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WELCOME ADDRESS



Dear friends,

I have devoted my whole life to sport. I went from being an amateur boxer to an Olympic medalist and absolute world champion. The dreams I held since my childhood have all come true.

I achieved my goals through hard work, sweat and blood. This is why we love sport. Tireless work, dedication and the ability to develop one's own talents lead to the podium and recognition. Believe me, I know what I'm talking about. There is nothing more valuable to an athlete than the opportunity to realise their full potential and make their way in life through talent and commitment.

The future of world sport should be based on the creation of new opportunities for athletes to implement their potential. Certainly, no one has the right to deprive competitors of such possibilities in favour of someone else's interests and ambitions. Any tournament must be based on the principles of fair play and mutual respect between all participants. Only in this way can sport remain an inspiring and unifying force for millions of people around the world.

It was this unconditional allegiance to the ideals of sport that inspired the creation of the World Friendship Community. This is how we see the World Friendship Games, which will be held for the first time in Russia in September 2024.

I am very optimistic about the future of world sport and invite you to participate in the World Friendship Games 2024!

Roy Jones Jr.

IFA Member
World Friendship Games Ambassador





ABOUT THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

The World Friendship Community is a new international humanitarian initiative that emerged as a result of a growing demand within the global sports community for new formats enabling athletes to realise their full potential. The key idea of the Community is to protect the fundamental human right to engage in sports, culture, science and education without any restrictions. The Community stands for the complete independence of sport from politics and rejects any form of political pressure.

The International Friendship Association (IFA) is the structure entrusted with implementing the ideas and principles of the World Friendship Community through initiatives and events held under its auspices. The IFA's mission is to promote sport, culture, science and education, and to organise international events, including, first and foremost, the World Friendship Games.

The IFA is headquartered in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The IFA is a non-governmental organisation incorporated under the laws of the UAE.

The IFA's supreme body is the General Assembly, which is the general meeting of all IFA members.

ABOUT THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP GAMES

The World Friendship Games is an international commercial multi-sport tournament held under the auspices of the International Friendship Association. The purpose of the Games is to create an effective platform for high-performance sports, to ensure the non-discriminatory access of athletes from all countries and sports organisations to international sports activities, and to develop new formats for international sporting cooperation. The World Friendship Games honors the human right to participate in sport without political interference. The only criterion for participation in the Games is the athletes' sporting achievements, and they will be invited individually based on the recommendations of national sports federations and international athletic ratings.

The first World Friendship Games will be held on September 15–29, 2024, in the Russian cities of Moscow and Ekaterinburg. The sports programme of the Games includes competitions in 36 summer sports in 208 disciplines. The award ceremonies will comprise 283 medal sets.

We expect over 6,000 athletes from more than 70 countries to participate in the World Friendship Games 2024, and about 7,500 volunteers to be involved in the organisation. The competitions will be held at state-of-the-art sports venues, and the heart of the Games will be in Moscow's Luzhniki Sports Complex, which has hosted the most prestigious international events and has a highly acclaimed place in world sporting history.





ABOUT RUSSIA, MOSCOW AND EKATERINBURG

RUSSIA

Russia is the largest country in the world, covering more than 17 million square kilometers in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia. The capital of the Russian Federation is Moscow. The population of the country exceeds 146 million people, representing more than 190 nationalities. Russian is the official state language.

Russia has incredible natural beauty and widely diverse landscapes, from vast steppes and forests to majestic mountains and seas.

Russia has a rich and fascinating history. From the Old Russian state and the Russian Empire to the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation, each period has left its mark on the country.

Russian culture – literature, music, fine arts – is known and loved throughout the world.

Russia is a country with a rich sporting history, and has produced many great champions and world record holders. Its sporting traditions are passed down from generation to generation. Over the past ten years, the Russian Federation has hosted the world's most prestigious sports events – XXII Olympic Winter Games, 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, as well as world and continental championships in a wide range of summer and winter sports. These events have given a significant impetus to the creation of state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in Russian cities and the emergence of a large cohort of top specialists in the field of competition organisation and sports management. The development of amateur and professional sports is a national priority for Russia, contributing to the popularization of physical culture and the improvement of the nation's health.

Today Russia is a country known for its modern technologies and developed infrastructure. Industrial and cultural centres such as Moscow, Saint Petersburg, and Ekaterinburg attract tourists from all over the world.





Moscow

Moscow is the capital and largest city of the Russian Federation, which is one of the largest metropolises on the planet. Moscow has long won the status of a world political and business centre, being the main source of development and driver of business activity and business in the country.

The capital of Russia is an important tourist destination, famous for its many architectural monuments included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Among them, the most famous are the Moscow Kremlin and Red Square.

Moscow has one of the most developed urban transport systems in the world. Many of the capital's metro stations are recognised as tourist attractions and are awarded separate excursions.

Sports also occupy leading positions in the city, which is represented by a large number of professional clubs in many sports, as well as titled athletes. The main sports cluster The sports core of the capital, and with it the whole of Russia, is the Luzhniki sports complex. The main competitions of the 1980 Summer Olympic Games took place here. The Luzhniki Grand Sports Arena is one of the unique list of stadiums that simultaneously hosted the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympic Games, as well as the final of the FIFA World Cup. Other key world events witnessed by spectators at the Luzhniki Grand Sports Arena include the UEFA Champions League final, the World Athletics Championships, as well as many large music shows and concerts performed by stars of the world stage.





Ekaterinburg

Ekaterinburg is one of the most rapidly developing scientific, educational, cultural and sports centres in the country. It is the fourth most populous city in Russia, with more than 1.5 million people, and the largest and easternmost city on the land border between Europe and Asia. This favorable location contributes to the development of its economy, industry, culture, sports, and tourism sectors.

The capital of the Ural region is the most important transportation and logistics hub in the Russian Federation. Ekaterinburg is a 2.5-hour flight from Moscow and a 2-hour flight from Novosibirsk. It has the largest international airport in Russia outside Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

Ekaterinburg and the surrounding region has its own sports history, with many professional sports clubs and teams, including the Ural football club, the Avtomobilist hockey club, the Sinara futsal team, the UMMC, Temp-SUMZ and Uralmash basketball clubs, and the Uralochka-NTMK volleyball club.

Ekaterinburg and Sverdlovsk Region have hosted many major sports events. In 2018, the city hosted four matches of the FIFA World Cup, and it has also hosted the World Boxing Championships, the European Table Tennis Championships, Judo Grand Slam tournaments, the UEFA Futsal Cup, and the FIDE Candidates Tournament (Chess).





SPORTS PROGRAMME AND COMPETITION VENUES

The sports programme of the World Friendship Games 2024 features 36 sports. All competitions will be held in accordance with the regulations developed for the relevant sport.

The Games competition venues are full-fledged sports complexes with a sophisticated infrastructure, well-suited to hosting major Russian and international competitions.

21 venues will be used for the competitions, 17 of them in Moscow and 4 in Ekaterinburg. The capital of Russia will host the main part of the sports programme.

Below is a preliminary schedule of events and a proposed list of venues.

M O S C O W		
Sport	Competition Dates	Competition Venue
Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	September 19	Luzhniki, Irina Viner-Usmanova Gymnastics Palace
Archery	September 17–22	Luzhniki, Football Field 8
Artistic Gymnastics	September 22–29	CSKA Arena
Badminton	September 25–29	Moscow Basket Hall
Basketball (Men)	September 13–21	Moscow Basket Hall
3x3 Basketball	September 20–22	Luzhniki, Open Area I
Beach Soccer	September 18–22	Luzhniki, Open Area III
Beach Volleyball	September 25–29	Luzhniki, Open Area III
BMX	September 23–24	MTS Live Hall
Mountain bike	September 19	To be determined
Boxing	September 13–22	Luzhniki, International Boxing Centre
Breaking	September 20–21	Luzhniki, Irina Viner-Usmanova Gymnastics Palace
Canoe Slalom	September 25–28	Bogorodskoye Canoe Slalom Complex
Chess	September 24–28	Luzhniki Big Sports Arena
Competitive Programming	September 26–27	CSKA Climbing Centre
Equestrian	September 25–28	Bitsa Equestrian Complex
Fencing	September 24–29	Luzhniki, Irina Viner-Usmanova Gymnastics Palace
High Diving	September 23	Luzhniki, Open Area II
Karate	September 27–29	Luzhniki, International Boxing Centre
Padel	September 16–21	Lunda Padel Indoor Centre





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Sport	Competition Dates	Competition Venue
Rhythmic Gymnastics	September 13–17	Luzhniki, Irina Viner-Usmanova Gymnastics Palace
Sambo	September 15–16	Luzhniki, International Sambo Centre
Skateboarding: Vert Street Park	September 13–15 September 16–22 September 20–27	Luzhniki, Open Area I Luzhniki, Small Sports Arena Luzhniki, Small Sports Arena
Sport Climbing	September 17–22	CSKA Climbing Centre
Table Tennis	September 14–20	Luzhniki, Druzhba Sports Hall
Taekwondo (WTF)	September 26–29	Luzhniki, International Sambo Centre
Triathlon	August 25	Route around the city of Moscow
Weightlifting	September 26–29	Luzhniki, Druzhba Sports Hall
Wrestling	September 19–22	Luzhniki, International Sambo Centre



E K A T E R I N B U R G		
Sport	Competition Dates	Competition Venue
Artistic Swimming	September 15–17	Palace of Water Sports
Athletics	September 18–22	Kalininets Sports and Recreation Centre
Basketball (Women)	September 20–28	Palace of Team Sports
Diving	September 19–22	Palace of Water Sports
Judo	September 27–28	Judo Arena
Ju-Jitsu	September 22–23	Judo Arena
Mixed Martial Arts	September 15–17	Judo Arena
Swimming	September 23–26	Palace of Water Sports

The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the sports programme.





PRIZE FUND

Participants who win First, Second or Third Place in individual sports will receive medals, and cash prizes as follows:

US \$40,000 for First Place

US \$25,000 for Second Place

US \$17,000 for Third Place

Members of the teams who win First, Second or Third Place in team sports will receive medals, and cash prizes as follows:

US \$40,000 for First Place

US \$25,000 for Second Place

US \$17,000 for Third Place

In team sports, the number of winners and medalists in a winning team will not exceed the maximum number of members in a national team as specified in the regulations for each sport.





ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

According to the principles of the World Friendship Games 2024, the only criteria for admission and participation is the sporting achievements of the athletes. The World Friendship Games 2024 honors and protects the human right to play sports without any restrictions, and it also stands for the complete independence of sport from politics and related factors.



Participants are invited individually, in accordance with the recommendations of national sports federations.

The regulations for each sport indicate the maximum number of participants from each country. The order of priority for the selection of participants based on accepted entries determined on the basis of the official ranking of the international federation for the relevant sport.

The Organising Committee will consider entries individually from athletes (or their representatives), as well as group entries from the national sports federation for the relevant sport, or from a public organisation (sports club). During the Games, a contact person should be nominated to communicate with the Organising Committee and perform administrative functions on behalf of the delegation or team.

Male and female athletes who have received no sanctions for violations of WADA anti-doping rules are eligible to participate.

In case of disagreements concerning an athlete's eligibility, a decision will be made by a special commission of the Organising Committee.

The Organising Committee will ensure the compliance of the World Friendship Games 2024 with the World Anti-Doping Code.





Quotas, eligibility criteria for athletes, availability of sports equipment and other requirements related to the specific nature of the sport in question, and to the format of the competition, will be specified in the regulations.

Accommodation, food and beverages and transportation services for the participants will be provided by the Organising Committee within the established quotas.

ENTRIES

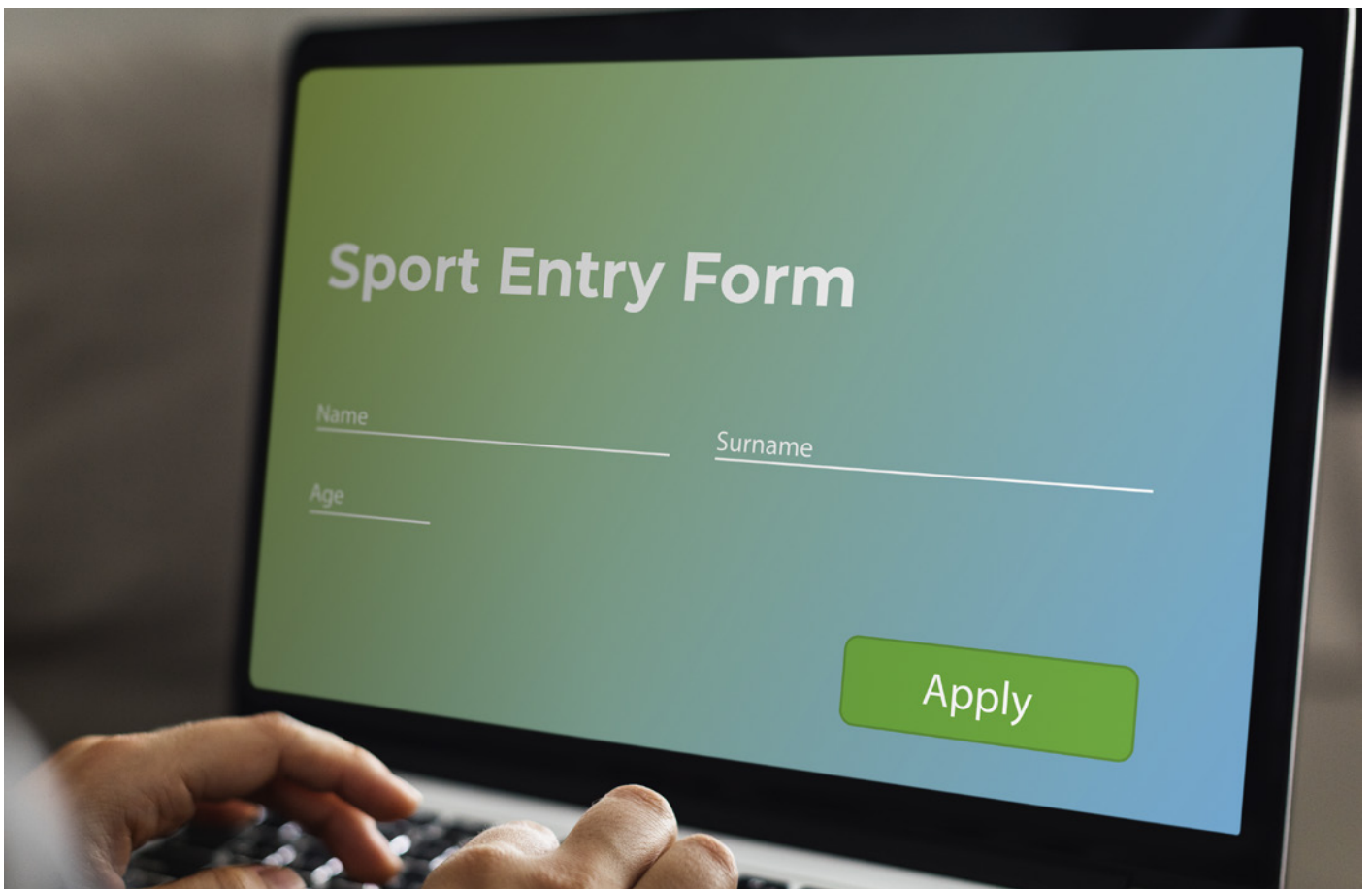
Entries process for the Games consists of a preliminary and a main stage.

During the preliminary stage the applicants fill in the forms confirming their intention to participate. The completed forms should be sent to the Organising Committee by March 30, 2024.

During the main stage, the applicants submit a final entry via the online registration system. The Organising Committee will provide the access to the system. Deadline for the entry submission is July 15, 2024.

The Organising Committee establishes participation quotas for athletes and officials. Detailed information is presented in the regulations for each sport.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to send special invitations to national sports federations, sports clubs and individual athletes. The Organising Committee also reserves the right to change the entries deadlines.





COVERING PARTICIPANTS TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Athletes and delegation officials (coaching, medical and administrative staff) of the World Friendship Games 2024 will be provided with free air transportation from a city with an international airport to Moscow/Ekaterinburg and back. The Organising Committee will pay for an economy class ticket and the carriage of one baggage item of up to 23kg on a regular or charter flight.



RULES FOR ENTERING RUSSIA. VISA REGIME

Accredited participants of the Games will be given the opportunity to apply for visas to enter Russia without fees under a simplified procedure. The visa will be issued on the basis of the letter confirming the applicant's participation in the Games.

To apply for a visa, the passport must be valid for at least another 6 months after the visa expiration date. The passport must have at least two blank visa pages.

Visa duration: single entry/double entry.

Visa validity: September 01, 2024, to October 15, 2024.

List of required documents:

- A valid passport, which must be the same as the one submitted by the applicant when registering in the online registration system
- A photograph measuring 3.5cm by 4.5cm
- A signed visa application form (to be completed online)
- The printed confirmation letter of participation in the Games
- A health insurance policy (if applicable)

ATTENTION: In some cases, visa processing may take up to 14 working days. Please bear this in mind when scheduling your visit to the consulate in order to submit your documents.





OFFICIAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE POINTS

General Information

Arrival of the Games participants – not earlier than two calendar days before the start of the competition in the relevant sport.

Departure – not later than one calendar day after the end of the competition in the relevant sport.

Official arrival and departure points

In the period from September 5 to October 1, 2024, Games guests and participants will be welcomed and seen off at the official points of arrival and departure:

- Sheremetyevo International Airport – round the clock
- Domodedovo International Airport – round the clock
- Vnukovo International Airport – round the clock
- Koltsovo International Airport – round the clock
- Railway stations in Moscow and Ekaterinburg – according to the train schedule





ACCOMMODATION

Athletes and Delegation Officials

Athletes and delegation officials will be accommodated in double rooms together with another representative of the same team and the same sex in hotels with a rating of 3 to 4 stars. Single accommodation can be provided upon request and by agreement with the Organising Committee in exceptional cases, for example, if the athlete is the only representative of their team, if the team includes an odd number of athletes, or if the team includes athletes of different sexes.

The Organising Committee will provide accommodation with three meals a day for athletes and representatives of delegations in accordance with the quotas established by the Organising Committee for each sport, for up to two days before the competitions in their sport, during the competition and for one day after the end of the competition.

If the number of delegation officials exceeds the quota, accommodation and meals for the additional participants shall be paid for by the delegation.

Information Support

There will be information desks of the Organising Committee in the hotels where participants are staying, which will provide them with all the necessary information on accommodation, transportation and other issues related to participation in the competitions.

Additional Services

Meeting rooms, equipment storage rooms and other facilities can be made available by the hotels upon request from the participants. These services will be provided free of charge, within the limits determined by the Organising Committee.





All additional services in hotels above the established quotas and service levels, including:

- accommodation for additional participants
- additional nights' accommodation
- single occupancy
- room upgrades
- other services

shall be paid for by the delegation at the hotel.

The Organising Committee will prepare and send a rate card listing the additional services to all participants at a later date.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Games participants will be provided with hot meals in buffet format in their hotels. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. The menus will take into account the national, religious and dietary needs of the Games participants.

Depending on the schedule of the sports programme, for some sports hot takeaway meals (lunch boxes) will be provided for the participants at the competition venues by prior arrangement.

At all competition venues, self-service snack bars will be organised and room temperature water, hot drinks and chilled bottled water (on request for certain sports) – will be available in rest areas or locker rooms for athletes. During training, athletes will be provided with bottled water at room temperature.





TRANSPORTATION

Games Participants will be provided with transportation services on the following routes:

- From the point of arrival and departure to and from hotels
- From hotels to and from competition and training venues
- From hotels to and from the venues hosting official Games events

Transportation will be in coaches and minibuses.

The transportation service will be provided during the two days before the competition, during the competition and one day after the competition.

MEDICAL SERVICES AND DOPING CONTROL

Medical Services

During each competition, a mobile medical team equipped and trained to provide emergency medical assistance, including in cases of sudden cardiac arrest, will be on duty at the field of play. Primary medical and pre-hospital medical care will be available to the competitors in medical stations organised in the sports area of the venues. Emergency medical evacuation from the field of play or from the sports arena to the nearest hospital will be performed, if necessary, by ambulance crews that will be on duty at the venue during official training and competition events.

Emergency medical care for sudden acute conditions and life-threatening exacerbations of chronic conditions will be provided free of charge to foreign competitors and members of sports delegations in Russia. To cover all other unforeseen health emergencies, including the need for early repatriation to their country of permanent residence, participants are required to purchase a medical and medical evacuation insurance policy in advance.





Doping Control

Doping control at the World Friendship Games 2024 will be performed by a specialist anti-doping organisation, in accordance with the international standards and requirements of the WADA World Anti-Doping Code.



SECURITY

Ensuring the security of all events of the World Friendship Games 2024 is one of the keys to their overall success.

The security system of the World Friendship Games 2024 will be implemented in accordance with the requirements for holding large-audience sports events, taking into account the experience of hosting XXII Olympic Winter Games, 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, the 2020 UEFA European Football Championship and other major sports events held in the Russian Federation. For this purpose, the Organising Committee, in close cooperation with all relevant bodies (federal executive and legislative authorities, public associations and sports federations), will work to ensure the safety of participants and guests of the Games, and will organise screening and security checks of persons visiting the Games venues in order to prevent any unlawful incidents and to create a friendly atmosphere.





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