



The World Games  
2021 BIRMINGHAM, USA

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# FAST FACTS

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ★ 15-25 JULY 2021



## Event Owner

- ★ The International World Games Association (IWGA)
- ★ Founded in 1981 – Comprised of 37 Member International Federations
- ★ Organization Recognized by the International Olympic Committee
- ★ Official Event Name: The World Games (TWG)
- ★ [www.theworldgames.org](http://www.theworldgames.org)

## Event Producer - The World Games 2021 Birmingham Foundation

- ★ In January 2015, the IWGA named the City of Birmingham as Host City for 2021.
- ★ The World Games 2021 Birmingham Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit.
- ★ The TWG 2021 Birmingham Foundation, (Birmingham Organizing Committee-BOC), in partnership with the City of Birmingham operates under contract with the IWGA through a local staff with guidance from a board of directors that is independent from the IWGA Board of Directors.

## Event Dates

- ★ Opening Ceremony 15 July 2021
- ★ Competition 16-25 July 2021
- ★ TWG Plaza 16-25 July 2021
- ★ Closing Ceremony 25 July 2021
- ★ TWG Athletes Night 21 July 2021

## Event Sites - (proposed)

- ★ Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center ★ Barber Motorsports Park
- ★ Birmingham Southern College ★ Birmingham Crossplex ★ Oak Mountain State Park
- ★ Legion Field ★ Railroad Park ★ Regions Field ★ Lakeshore Foundation
- ★ University of Alabama Birmingham ★ Samford University

## By the Numbers

- ★ 11 days
- ★ 20+ venues
- ★ 34 sports
- ★ 100+ countries
- ★ 600+ medals
- ★ 1,000+ credentialed media
- ★ 3,600 top international athletes
- ★ \$256 million in projected economic impact

## The World Games Birmingham 2021 Sports Program

Air Sports	Duathalon	Ju-Jitsu	Orienteering	Sumo
Archery	Finnswimming	Karate	Powerlifting	Tug of War
Billiards	Fistball	Kickboxing	Racquetball	Wakeboard
Boules Sports	Floorball	Korfball	Roller Sports	Water Ski
Bowling	Flying Disc	Lacrosse	Softball	Wheelchair Basketball
Canoe / Kayak	Gymnastics	Lifesaving	Sport Climbing	Wheelchair Rugby
DanceSport	Handball	Muaythai	Squash	

## The World Games Host Cities

1981 - Santa Clara, CA, United States	2001 - Akita, Japan
1985 - London, Great Britain	2005 - Duisburg, Germany
1989 - Karlsruhe, Germany	2009 - Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei
1993 - The Hague, Netherlands	2013 - Cali, Colombia
1997 - Lahti, Finland	2017 - Wroclaw, Poland
<b>2021 - Birmingham, AL, United States</b>	

## About The World Games

The World Games 2021 Birmingham will be an extraordinary Olympic-style sports experience where elite athletes from all over the world compete for gold in 34 unique, multi-disciplinary sports. Featuring 3,600 athletes from more than 100 countries, the international event will unite global fans with the Birmingham community in more than 20 unique venues around the greater metropolitan area. The World Games 2021 Birmingham, which marks the 40th anniversary of the event, will take place from 15-25 July 2021. The World Games was established by the International World Games Association, an organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. For more information, visit [theworldgames2021.com](http://theworldgames2021.com).



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