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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 Rugby 7s**

Please review the [Rugby 7s Abridged Rules](#) for competition format and sport specific details.

### **Contact information**

If you have any questions regarding, Rugby 7s please contact your Sport Coordinator(s): Gord MacInnes at [rugby@wpfg2023.com](mailto:rugby@wpfg2023.com)

Or

WPFG Federation Director: Danny Bodycoat at [bodycoat.d.r@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bodycoat.d.r@bigpond.com.au)

### **Pre Competition Meeting**

Your Mandatory Pre Competition Meeting information is as follows:

Date: July 30

Time: 20:00

Location: RBC Convention Centre, room 2E

### **Competition Schedule**

Games will run from 8:00 - 18:00 daily.

Your detailed Sport Schedule will be available on the WPFG website through the [Rugby 7s Page](#) after July 7th.

### **Sport Equipment**

- Uniforms must conform to World Rugby standards. No tear-away jerseys.
- Boots may have studs (cleats). They must be circular, securely fastened to the boots and of the following dimensions:
  - Length (max): 18 mm (measured from sole)
  - Diameter at base: 13 mm (min)

### **Additional Sport Information**

There will be an optional exhibition match taking place on July 29th (2 days before competition) to shake the rust off and have a BBQ after. Please contact Simon-Pierre Crete at [sprete@gmail.com](mailto:sprete@gmail.com) for details.

Rugby matches will be played on 2 grass fields. You are welcome to practice on the open fields throughout Maple Grove Rugby Park.



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## Venue

Maple Grove Park  
90 Frobisher Rd, Winnipeg, 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 [Winnipeg Transit](#) 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 [Winnipeg Transit Trip Planner](#).

WPFPG will provide a dedicated Athlete Shuttle 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 a limited amount of free parking at the Maple Grove Rugby Park on venue. Parking on the roadside inside the park is not permitted. 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!***



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**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. WPF2023 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	<b>Canada Life Centre</b> 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



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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 [WPF2023 website](#) 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.



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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 [click here](#)! 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.wpfg2023.com](http://www.wpfg2023.com)**