



International Masters Games Association

IMGA is the global representative body of Masters sports.



Our events are open to everyone!

All masters athletes represent themselves and not their nations, therefore all IMGA events - regional events included - are open to everybody from all over the world. The name of the event is only a geographical reference as our events are sport for all events.

As a result, you have more opportunities to compete in international events organised according to the rules and authority of the International Federations.

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IMGA and Olympic Channel sign Memorandum of Understanding

IMGA, the International Masters Games Association have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IOC's Olympic Channel on the 4th of September 2018 to collaborate on content.



This signing of the MoU will help to increase the exposure of Masters sport via the Olympic Channel to a worldwide audience.

Through the agreement, the IMGA will have the opportunity, at its discretion, to provide the Olympic Channel with live, tape delayed, highlights and news feeds of IMGA events and additional audio-visual or other content to the Olympic Channel global digital platform.

"We are excited to welcome the IMGA to the Olympic Channel's family of federation partners," said John Palfrey, director of stakeholder relations for the IOC's global Olympic Channel. "The events and participants of Masters sport not only provide inspirational stories to all audiences, but also demonstrate the Olympic values and the positive role that sport can play in one's life leading to a healthy and active lifestyle."

Olympic Channel federation partners include International Olympic Sports Federations (IFs), IOC-recognised federations and organisations, multi-sport organisers and non-recognised federations. In addition to collaborating on live event streaming, the Olympic Channel actively works with its federation partners to present event coverage, highlights, magazine shows, news coverage and original programming, providing an additional platform to distribute

content that is complementary to current broadcast and distribution arrangements.

The Olympic Channel is an over-the-top (OTT) global media destination where fans can experience the power of sport and the excitement of the Olympic Games all year round. Offering original programming, news, live sports events and highlights, the Olympic Channel provides additional exposure for sports and athletes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in 11 languages, and is available worldwide at olympicchannel.com, its mobile apps and on connected TV devices.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ingga.ch> and www.olympicchannel.com.

Successful Asia Pacific Masters Games in 2018

During the Asia Pacific Masters Games (APMG) 2018 in Penang, Malaysia broke new grounds by being the first-ever international multi-sport Masters Games to be held in Asia.



Hosted by the Penang State Government, the Games featured a total of 22 sports and was contested in 22 venues over nine days of competition from **7 September until 15 September 2018**.

A total of 5,601 participants from 64 countries around the world took part in the inaugural APMG 2018 Penang. Of this number, 3328 participants (59.4%) were Malaysians, with 1796 from Penang and 1532 from the rest of Malaysia. There were 2273 international participants (40.6%), with India (385), Australia (296), Japan (240) and China (179) having the largest representations. Almost three-quarters or 4,073 (72.7%) of the total number were male, with 1,528 (27.3%) female athletes participating in Penang.

The Games opening ceremony was held at the Penang City Stadium on 8 September with more than 10,000 people, including participants, performers, volunteers and spectators involved. The event was telecasted live nationwide. The equally exuberant closing ceremony was held at the Setia SPICE Convention Centre on 15 September.

The APMG 2018 Penang created another first in the history of Masters Games by having a torch run. The APMG 2018 Torch Run, which began on 28 April 2018 at the tip of Borneo and ended during the opening ceremony, covered 3908km across all the 13 states and three federal territories in Malaysia to add to the fanfare and awareness of the Games.

The APMG 2018 Penang was inducted into the Malaysia Book of Records for two feats – being the inaugural hosts, and for hosting the first Torch Run in the Asia Pacific Masters Games.

Although the concept is still at its infancy in Asia, APMG 2018 succeeded in drawing newcomers to the Masters Games and helped to form a new sporting culture. It is hoped the success of APMG 2018 and the staging of the next World Masters Games in Kansai in 2021 will pave the way for more international Masters events to be held in the region.

Everyone had a good time during the APMG 2018 in Penang. Combining sports and leisure, and making new friends while exploring the Pearl of the Orient (as Penang is known), the APMG 2018 lived up to its tagline – Beyond The Games.



Great sport comes back to Torino

From the **26 July to the 4 August 2019** Torino will host the European Masters Games. The event will be open to athletes and sport fans coming from all over the world.



Torino's excellences

The sport competitions will be held in **prestigious locations**, like parks, courtly squares, panoramic routes where the athletes can appreciate the beauty of art and the history of Torino. The pleasantness of the territory and the strong eno-gastronomic tradition will be the frame of the Games. A wide range of tourist proposals has been designed on athletes needs.

Who can participate?

To the EMG can participate men and women from all over the world of eligible age for the sport in which they will compete (age determined at 31 December 2019). Each sport guide, available on the website at the address www.torino2019emg.org clarifies all details.

Sport program

The EMG Torino 2019 sport program will be rich of news, the sports that can be played or experienced are: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Beachvolley, Canoe-Kayak, Cycling, Climbing, Dance Sport, Duathlon, Fencing, Field Hockey, Floorball-Inhockey, Football, Futsal, Golf, Handball, Judo, Karate, Paddle, Rowing, Rugby, Swimming, Shooting Clay-target, Shooting Pistol&Rifle, Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Wakeboard, Waterpolo, Weightlifting. Paralympic sports that will be on program are Athletics, Archery and Swimming.

The news of this edition of the EMG are: **Climbing**, **Paddle** and **Wakeboard**, which have been introduced for the first time as demo sports.

In addition there are three new disciplines, highly requested by international athletes: the **Canoe Slalom**, the **Archery Field** and the **Vertical Run**.

Your holidays in Torino, in Piemonte... and in Italia!

The EMG TURIN 2019 will also represent a great opportunity to **discover the city of Torino**, the Regione Piemonte and also other parts of Italy.

YEG - Your Event Group is the official provider of EMG for all accommodation services and tourist services.

Discover all the advantages reserved for Master athletes and their companions. Click [here](#) for more detailed information.

Registration

The athletes registration will be feasible through the official EMG To 2019 website, at the address: www.torino2019emg.org.

Stay tuned with news, a lot of fun facts and all information about the event on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram** and **Youtube** by searching **@EMGTorino2019**.

For information: info@torino2019emg.org.

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Less than 365 days to go!

In less than one year, we welcome you to the 3rd Winter World Masters Games in Innsbruck.



The planning is in full swing. In addition to the sports programme many social activities await you - athletes and companions can look forward to many different sportive and cultural experiences. The sports programme is so far fixed. We are happy to present the 12 different sports and the disciplines as follows:

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- Alpine Skiing: Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G, Night Race
- Biathlon: Sprint, Individual, Relay
- Cross-Country: Short C+F, Middle C+F, Long C+F, Relay
- Curling: Mixed Tournament
- Figure Skating: Ladies & Men's, Pairs, Ice Dance, Synchronized
- Ice Hockey: Women 30+, Men 30 / 40 / 50+
- Nordic Combined: Individual Gundersen
- Short Track: 500 m, 1.000 m, 1.500 m, Relay
- Ski Jumping: HS 42, HS 75, HS 109, Team HS 75
- Ski Mountaineering: Vertical, Individual
- Ski Orienteering: Sprint, Middle, Long; Model Event
- Speed Skating: 500 m, 1.000 m, 1.500 m, 3.000 m, 5.000 m, 10.000 m

Registration is online!

The waiting comes to an end – registration is open! We are happy about the huge interest in the Winter World Masters Games. First participants already booked their accommodation. Now it's possible to register for your sport at the competitions. [HERE](#) you can register as an athlete.

Apply as a volunteer: Do you want to be part of Innsbruck 2020, gain insights and support the Organising Committee? Then please, click [HERE](#) to sign up. We look forward to your registration as a volunteer.

Share your spirit!

All WWMG athletes share a common passion for sport. The event's motto "spirit together" focuses on this common sense of community and shared love of sport. We are interested in our athlete's passion – in your spirit. Therefore, we create videos in which we share your WWMG spirit. If you have a good story, let us know. Watch our [first video](#) to get inspired.

For further and especially more personal information watch our [official trailer](#) and follow us on [facebook](#).

Register now!

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Pan-American Masters Games Rio 2020

With the estimated participation of more than 10,000 athletes, the second Pan American Masters Games will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, **from 4 September to 13 September 2020**, with 24 sports and 44 venues in the same areas as the Rio Olympiad of 2016, in Barra da Tijuca Olympic Park, Deodoro, Maracanã and Copacabana.



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The signature ceremony was held at Rio de Janeiro City Palace hosted by the mayor, Marcello Crivella, with the president of the International Masters Games Association, Kai Holm, its CEO Jens Holm and the head of the Brazilian Committee Master Sports, Sergio Sztancsa; in addition to the Undersecretary of the Olympic Legacy, Patricia Amorim, RioEvents Undersecretary Rodrigo de Castro and the chief of Rio bid, former Olympic swimmer Djan Madruga, bronze medallist in Moscow 1980. Still active as a master athlete, Madruga, emphasised the importance of the event:

The renowned athletes will come. There will be for example former NBA players, some Olympic medallists and world champions, but those athletes are the minority. The big stars will be athletes over 80 years of age or those having recovered from cancer or diseases or simply wanting to live a healthier lifestyle.

Another important point in the Games will be the opportunity to hold another mega sporting event in Rio using the arenas built for the biggest event of humanity, the Rio 2016 Olympics, allowing anyone to play in an arena where Olympic athletes competed. The president of the International Master Games Association (IMGA), Kai Holm, said about it: "To have a metropolis like Rio de Janeiro, with its exuberant beauty, as a host city, further enhances this event. It will be a great pleasure to have Rio hosting the Master 2020 Pan-American Games".

The Games Organising Committee also highlights that athletes, family members and other lovers of the sport, thanks to the new hotel infrastructure and services created for the 2016 Olympic Games, will have a wonderful time in the city thanks to its world-renowned natural beauties, excellent housing conditions, amusement, food and tourism activities.

The message Rio Master Games organisers want to emphasise is *"a celebration of life, longevity and friendship."*

Below, the sports and disciplines for the Pan-American Masters Games Rio 2020.

Sports	Disciplines	Sports	Disciplines
Archery	Archery (outdoor compound) Archery (indoor recurve)	Orienteering	Forest Urban Sprint
Athletics	Road Track&field	Rowing	Rowing
Basketball	Indoor Basketball 3x3	Sailing	Class 1.1 - Laser STD open Class 1.2 - RAD open Class 2 - Snipe open Class 3 - HPE 25 open
Canoe	Rafting (R4) Slalom Ocean Racing	Shooting	Shooting
Cycling	Sprint Track Road	Surf	Surfboard Longboard
Dance sport	Standard Latin	Swimming	Swimming Pool Marathon Swimming
Flying Disc	Flying Disc	Tennis	Tennis Court Beach Tennis

Football	Football Society Men Football Women (field) Stars Football (field)	Table Tennis Triathlon	Table Tennis Olympic Triathlon
Golf	Golf	Volleyball	Beach Volley Volleyball Indoor
Jiu-Jitsu	Jiu-Jitsu	Water Polo	Water Polo
Judo	Judo	Wrestling	Wrestling

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World Masters Games 2021 Kansai

The World Masters Games 2021 will be in Kansai **from 14 May 2021 until 30 May 2021**. 50.000 participants from 150 countries are expected to compete at 35 sports in 59 disciplines.



Opening ceremony will take place on 14 May 2021 at surrounding area of Heian Jingu Shrine (Kyoto City), closing ceremony will take place on 30 May 2021 at surrounding area of Osaka Castle (Osaka City). Venues of the World Masters Games 2021 are located in the wide area within Kansai Region around Kyoto and Osaka.

Kansai Games will be the first model case event which will inherit Olympic movement and to host World Masters Games at host country of the Olympic Games in the following year.

Registrations

Registrations are scheduled to start on February 2020 and end on February 2021.

Commemorative event to celebrate 1000 days to go until the Kansai Games

On 18 August 2018, the ceremony for setting up and unveiling our digital countdown day clock has been conducted at the Kansai International Airport (Terminal 1 International Arrival Lobby).

On 24 August 2018 the Organizing Committee have hosted an event to create momentum for people to go into action with "1000 days to go until the Kansai Games" in Osaka where Mr. Tadahiro Nomura (Judo athlete, Atlanta · Sydney · Athens, 3 consecutive Games Gold medallist, Mr. Tsugiharu Ogiwara (Gold medallist of team event FIS Nordic World Ski championship 1995) and more people gave passionate messages towards the Games.

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We wish you a successful year and we hope that we meet soon at future masters events.

For further information, to [sign up for a newsletter](#) or join the community, visit www.imga.ch or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

We look forward to seeing you at future Masters events!

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Chief Executive Officer

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