

Hello and welcome to the 2023 World Police and Fire Games!

This is your official letter of confirmation. Below you will find the information that will help guide you through this year's Games.

# **Sport Specific Information for Biathlon**

Please review the **<u>Biathlon Abridged Rules</u>** for competition format and sport specific details.

## **Contact information**

If you have any questions regarding Biathlon please contact your Sport Coordinator(s): Brian Wurm at <u>biathlon@wpfg2023.com</u>.

Or

WPFG Federation Director: Raymond Hill at raymondahill@hotmail.com

#### **Sport Coordinator**

Brian is a serving member of the Winnipeg Police Service for 12 years and previously completed 16 years with the Canadian Air Force. He has been active in the sport of shooting/biathlon since 1984 as a competitor, coach and referee and is also a competitive archer. He is well-travelled, both in Canada and around the world, and he will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have about the event or travelling to see many of the attractions Winnipeg and Canada have to offer.

## **Competition Schedule**

Your daily schedule breakdown is as follows: **August 1**: Each athlete will shoot 1 individual competition. Start times 09:00, 10:00, 11:00. **August 2**: Weather day

You will be notified which relay you are in the morning of competition at Equipment Inspection.

Your team results are your individual results compiled, you will not run a separate race.

## Sport Equipment

You will be expected to bring all of your required race, safety and firearm equipment for your competition. No competition-required equipment, including firearms or ammunition, will be provided for competitors to utilize during the event.

For more information on Biathlon please review the <u>Pistol and Rifle FAOs</u>.



## **Equipment Storage**

RBC Convention Centre (375 York Avenue, Winnipeg) will have supervised, secured and staffed firearms and ammunition storage (room 2G) for the duration of the event. Storage will be free of charge for the athletes competing in Biathlon. Storage will be open July 26 until August 7, 2023.

On the day of the competition, athletes will pick up their firearms and ammunition from the storage facility and be transported to the venue. Upon return, athletes will once again secure their firearms and any remaining ammunition in the lockup until they depart Winnipeg. 2023 WPFG Host Society will not be transporting a firearm on behalf of an athlete.

Storage will be under 24/7 armed security. Athlete's accreditation or Passport AND Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form (RCMP5589) or Canadian PAL (Possession and Acquisition License) will serve as documents accepted to drop off/pick up firearms at the storage.

## **Additional Sport Information**

The running course will be prepared prior to the event and is expected to be a compacted natural material over a dirt base. The track is flat with no significant elevation changes.

## Venue

Winnipeg Revolver & Pistol Association 1201 Miller Rd, Winnipeg MB

The event facility is an outdoor range located outside the city. It will be set up with a dry equipment change tent where you will be able to change into/out of your race gear. Following the equipment check you will be able to place your equipment on the range prior to the race.

Food and beverage kiosks will be available at all competition venues.

Non accredited persons will not be allowed on the venue.

# **Transportation**

As part of your Accreditation, you will be granted free access to <u>Winnipeg Transit</u> services, which is perfect for getting around to different attractions throughout the city as well as the majority of our competition venues. For more details on routes and schedules please visit the <u>Winnipeg Transit Trip Planner</u>.



As this venue is located outside the Winnipeg Transit footprint, WPFG will provide a Dedicated Athlete Bus which will depart from the RBC Convention Centre Transportation Hub. Please visit the Transportation Information Desk located at the front entrance of the RBC Convention Centre for your detailed schedule prior to competition.

## Parking

There is extremely limited parking at Winnipeg Revolver and Pistol Association, please use the Athlete Shuttle whenever possible.

## **Registration in Winnipeg**

All competitors are REQUIRED to register at the RBC Convention Centre Accreditation Centre and receive their credentials no later than the day before their competition begins.

# You must bring your department / agency Identification when checking in at the accreditation centre.

Location RBC CONVENTION CENTRE WINNIPEG 375 York Ave Winnipeg MB R3C 3J3

## Hours of Operation

Monday July 24 – 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Local Athletes, come early and beat the rush! Tuesday July 25 – Thursday July 27: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday July 28: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

\*\*Early Closure for Opening Ceremonies. You must have accreditation to gain entry to the Marshalling area for the Athletes Parade\*\*

Saturday July 29 - Sunday July 30: 7:00am - 7:00pm Monday July 31 - Tuesday August 1: 7:00am - 5:00pm Wednesday August 2 - Saturday August 5: 9:00am - 5:00pm Sunday August 6: 9:00am - 1:00pm

\*Note: Hours are subject to change based on needs



# **Additional Games Information**

## **Security of Personal Items**

Please note that security for your personal items is your responsibility while competing. WPFG2023 is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

## **Opening Ceremonies**

Schedule: Friday July 28, 2023		
Activity	Time	Location
Athlete Marshalling Starts	4:30pm	<b>RBC Convention Centre</b> 3rd Floor HALL A/B 375 York Ave Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J3
Parade Start	6:30pm	
Doors Open	6:30pm	Canada Life Centre
Pre-show begins		300 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 5S4
Main Show Begins	7:00pm	
End of Show	9:30pm	

The Opening Ceremony begins with the Athletes Parade, which will start at the **RBC Convention Centre, 3rd Floor HALL A/B** and march to the **Canada Life Centre** (approx. 600 meters). Food & Beverage will be available for purchase in the marshalling area. You must have your Accreditation to access Hall A/B and take part in the parade.

## \*Things to Note:

- Only Athlete credentials will be permitted into the marshalling area or into the Athlete Parade at any point.
- The Accreditation Centre closes at 4:00pm on July 28.
- Please do not bring bags to the Opening Ceremony or Athlete Marshalling Area.

The opening ceremony is the official kick off to the 2023 World Police and Fire Games and will welcome athletes to Winnipeg with an exciting event in Canada Life Centre. Please ensure you RSVP attendance through your registration profile on <u>Fuse Sport</u>. Please note, your plus ones will not be seated with parade and ceremony participants.



## **Athletes Village**

Location: CN Stage & Field 1 Forks Market Road Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4X1 Dates: Saturday July 29 - Sunday August 6 Hours of Operation: 5:00 pm to Midnight (12:00am) \*Last call will be at 11:00pm

The Athletes Village is themed Canada's backyard and is the perfect place to unwind after a day of competition. We will be featuring local breweries nightly at our craft beer corner and our bars will be serving beer and premixed drinks. There will also be food available for purchase in the form of food trucks with a variety of options. Each night is a different theme where you can dance the night away to live music, play games, and socialize with athletes from across the world. A detailed schedule will be released on the <u>WPFG2023 website</u> closer to the games.

On August 2, 2023, Athletes Village will host Wrist Wrestling. Competition commences at 5:00pm.

## **Closing Ceremonies**

Location: CN Stage & Field Athletes Village Date: Sunday August 6th Time: Gates opens at 4pm, Closing Ceremony starts at 5pm.

Come and celebrate the closing of our Games as we pass over the WPFG Flag to Birmingham, Alabama for the 2025 World Police & Fire Games. There will be food & beverage available for purchase and live music to follow as we celebrate the success of our athletes, give thanks to all our volunteers and say goodbye for now as we look forward to Birmingham 2025.

## Merchandise

The 2023 Games Host Society is proud to offer a full merchandise program to commemorate the 2023 World Police & Fire Games. For more information and to view the WPFG2023 merchandise program please <u>click here</u>! All prices listed are in Canadian funds and electronic payment will be accepted at our on-site booths. Merchandise will be available at the RBC Convention Centre and Athletes Village.