

Qualifying for 2005

At the core of successful World Games are sensible qualification and selection criteria. Plus the due and transparent process transpiring from the latter!

Principles and rules governing the athletes' admission to the highest-level competitions at The World Games are drawn up for each sport — and for each discipline — by its International Federation (IF). Concerns of an IF in establishing the criteria are twofold, at times even threefold.

Only the best athletes participating in every single event is consistent with The World Games' foremost objective of uniting *30+ sports at their best*. Under the terms of the IWGA membership, an IF must ensure that its top athletes enter The World Games, either by requiring them to qualify in specified high-level international competition or by selecting them in the order of established world rankings. Without detracting from the elitism — The World Games, in their rules, require *elite competitions reserved to athletes of the highest standard only* — the IF also seeks to accommodate a fair global spread among its entries. It endeavors to bring together athletes from different continents and countries, while always maintaining the highest standard for its competitions.

Additionally, an IF may seed — or assign a small number of wildcards to — top-level athletes and teams from the host country of The World Games. Something done to increase the appeal of The World Games towards the local public, the measure also provides every sport on the program with the incentive and opportunity to foster its development at local and national levels.

In June, IFs with sports on the official program of The World Games 2005 Duisburg started to announce their respective qualification and selection procedures. Once all 27 IFs have made their announcement, the

Sport		Discipline, Event	Place – MM/YY
Air Sports Parachuting/Skydiving	World Championships	Accuracy Landing; Formation Skydiving	Rijeka (CRO) 09/04
Air Sports Skydiving	World Championships	Freestyle Skydiving (Artistic Events)	Campinas (BRA) 09/04
Bowling	World Games Qualifying Cups	Ten Pin	Several in 04: ARG, BRA, GER, LUX
Bowling	Continental Cups & Championships	Nine Pin	In 04: Taipei (TPE), Ankara (TUR)
Casting	World Championships	Fly Accuracy, Fly Target, e.a.	Bern (SUI) 09/04
Korfball	World Championships		Rotterdam (NED) 11/03
Lifesaving	World Championships	Several discipline	Viareggio (ITA) 09/04
Powerlifting	World Championships	Men	Capetown (RSA) 11/04
Powerlifting	World Championships	Women	Cahors (FRA) 06/04
Squash	World Championships	Men	Vienna (AUT) 10/03
Squash	World Championships	Women	Edmonton (CAN) 10/04
Sumo	Continental and World Championships		Several in 03 and 04: CAN, GER, NZL, RSA
Tug of War	World Championships	Indoor, Women	Glasgow (GBR)
Tug of War	World Championships	Outdoor, Men	Rochester (USA)

full list of the criteria and the calendar for the qualifying events will be compiled by the IWGA and posted on worldgames-iwga.org.

With only nine IFs reporting to the IWGA Headquarters by the time this issue went to press, the calendar for the qualifying events extends from fall 2003 through all of 2004 and covers the globe already.

The IWGA Headquarters' earliest access to full and detailed information concerning the qualification and selection of athletes and teams is essential in the lead-up to 2005 Duisburg. With the commitment to provide the National Olympic Committees with regular updates on the qualifying for the next World Games, the IWGA depends heavily on the 27 International Federations. Having the qualification and selection criteria made available for every single medal event is merely the first step towards the goal of having the complete list of 3 000 participants available by the end of 2004. More contributions by the IFs will be required throughout the next 17 months. Every IF, once the process of its choice has produced the assigned number of qualifiers, must report their names and countries to the IWGA Headquarters without delay. Following that, every IF is called upon to gather a full range of biographical and statistical data on its athletes and forward them to the IWGA and the Duisburg Organizing Committee.



Korfball's World Games Qualifying

For six korfball teams in The World Games 2005:

A minimum of two continents must be represented. As host country, Germany will be awarded one of the six places.

The remaining five places will be based on the rankings achieved at the 2003 World Championship, the Centennial Korfball Championship held in Rotterdam, NED, in early November. Countries will qualify in order of their ranking position until

- there are at least two continents represented and
- the quota of the 5 remaining teams is filled.