



world abilitysport
GUTTMANN GAMES

10-14 JULY 2024 | STOKE MANDEVILLE, GREAT BRITAIN

INVITATION





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RUDI VAN DEN ABBEELE

Dear World Abilitysport Members,

On behalf of World Abilitysport, I am delighted to invite the athletes, coaches and team staff of our Membership to the much anticipated 1st World Abilitysport Guttman Games. A unique Games and the first of its kind aimed at providing an opportunity to develop and grow sports not on the Paralympic programme.

The Games, which will be held from 10-14 July 2024, will return to the birthplace of the Paralympic Movement and spiritual home of its founder, Sir Ludwig Guttman at Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain.

Athletes of powerchair hockey and para dance sport will compete on the same grounds that saw the very first sporting competition for athletes with physical impairments that has now grown to become the Paralympic Games over 70 years later.

A wheelchair cricket development forum will also provide an opportunity to pull together key players of the sport to promote its growth and development for the future.

We are delighted to have the support of Sir Ludwig Guttman's daughter, Eva Loeffler OBE, who shared her thoughts on the Games;

"My late father started the sport movement for people with disabilities which has now become the third largest sports event in the world. The first games in Stoke Mandeville consisted of a few wheelchair sports and changed over the years to become the Paralympics. I am delighted that the Guttman Games will return to these very same grounds and give the opportunity for participants in non-Paralympic sports to compete on an international level. I wish the Games every success."

World Abilitysport remains committed to providing a home for non-Paralympic sports to grow and develop through this flagship multi-sport event, and we greatly look forward to you being there at our first edition of the Guttman Games.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudi Van den Abbeele'.

Rudi Van den Abbeele
World Abilitysport President





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OVERVIEW

ORGANISERS	World Abilitysport
DATES	10-14 July 2024
LOCATION	Stoke Mandeville, Great Britain
SPORTS PROGRAMME	Powerchair Hockey Para Dance Sport Wheelchair Cricket (Sport Development Forum)
CLASSIFICATION	International classification will be hosted in powerchair hockey & para dance sport (Thursday 11 July)
FEES	Registration Fee £200 per person (all team members) Maximum nightly rate £120 per person, per night (£50pppn single occupancy supplement will apply if no room shares are possible)
CONTACT	games@worldabilitysport.org

DRAFT SCHEDULE

	Weds 10 July	Thurs 11 July	Fri 12 July	Sat 13 July	Sun 14 July
Arrivals					
Team Managers' Meeting	20:30				
Classification					
Opening Ceremony		18:00			
Sport Technical Meetings		20:30			
Training (all sports)	If required	10:00-12:00 14:00-18:00			
Powerchair Hockey			Competition	Competition	
Para Dance Sport			Competition	Competition	
Wheelchair Cricket		Forum 14:00-17:30	Forum 10:00-16:00	Sport Showcase	
Departures					

This schedule is subject to change based on entries and sport training & competition requirements

SPORTS PROGRAMME

PARA DANCE SPORT

STATUS	World Para Dance Sport International Competition
CLASSIFICATION	Thursday 11 July
TRAINING	Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 July
SPORT TECHNICAL MEETING	Thursday 11 July @ 20:00
COMPETITION DATES	Friday 12 & Saturday 13 July
VENUE	Cazenove Sports Hall, Stoke Mandeville Stadium
COMPETITION RULES	In accordance with the World Para Dance Sport Rules
EVENTS	To be confirmed

POWERCHAIR HOCKEY

STATUS	International Powerchair Hockey Approved
CLASSIFICATION	Thursday 11 July
TRAINING	Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 July
SPORT TECHNICAL MEETING	Thursday 11 July @ 20:00
COMPETITION DATES	Friday 12 & Saturday 13 July
VENUE	Cazenove Sports Hall, Stoke Mandeville Stadium
COMPETITION RULES	In accordance with the International Powerchair Hockey Rules & Regulations
EVENT FORMAT	Three teams - Round robin

WHEELCHAIR CRICKET

STATUS

Development Showcase & Forum

DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Thursday 11 & Friday 12 July

SPORT SHOWCASE

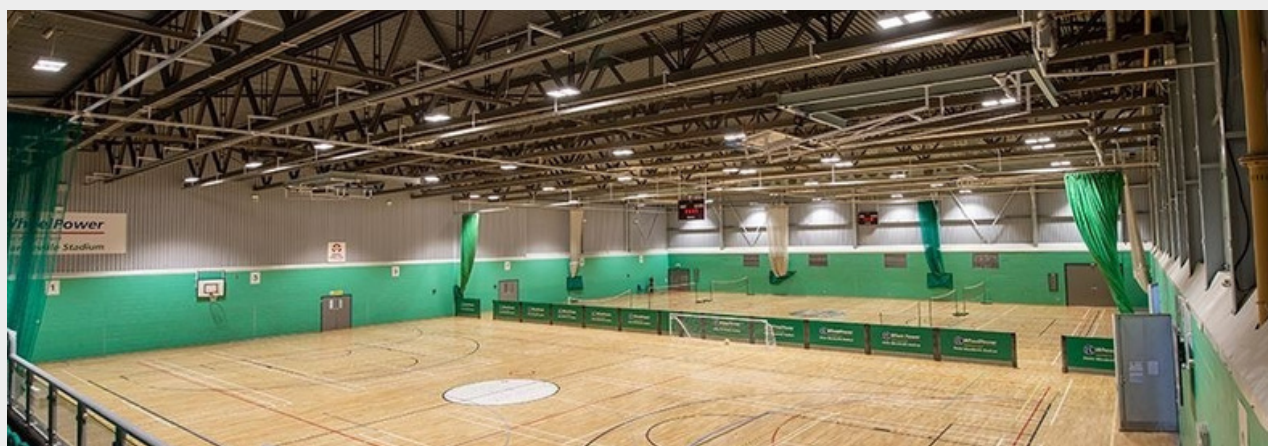
Saturday 13 July

VENUE

Stoke Mandeville Stadium

SPORT FACILITIES

Training and competition will be held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, in Aylesbury, England. The Cazenove Sports Hall with gallery seating for 350 spectators has been newly refurbished offering a new state-of-the-art Flexi-Beam Premium Oak floor.



CLASSIFICATION

World Abilitysport understands the importance of classification opportunities for our Members.

The hosting of classification has been agreed for both competition sports at the Guttman Games. Classification assessments must be requested and scheduled using the usual channels and based on the rules of the sport.

Athletes with classification booked must arrive at least the day before their scheduled slot.

ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

Nations can replace/substitute athletes of the same gender, class and event for those that have had to withdraw for any reason up to two weeks (26/06/2024) before the start of the Games.

World Abilitysport and/or the Technical Delegates reserve the right to refuse any substitution or replacement after this time.

ANTI DOPING

The World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Code, in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, will apply to all sports. Athletes can be tested at any time, during or out of competition.

For more information on the Anti-Doping Code, please visit the World Abilitysport website.

ACCREDITATIONS

A recent passport sized photo, with a clear, light coloured background must be uploaded to the entry system for every member of the delegation. Accreditations will be available upon arrival to the Games.

ACCOMMODATION

The Olympic Lodge, Stoke Mandeville

Situated on site at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the hotel is conveniently located 100m from the sports facilities and restaurant. Guests will enjoy a hotel of fully accessible twin or double rooms all with wet room shower facilities or a limited number of rooms with baths. All guests can enjoy free parking, site-wide wifi and full access to the accessible gym and 25m swimming pool with pool pod hoist system.



Offsite accommodation will also be provided and this hotel will be confirmed prior to entries opening.

HOTEL BOOKINGS

Hotel bookings and room shares must be indicated during the entry process. No rooms can be booked directly with the hotel as World Abilitysport has reserved the full hotel for the event and our Games teams.

TRANSPORT

Airport transfers will be provided on the arrival & departure days detailed in the schedule, from London Luton and London Heathrow airports as part of your inclusive day rate charge. Transfers to and from different airports will be charged a supplement fee.

BY AIR

London Luton: 51km | 40 minute drive

London Heathrow: 54km | 1 hour drive

BY ROAD/FERRY

Ferry port in Dover (via Calais, France): 200km

MEDICAL PROVISIONS

Stoke Mandeville Stadium shares grounds with Stoke Mandeville Hospital with an Accident & Emergency department 600m away. Trained first aiders will also be present in the venue throughout the competition and St John's Ambulance will be on standby to assist with any minor injuries or concerns.

VISAS

Please check with your local Embassy or High Commission to see what the visa requirements are for entering Great Britain.

It is the responsibility of the teams to manage their own visa requirements.

Requests for visa invitation letters should be sent to the Local Organising Committee on games@worldabilitysport.org and must include all passport information.

Visa invitation letters will not be issued until Registration Fees are received in full.

INSURANCE

Teams must provide insurance for their own accident and liability. World Abilitysport accepts no liability and assumes no responsibility for loss or theft of materials or personal belongings during the Games.

All participants have the duty to observe safety regulations and other rules of the facilities provided.

All teams are required to sign and return the waiver provided prior to the start of the Games.

ENTRY PROCESS & KEY DATES

Entries for para dance sport must be managed on the World Abilitysport - Sport Management System (WA-SMS). Instructions on how to access the system will be shared prior to entries opening.

Entries received via email or communicated outside of the WA-SMS will not be accepted.

As powerchair hockey teams will be by invitation only, entries will be managed directly between World Abilitysport and the teams.

Please adhere to the following deadline dates to ensure a smooth entry process for all;

ENTRIES OPEN	Monday 15th April
ENTRIES BY NAME CLOSED	Wednesday 29th May
PAYMENT DEADLINE	Wednesday 5th June
TRAVEL CONFIRMATION	Wednesday 5th June

Arrival & departure information must be finalised. We will be unable to arrange flight transfers for teams that do not adhere to this deadline.

World Abilitysport and the LOC reserves the right to make changes to the above dates. Changes will be communicated to Members at the earliest opportunity.

Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstance.

FINANCES

REGISTRATION FEE	£200 per person (all team members)
INCLUSIVE DAY RATE Includes full board accommodation, airport transfers, Games-time shuttle, classification (if applicable) and all ceremonies & sports costs.	Maximum £120 per person, per night (£50pppn single occupancy supplement will apply) Fees will be confirmed before the opening of entries.

All registration fees must be paid to World Abilitysport in Sterling (GBP/£) by bank transfer at the details below;

National Westminster Bank PLC.,
PO Box 54, 22 Market Square, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1TR, UK
ACCOUNT NAME: WORLD ABILITYSPORT
ACCOUNT NO: 07475365
SORT CODE: 60 01 31
SWIFT CODE: nwbkgb2L
IBAN: GB85NWBK60013107475365

CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

All fees incurred on bank transfers, including fees in domestic and foreign intermediary banks, must be covered by the payer.

The following payment reference must be used for all bank transfers: 2024GG*COUNTRY*. Please retain proof of payments as this may be requested prior or on arrival.

All cancellations will be subject to the following refund policy. Before 29th May, 100% refund will be issued upon cancellation and 50% refunds will be issued between 29th May - 5th June. No refunds will be arranged after 5th June.

Late entries will not be accepted and financial penalties will be charged for late changes (after 5th June).

World Abilitysport will be unable to accept cash currency at the Games. All monies owed must be paid by bank transfer in adherence to the deadline dates communicated. For countries with restricted banking, by prior arrangement, teams will be able to make electronic payments at the Games.

Please note, World Abilitysport will be unable to issue visa invitation letters until registration fees have been received in full. In addition, no accommodation will be booked for teams until the inclusive day rate invoice is paid in full.