



BID PROCEDURE

Host City Candidate Process

2031 Edition





WPFG Mission

The mission of the World Police and Fire Games is to unite public safety personnel through sport, promoting excellence, camaraderie, and international understanding within an Olympic-style, multi-sport framework.

About Us

The World Police and Fire Games is a prestigious international competition that brings together active and retired personnel from law enforcement, fire, and correctional services from around the world.

The event attracts more than 8,500 competitors from over 70 countries who compete in more than 60 sports over a 10-day period. Participants commonly travel with one to two family members, which increases engagement and provides meaningful economic benefits to the host city.

Organizing and delivering the Games requires a coordinated effort among law enforcement, fire, and correctional agencies, as well as local tourism organizations and government entities at various levels. Leveraging the collective expertise of these partners is essential to ensure the successful execution of the Games and to position the host city for future opportunities.

The Games feature one of the most diverse sport programs of any international multi-sport event.

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WHY HOST

The World Police And Fire Games?

The World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) is more than just an international sporting event—it is a unique opportunity for cities to honor first responders, boost their economy, and showcase their commitment to public safety and community service. Hosting the WPFG offers unparalleled benefits that go beyond those of typical large-scale events. Here’s why your city should consider hosting:

Institutional Recognition

The Games provide an international platform recognizing the service and professionalism of public safety personnel. Hosting the Games provides a platform to highlight and strengthen relationships between public safety professionals and the community.

International Exposure

The WPFG brings worldwide attention to the host city through media coverage, live streaming, and social media engagement. Hosting the Games contributes to measurable economic activity through international visitation and extended stays. The Games enhance civic pride and create lasting partnerships between local governments, businesses, and public safety organizations.

Sport Infrastructure Optimization

The WPFG utilizes existing sports venues, reducing infrastructure costs while maximizing facility usage. The event encourages upgrades and improvements to local sports complexes, ensuring long-term benefits for the community.

Facilities that accommodate WPFG competitions—such as swimming pools, tracks, and arenas—can be leveraged for future athletic events and community programs.



Economic And Tourism Impact

The WPFG attracts 8,500–10,000 athletes plus their families, friends, and supporters, resulting in an estimated 20,000+ visitors.

These visitors contribute significantly to the local economy by staying in hotels, dining at restaurants, shopping, and exploring local attractions.

Cities that have hosted the WPFG have seen tens of millions of dollars in economic impact, with businesses experiencing increased revenue across various sectors.

Community Engagement & Volunteerism

The WPFG provides extensive volunteer opportunities, fostering civic pride and community involvement.

Local residents and organizations can participate in hosting, logistics, and support roles, enhancing public engagement and unity.

Schools, nonprofits, and businesses can collaborate in community-focused initiatives related to the Games.

Strengthening Public Safety Networks

Hosting the WPFG brings together first responders from across the globe, allowing for knowledge, sharing, training opportunities, and relationship-building.

Law enforcement and emergency services benefit from exposure to international best public safety and emergency practices in public safety and emergency response.

Strengthened professional networks can lead to long-term collaboration in crisis management and security operations.



Sports Participation ECONOMIC IMPACT

Our Journey Through the Years

2007 | Adelaide, Australia

Participants: 12,000+
Reported Economic Impact: \$31 Million (USD)

2009 | British Columbia, Canada

Participants: 13,000+
Reported Economic Impact: \$84 Million (USD)

2015 | Fairfax, Virginia, USA

Participants: 12,680
Reported Economic Impact: \$83.85 Million (USD)

2017 | Los Angeles, California, USA

Participants: 10,897
Reported Economic Impact: \$77.45 Million (USD)

2019 | Chengdu, China

Participants: 11,470
Reported Economic Impact: \$72.25 Million (USD)

2022 | Rotterdam, Netherlands

Participants: 6,675
Reported Economic Impact: \$36.9 Million (USD)

2023 | Winnipeg, Canada

Participants: 7,186
Reported Economic Impact: \$36.7 Million (USD)

*Note - Economic impact figures are reported by the respective Host Organizing Committees and are not independently audited by WPFGF.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 8,500+ ATHLETES
- 70+ COUNTRIES
- 60+ SPORTS
- 3,000+ VOLUNTEERS
- 1,600+ MEDALS EVENT



HOST TESTIMONIALS



— WORLD
POLICE & FIRE
— GAMES —



Mike Edwards

*Chief Operating Officer
2023 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*

The World Police and Fire Games is a one-of-a-kind world class event that creates large and widespread economic impact. The Games also fosters immense community pride through the display of elite athleticism and dedication of the world's best first responders personnel.



Barry Biggar

*President/CEO Fairfax County Convention & Visitors Corporation Interim CEO
2015 WPFGB Chairman of the Board, 2015 WPFGB Member Of 2015 WPFGB Bid Team*

The World Police and Fire Games are an outstanding multi-sport event with significant economic benefits for hosting communities. Fairfax County, Virginia, for instance, generated over \$84 million in just 10 days. However, beyond the financial gains, these games foster community spirit, volunteerism, and appreciation for the brave men and women who protect us every day. Hosting these games not only showcases a destination but also creates lasting pride and legacy. Consider bidding for this prestigious event if your area has the necessary infrastructure and resources.



Lady Mary Peters, DBE

*Patron, 2013 World Police and Fire Games - Belfast
Olympic Gold Medalist, Munich 1972*

The 2013 World Police and Fire Games in Belfast was a resounding success, drawing athletes and visitors from over 80 countries. It not only had a significant short-term economic impact but also boosted the city's confidence to bid for other major events like the Giro d'Italia and the Open Golf Championship. Witnessing Belfast's transformation into a lively and inviting destination left a lasting impression on organizers and participants alike.

CORE SPORTS

Core Sports mandated for the WPFGB are compulsory. The sport program shall include a minimum of fifty-five (55) and a maximum of sixty-five (65) sports, inclusive of Core Elective, and approved Introductory Sports.

- Angling (Fresh or Salt)
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball 5v5
- Basketball 3v3
- Bench Press
- Biathlon
- Bowling
- Boxing
- Cross Country
- Cycling (Street Bikes)
- Cycling (Mountain)
- Dodgeball
- Golf
- Half Marathon
- Ice Hockey
- Karate
- Motorcycle (Dirt Bikes)
- Muster
- Open Water Swim
- Pistol-PPC
- Pistol-PAP
- Push-Pull Lifting
- Rifle Large Bore
- Rifle Small Bore
- Rowing (Indoor)
- Rugby (7-Aside)
- Shotgun
- Soccer (Futbol)
- Stair Race
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- TCA
- TennisTrack and Field
- Triathlon
- Volleyball (Beach)
- Volleyball (Indoor)
- Wrestling



ADDITIONAL SPORTS

Alongside the required Core Sports, the host has the option to choose from a list of elective sports to fulfill the mandatory fifty-five (55) sports quota.

If the Host intends to substitute one (1) or at most two (2) elective sports with an "introductory sport," permission must be sought and granted in writing from the WPFGF. An "introductory sport" refers to a sport not previously featured in any WPFG event, and the Host is required to furnish sport regulations as outlined in the Rule Book. Under no circumstances should the cumulative count of core, elective, and "introductory sports" surpass sixty-five (65).

- Air Rifle
- Baseball
- Body Building
- Boules
- Canoe
- Chess
- Cornhole
- Cricket
- CrossFit®
- Curling
- Darts
- Dragon Boats
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Flag Football
- Handball
- Horseshoes
- Indoor Hockey
- Jiu Jitsu
- Judo
- Lawn Bowls
- Motorcycle (Street Bikes)
- Netball
- Orienteering
- Paintball
- Pickleball
- Pistol (Center Fire)
- Pocket Billiards
- Police Pentathlon
- Police Service Dogs
- Racquetball
- Roller Skiing
- Rowing (Outdoor)
- Rugby (Touch)
- Sailing
- Scuba
- Softball (Slow-Pitch)
- Softball (Fast Pitch)
- Squash
- Surfing
- Taekwondo
- Team Handball
- Tug of War
- Water Polo
- Water Skiing
- Weightlifting
- Windsurfing
- Wrist Wrestling



BUILDING A SPORTS LEGACY

Legacy Planning Requirements

Host City Candidates shall submit a Sports Legacy Plan outlining:

Facility Utilization Strategy

Strategize on ways the Sport Legacy will promote participation among underrepresented groups, including economically disadvantaged communities, women, and individuals with disabilities, to create broader access to sports.

Inclusion Initiatives

Detail plans for attracting legacy sporting events to ensure the continued use of the facilities and infrastructure enhanced or built for the WPFG, thereby securing ongoing for the community.

Youth Sport Development

Explain how the event will serve as a catalyst for the development of school and youth sports programs, enhancing physical education and fostering a culture of health and activity among the younger generation.

Coaching Advancements

Outline initiatives to improve coaching standards as a result of the event, ensuring that local athletes have access to high-quality training and mentorship.

Volunteer Retention Strategy

Discuss strategies for retaining volunteers from the WPFG and engaging them in future community and sports events, leveraging their skills and enthusiasm for long-term community benefits.

Long-Term Participation Growth

Present plans to encourage widespread community involvement in sports and physical activity, detailing how this increased participation will be maintained over time to ensure lasting health and social benefits.

Including these components in your bid proposal will not just emphasize your dedication to forging a sustainable Sports Legacy, but also showcase the extensive social and economic advantages that hosting the WPFG can offer to your city.



HOST CITY SELECTION PROCEDURE



STEP
01

Letter of Intent

The Letter of Intent guidelines can be provided to potential host candidates upon request, offering clarity and guidance for the submission process.

STEP
02

Site Inspection

Once the “Letter of Intent” is received, the potential Host City Candidate will have several months to prepare for a Site Inspection. At the expense of the Host City Candidate, the WPF Games Federation will then send an official Evaluation Commission appointed by the WPF Games Federation Board of Directors.

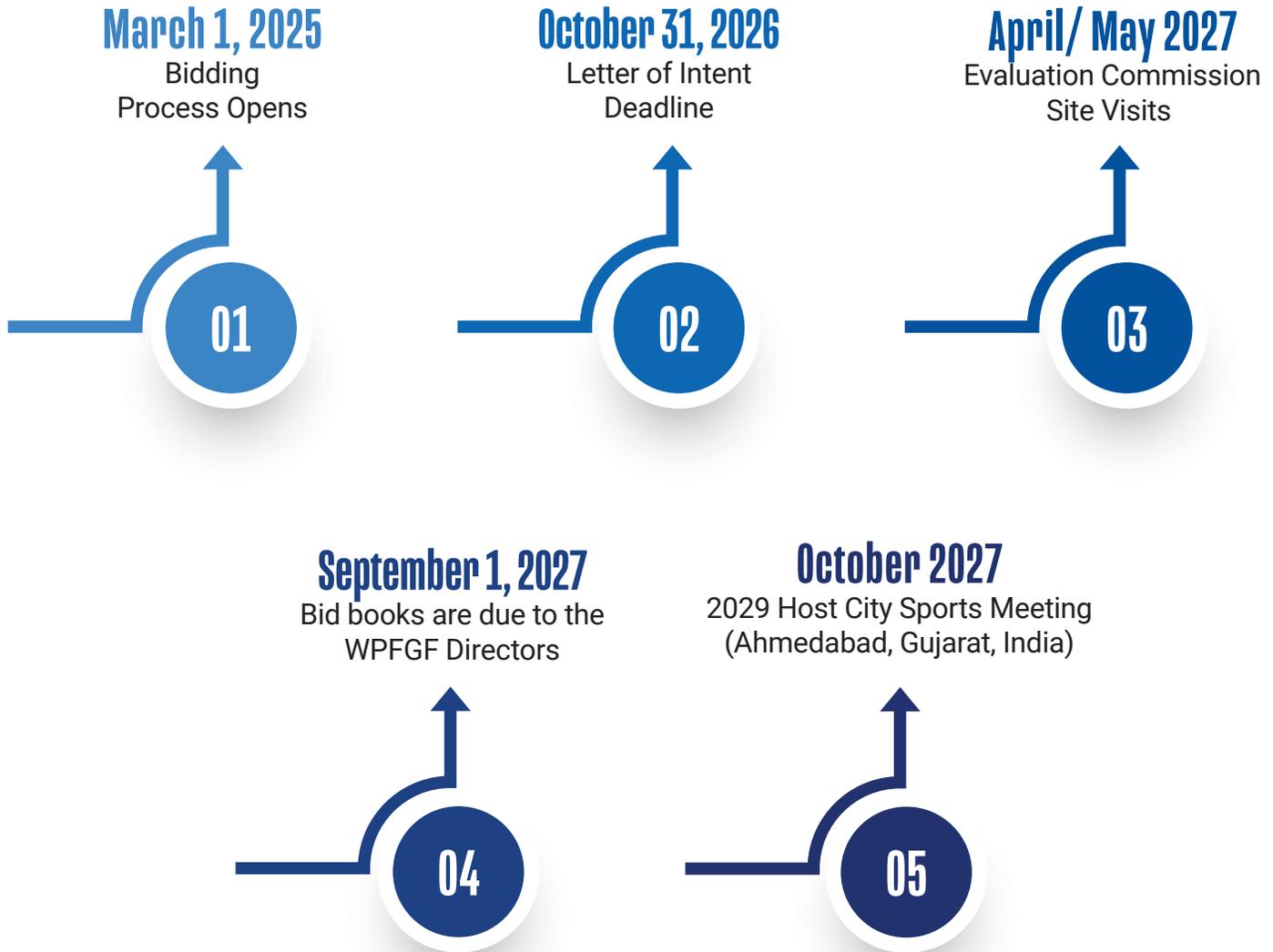
STEP
03

Bid Presentation

The final step is to participate in a “Bid Presentation” to the WPF Games Federation Board of Directors. The purpose of the Bid Presentation is to allow the potential Host City Candidate to demonstrate its capacity, readiness, and overall ability to organize and deliver the Games in full compliance with WPF Games Federation standards and requirements.

The WPF Games Federation Board of Directors will select the Host City based on a comprehensive evaluation of both the Site Inspection and the Bid Presentation, with the final decision reflecting the overall quality, preparedness, and viability demonstrated by the candidate city.

SELECTION TIMELINE



NOTE: Two weeks after the Site Inspection, the potential Host City Candidate will be formally notified whether it has been deemed a viable candidate. If selected to move forward, the city will be invited to deliver its official Bid Presentation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, in October 2027, at the 2029 World Police and Fire Games Host City Sports Meeting.

PREVIOUS HOSTS



San Jose, California, USA
(1985)



San Diego, California, USA
(1987)



Vancouver, Canada
(1989)



Memphis, Tennessee, USA
(1991)



Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA
(1993)



Melbourne, Australia
(1995)



Calgary, Canada
(1997)



Stockholm, Sweden
(1999)



Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
(2001)



Barcelona, Spain
(2003)



Quebec City, Canada
(2005)



Adelaide, Australia
(2007)



British Columbia, Canada
(2009)



New York City, New York, USA
(2011)



Belfast, North Ireland
(2013)



Fairfax County, Virginia, USA
(2015)



Los Angeles, California, USA
(2017)



Chengdu, China
(2019)



Rotterdam, The Netherlands
(2022)



Winnipeg, Canada
(2023)



Birmingham, Alabama, USA
(2025)



Perth, Australia
(2027)



Ahmedabad, India
(2029)

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