



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 Open Water Swim

Please review the <u>Open Water Swim Abridged Rules</u> for competition format and sport specific details.

Contact information

If you have any questions regarding, Open Water Swim please contact your Sport Coordinator(s): Cindy Ceaser & Michelle Neilson at openwaterswim@wpfg2023.com

WPFG Federation Director: Jonna Wiltshire at Jwiltshire@cpaf.org

Pre Competition Meeting

Your Optional Pre Competition Meeting information is as follows:

Date: August 1 Time: 14:00

Location: Pan Am Pool

Practice

The Pan Am Pool will be available to athletes on July 29th for practice purposes. Admission is free on this day with athletes accreditation in addition to a 25 cent locker fee.

A single admission prior to July 29th costs \$7.51 CAD in addition to a 25 cent locker fee.

Competition Schedule

The competition takes place August 2nd and will start at 08:30. Athletes will have 2 hours to complete their swim.

After the 2 hour mark, athletes must leave the water, and no medal will be awarded, **no exceptions**. The time limit of two hours is intended for the safety of the athletes.

Sport Equipment

Swim caps will be provided for all athletes at the venue. Swim cap colours and numbers will be assigned to athletes based on their age categories.





As water temperatures will be above 20 degrees wetsuits are prohibited for this competition.

Jewelry, including necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets, and earrings are not permitted for this race.

Equipment Storage

Storage for athletes' belongings will be secured by staff and volunteers. Tags and large plastic bags will be provided for athletes to write their race number on and will then be stored. Following the race, athletes will show their number be it on their swim cap or body markings and then belongings will be retrieved.

Additional Sport Information

No floating devices, fins, or hand devices are permitted during this race.

Athletes will be sent into the water in waves.

The time limit of two hours is intended for the safety of the athletes.

Venue

St. Malo Provincial Park
De La Grotte Ave, St. Malo, MB
Food and beverage kiosks will be available at all competition venues.

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

Park passes will be made available at no cost for athletes who choose to drive to St.Malo Provincial Park.





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: 7:00am - 4:00pm

**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 | | |
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| Activity | Time | Location |
| Athlete Marshalling Starts | 4:30pm | RBC Convention Centre |





| Parade Start | 6:30pm | 3rd Floor HALL A/B 375 York Ave Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J3 |
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| Doors Open | 6:30pm | Canada Life Centre 300 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 5S4 |
| Pre-show begins | | |
| 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 Fuse Sport. 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 $\frac{\text{WPFG2023 website}}{\text{to the games}}$ 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 4:00 pm, Closing Ceremony starts at 5:00 pm.

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.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to regularly check the website for all updated information: www.wpfq2023.com