaheim (USA; Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, August 16 — 24) by athletes and officials — and by the media for that matter — I can only hope that Duisburg 2005 will equally be a topic at the World Championships in P tanque (Geneva, SUI; July 16 — 20) and Orienteering (Rapperswil, SUI; August 3 — 9). Granted, the focus needs to be on the competition at hand — it is the rule of carpe diem which governs sports. But somewhere on the minds of all athletes competing in Switzerland —*

*maybe surfacing only after it is all over, after some will have won while others have lost — Duisburg 2005 merits to be present already.*

*At two years out, The World Games start to warrant a few thoughts! Some athletes — with their very results at this year s world championships — qualify for Duisburg. Those having failed to get the medals here and now establish the calendars for stepped-up training by taking aim at the dates of future competitions: July 2005 is within the range. There may be an athlete for whom planning the future is supposedly routine, one having been at it for long and having achieved it all, he or she may reach the juncture where two years out could be too far away.*

*Whatever this summer s plans and decisions, reflecting upon The World Games 2005 deserves to be an integral part of drawing them up, of arriving at them. As the next milestone in the careers of 3 000 top athletes competing in 30+ different sports, Duisburg 2005 deserves a thought and a few comments already now.*

*With two world championships in IWGA sports taking place in Switzerland, the opportunity is unique to have The World Games 2005 as the upcoming main event for p tanque and orienteering (and 30+ other sports) resound everywhere. And the echo is bound to be exceptionally good ... Remember, yodeling got started there!*

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