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YOUR GUIDE TO THE GAMES

APRIL 21-30, 2017

WHAT IS THE WORLD MASTERS GAMES?

The World Masters Games is an international multi-sport festival for masters sports people of all capabilities. 25,000 athletes are expected to converge on Auckland from April 21-30, 2017 for this event of a lifetime, many of them motivated by the chance to travel, experience new cultures, take on new challenges and meet like-minded sports people from around the world.

THE HISTORY OF THE GAMES

The International Masters Games Association (IMGA) is the representative body of masters sport worldwide and promotes the 'sport for all' philosophy of the Olympic Charter. Every four years, the IMGA grants to one special city the rights to host the next World Masters Games. Auckland was awarded the honour of hosting the ninth Games in 2017. The event is a combination of serious and social competition, a 10-day expo and entertainment festival, and for international visitors, a chance to explore Auckland and the rest of New Zealand.

A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE EVENT

World Masters Games 2017 will be the biggest event New Zealand will host for at least the next decade. During the Games, 25,000 athletes plus 10,000 supporters will converge on Auckland from more than 100 countries to take part in the Olympic-like event. The Games begins with an opening ceremony featuring an athletes march, and medals are awarded to first, second and third place-getters. Yet you don't need to be a serious athlete to take part. This is the Olympics for everyone.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Other than minimum age criteria, there are generally no qualification requirements. The lowest qualifying age is 25 in swimming rising to 40 in waka ama and dragon boat (canoe disciplines). The qualifying ages in most other sports is 30 or 35. Participants compete in their own age group and can choose between competitive or social grades in many sports. So whether you are serious about winning or just play to compete, this event is for you.

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Twenty-eight sports are part of World Masters Games 2017 official programme. Entry ages differ by sport and sometimes by discipline. Participants compete in their own age bracket.

SPORTS	DISCIPLINES	MINIMUM AGE
ARCHERY	Target, Field, Indoor	30
ATHLETICS	Track and Field, Road Running, Cross Country	30
BADMINTON	-	35
BASEBALL	Mens Only	35
BASKETBALL	5 a Side	30
CANOE	Canoe Polo (30), Sprint (35), Marathon (35), Slalom (35), Waka Ama (40), Dragon Boat (40)	30-40
CYCLING	Road Race, Time Trial, Criterium, Track, Mountain Biking	30
FOOTBALL	11 a Side	30
GOLF	-	35
HOCKEY	11 a Side	35
LAWN BOWLS	-	30
NETBALL	7 a Side	30
ORIENTEERING	Long Distance, Sprint	35
ROWING	-	27
RUGBY	15 a Side	35
SAILING	Laser, Weta	35
SHOOTING	Clay Target	30
SOFTBALL	Fast Pitch	35
SQUASH	-	35
SURF LIFE SAVING	Ocean, Beach	30
SWIMMING	Pool, Ocean	25
TABLE TENNIS	-	30
TENNIS	-	30
TOUCH RUGBY	-	27-30
TRIATHLON	-	30
VOLLEYBALL	Indoor, Beach	30
WATER POLO	-	30
WEIGHTLIFTING	-	35

Age categories will be determined as at 30th June 2017. For example, a 34 year old athlete can continue competing in the 30+ category for the duration of the Games, as long as they are under 35 as at the 30th of June 2017.

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