



Guide to Entry

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Athens International Children's Games 2009

The **43rd International Children's Games** will be held on **23-28 June 2009**, in **Athens, Greece** and are expected to bring together approximately 2.000 athletes and coaches from cities around the world. As stated in Clause 2 of the I.C.G Statutes, the Games aim to enable, develop and advance the meeting, understanding and friendship of students from different countries around the world and promote the Olympic Ideal.



Timeline for Participation

January 2009

- Invitation sent to cities

February 1st, 2009

- Starting of On-Line Registration Procedure

February 27th, 2009

- Deadline for Payment of I.C.G Committee Participation Fee

March 27th, 2009

- Deadline for Entry of all participants and adult details (entry by name and digital passport photo)

April 24th, 2009

- Deadline to return all signed forms.

June 23rd, 2009

- Arrival of Delegations

June 24th, 2009

- Opening Ceremony
- Start of Competitions

June 27th, 2009

- End of Competitions
- Closing Ceremony

28 June 2009

- Departure of Delegations

43rd International Children's Games Schedule

23 - 28 June 2009

23 June 2009

- Arrival of Delegations

24 June 2009

- Opening Ceremony
- Competitions

25 June 2009

- Competitions
- Cultural Visits and Activities

26 June 2009

- Competitions
- Cultural Visits and Activities

27 June 2009

- Competitions
- Closing Ceremony

28 June 2009

- Departure of Delegations

Classification Description

Each city delegation may consist of maximum 25 participants and minimum of 9 participants (6 athletes)

The ten (10%) percent of the maximum of each delegation may consist of athletes with disabilities, including Special “coach-escort” only for track & field competition. It’s not necessary, for the participating cities to register athletes with disabilities.

Participants (Delegates: up to 20)

- All participants must be born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
- Participation in allocated sport ONLY and supervised by the city coaches.

Sports Coaches (Delegates: up to 5)

- Sports coaches will be the lead contact for their nominated sport at the event.
- They have responsibility for ensuring the welfare of the participants at the event.
- If there are athletes of both sexes in a delegation, each city must ensure that its delegation of coaches and head of delegation also consist of both sexes.

Head of Delegation (Delegates: 1)

- The Head of Delegation is the main contact with the Organizers during the Games/
- They will be responsible for ensuring the cities' organization during the Games.

City Representative/ VIP (Delegates: 1 Free of charge/ others at visiting cities' expense)

- As City Representatives/ VIPs, this individual will be gain access/ tickets to the VIP events during the International Children's Games.
- They will be allocated accommodation at the VIP hotel, including Bed & Breakfast with Lunch and Evening Meal at the Games Centre or VIP Events.
- There is an opportunity for a visiting city to fund additional City Representatives/ VIP places. This will need to be registered and paid for before 27 March 2009.

Other Delegation Members

Other delegation members, such as parents, chaperones, etc. are the participating cities' own expense.

Guidelines

Please find guidelines for participation in the 43rd International Children's Games in Athens in 2009 below:

- At least 1 male coach/head of delegation if male participants
- At least 1 female coach/head of delegation if female participants
- There must be one coach responsible for each sport
- One coach must be nominated Head Coach
- Insurance is the responsibility of the visiting City
- Cities are kindly asked to seek balance between numbers of male / female participants in general

Registration

Participating cities may register online. Once you submit the initial "intent to participate" form and pay the I.C.G. Committee participation fee, appropriate passwords for the online registration procedure will be provided.

Hospitality

During the 43rd International Children's Games, cost-free days for VIPs, Coaches and Participants have been scheduled as follows:

First Meal: Evening Meal –Tuesday 23rd June, 2009.

Last Meal: Breakfast – Sunday 28th June, 2009.

Accommodation will be provided for the following nights:

Tuesday	23 June 2009
Wednesday	24 June 2009
Thursday	25 June 2009
Friday	26 June 2009
Saturday	27 June 2009

All participants will be accommodated in hotels.

You may request to extend your city's accommodation. In this case, please note that the relevant cost must be paid before your delegation's arrival in Athens. It should also be noted that participants who extend their accommodation may be lodged elsewhere for the extra nights. If you wish to stay additional nights or arrive early please contact athens@athensicg2009.gr.

Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability

Participants should submit a signed consent form by 24 April 2009.

This consent form gives organizers permission for:

Photography/ Film

Photographs will be taken during the event and used by all official partners of the International Children's Games in all global media, e.g.:

- Press
- TV
- Internet

Medical

Declaration of all medical conditions.

Parents/ Guardians are to sign their consent for the Waiver of Liability, as well as their consent for the Head of Delegation to authorize the medical treatment of participants, should it be required. This form will be sent to the Head of Delegation by email.

Code of Conduct for Athletes/ Coaches

The International Children's Games are committed to the highest standards of sport and expect all athletes to honor sports and International Children's Games regulations. Athletes and Coaches attending the Games must accept and adhere to this standard. Any violation of these standards may result in disqualification.

Transport

Arrival: Tuesday 23 June 2009

Departure: Sunday, 28 June 2009

Transport on arrival and departure from and to the Athens International Airport "El. Venizelos", will be provided free of charge.

Your city will be expected to cover its own transport costs for other arrival and departure destinations in Greece.

During the Games, there will be transportation from Official Hotels to Sports Venues and from Official Hotels to Cultural Visits Venues and /or Social Events Venues.

Payment

Currency

The currency in Greece is the Euro (€).

Upon receiving the formal invitation letter for participation, you will be required to pay a fee of **250 Euros** to International Children's Games Committee before starting of Registration Procedure. The Payment of registration fee should be done by **bank transfer**.

Method of Payment

Bank Name:	PIRAEUS BANK
Bank Address:	5 Ifigenias str. Metamorfosis Branch (509) Athens-Greece Tel. ++210-2853070
Swift Address:	PIRBGRAA
Favor:	AC&C INTERNATIONAL
Account.No.:	50 9903 5478 838
IBAN:	GR89 0172 0990 0050 9903 5478 838

NOTE

- All remittance handling fees must be covered by the remitter.
- Payment of registration fees is necessary for the completion of the registration process.

Costs

Upon arrival, City Representatives/ VIPs, will be requested to guarantee their hotel rooms by credit card. Any additional room costs incurred by participants, e.g. telephone calls and internet services, should be settled with the hotel before your departure.

Special Needs

Please inform the organizers of any special needs for your participants, at least four weeks before the Games, so that appropriate arrangements can be completed in time for the event.

Sport Parameters

Delegations must participate in at least three sports (including at least 1 team sport)

The ten (10%) percent of the maximum of each delegation may consist of athletes with disabilities, including Special “coach-escort” only for track & field competition.

It's not necessary, for the participating cities to register athletes with disabilities.

Participation must not exceed maximum or fall below minimum number of athletes per sport.

An athlete may not participate in two or more sports.

Your city may compete in as many events as the size of your delegation permits.

The organizers reserve the right to limit the total number of participants in individual events, if necessary.

1. Football

Delegation Size: Boys 7 – 9
 Girls 7 – 9
 Coaches 1 - 2

The Football competition will consist of a maximum of 32 teams (16 per sex).

The competition will be governed by FIFA rules.

Venues: *Akademia – Platonos (2 fields) & Alepotrypa (2 fields).*

2. Basketball

Delegation Size: Boys 6 – 8
 Girls 6 – 8
 Coaches 1 - 2

The Basketball competition will consist of a maximum of 32 teams (16 per sex).

The competition will be governed by FIBA rules.

Venue: *Mets (2 basketball courts)*

3. Volleyball

Delegation Size: Boys 7 – 9
 Girls 7 – 9
 Coaches 1 - 2

The Volleyball competition will consist of a maximum of 28 teams (16 female, 12 male).

The competition will be governed by FIVA rules.

Venue: Goudi (1 court) & Strefi (1 court)

4. Swimming

Delegation Size: Boys 2 – 6 (inclusive of 1 athlete with disabilities)
 Girls 2 – 6 (inclusive of 1 athlete with disabilities)
 Coaches 1 – 2 (inclusive of 1 coach for athletes with disabilities)

The swimming competition will consist of a maximum of 300 athletes (150 per sex).
The “together” competition will consist of a maximum of 32 athletes with disabilities (16 per sex).

Each city will be limited to a maximum of 2 athletes with disabilities.

Athletes are allowed to participate in 2 individual events and 2 relay events as long as the one relay event is the 4x50 freestyle relay together.

Venue: Goudi

5. Athletics

Delegation Size: Boys 2 – 6 (inclusive of 1 athlete with disabilities)
 Girls 2 – 6 (inclusive of 1 athlete with disabilities)
 Coaches 1 – 2 (inclusive of 1 coach for each sex for athletes with disabilities)

The Athletics competition will consist of a maximum of 240 athletes (120 per sex).
The “together” event will consist of a maximum of 32 athletes with disabilities (16 per sex).

Each city will be limited to a maximum of 2 athletes with disabilities.

Athletes are allowed to participate in 2 individual events and 1 relay event.

Venue: G.S. Panellinios

6. Tennis

Delegation Size: Boys 1 – 2
 Girls 1 – 2
 Coaches 1 - 2

The Tennis event will consist of a maximum of 64 athletes (32 per sex).

Venue: Athens Tennis Club

7. Gymnastics

Delegation Size: Boys & Girls 2 – 5
 Coaches 1 - 2

The artistic competition will consist of a maximum of 80 athletes (48 male, 32 female).

In order to ensure quality in terms of competition, each delegation is entitled to be accompanied by its own international referee. (Optional)

Venue: Ilioupoli Indoor Hall

Guide to Entry Requirements

Your city's delegation may consist of a MAXIMUM of 25 participants (including coaches, Head of delegation and 1 City representative/ VIP):

Delegate	Maximum Number
Participants	20
Sports Coaches	5
Head of Delegation	1
City Representative (Other VIP Places available at cost to visiting city)	1

Sports Breakdown

Sport	Min Squad	Max Squad
Football Boys	7	9
Football Girls	7	9
Basketball Boys	6	8
Basketball Girls	6	8
Volleyball Boys	7	9
Volleyball Girls	7	9
Swimming Boys (inclusive of maximum 1 athlete with disabilities)	2	6
Swimming Girls (inclusive of maximum 1 athlete with disabilities)	2	6
Athletics Boys (inclusive of maximum 1 athletes with disabilities)	2	6
Athletics Girls (inclusive of maximum 1 athletes with disabilities)	2	6
Tennis Boys	1	2
Tennis Girls	1	2
Gymnastics Boys / Girls	2	5

Sport Coaches

Sport	Minimum	Maximum
Football		
Girls OR Boys	1	1
Girls AND Boys	2	Max 2 =1 female and 1 male
Basketball		
Girls OR Boys	1	1
Girls AND Boys	2	Max 2 =1 male and 1 female
Volleyball		
Girls OR Boys	1	1
Girls AND Boys	2	Max 2 =1 male and 1 female
Swimming		
Girls OR Boys	1 (one per each team) & 1 for disabled athletes (per each team)	2
Girls AND Boys	1 & 1 for disabled athletes (per each team)	Max 2 = 1 per each team & 1 for disabled athletes per each team
Athletics		
Girls OR Boys	1 & 1 for disabled athletes	2
Girls AND Boys	2 & 2 for disabled athletes	Max 4 = 2 & 2 for disabled athletes
Tennis		
Girls OR Boys	1	1
Girls AND Boys	2	Max 2 =1 male and 1 female
Gymnastics		
Girls OR Boys	1	1
Girls AND Boys	2	Max 2 =1 male and 1 female

Sports Rules

Code of Conduct

Enjoy Yourself
Play competitively but fairly
Respect yourself and your teammates
Respect your country, city and supporters
Respect the I.C.G Games
Respect the Referees and other competition officials
Respect the other teams, their officials and their supporters

Girls and Boys Athletics

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each boy and girl team will have their own coach.
3. Each team may consist of a maximum of six (6) athletes (per sex) (inclusive of 1 athlete with disabilities per sex), born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
4. The tournament includes the following competitions:

Individual Events

100m.
80m. for children with vision impairment (blindness)
800m. girls
1500m. boys
Shot Put
High Jump
Long Jump

Relay Events

4x100m. Relay
4x80m. Relay mixed for athletes with vision impairment (class T11, T12, T13) competing together with athletes without disabilities.

5. During the competition only athletes are allowed in the field.
6. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with IAAF rules and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Jury of Appeals, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Track & Field Director.
7. Athletes will be excluded from the games for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior and/ or abusive language.
8. Each city which wants to register an athlete with disability is required to provide the classification card (document) issued by the competent National Committee.

For more Information on Athletics, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Basketball

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each male and female team will have their own coach.
3. Each team may comprise 6-8 players, born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
4. During a game, only the coach and players are allowed on the court.
Each game will consist of 2 20-minute parts, non stopping time except the last minute of each half.
Half-time duration: 5 minutes
Warm-up duration: 10 minutes
Two points awarded for a win
One for a loss
5. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with FIBA rules and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Head of Referees, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Basketball Director.
6. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.

For more Information on the Basketball competition, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Football

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each boy and girl team will have their own coach.
3. Each team may comprise 7-9 players, born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
4. During a game, only the coach and players are allowed in the pitch.
Pitch size is 55m–50m x 45m–40m
Each game will consist of 2 halves of 20 minutes each
Half time duration: 5 minutes
Warm up duration: 10 minutes
Three points awarded for a win
One point for a draw
Zero for a loss
5. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with FIFA rules and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Head of Referees, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Football Director.
6. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.

For more Information on Football, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Gymnastics

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each delegation may comprise a maximum of five (5) players (both boys and girls), born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
3. Each boy and girl team will have their own coach.
4. Gymnastics include the following competitions:

Boys

- Floor Exercises
- Pommel Horse
- Rings
- Vault
- Parallel Bars
- Horizontal Bar

Girls

- Vault
- Uneven Bars
- Beam
- Floor Exercises

5. During any of these Competitions, only one coach will be allowed in the competition area. In the case of the women's competition, these will consist of at least one female coach.
General Warm-up: 20 minutes before the competition
Special Warm-up: 10 minutes before each apparatus
6. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with FIG rules, I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Head of Judges, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Artistic Gymnastics Director.
7. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.
8. In order to ensure quality in terms of competition, each delegation is entitled to be accompanied by its own international referee. (Optional)

For more Information on Gymnastics, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Swimming

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each team may comprise a maximum of 6 athletes (per sex) (inclusive of one athlete with disabilities per sex), born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
3. Both boys and girls will have the same coach.
4. Swimming includes the following competitions:

Individual Events

50m., 100m., 400m. Freestyle

50m., 100m. Backstroke

50m., 100m. Breaststroke

50m., 100m. Butterfly

200m. Individual Medley

50m. Freestyle for children with disabilities who belongs to class S8, S9, S10

Relay Events

4x100m. Medley Relay

4x100m. Freestyle Relay

4x50m. Freestyle Relay "Together" mixed for athletes without disabilities competing together with athletes with disabilities (each team will consist from 3 athletes without disabilities and one athlete with disabilities).

5. Swimmers apparel: Competitors are required to wear appropriate racing suits.
6. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with FINA Rules, IPC rules and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Starter, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Swimming Director.
7. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.
8. Each city which wants to register an athlete with disability is required to provide the classification card (document) issued by the competent National Committee.

For more Information on Swimming, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Tennis

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each team may comprise a maximum of four (4) players (2 per sex) born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
3. Each boy and girl team will have their own coach.
4. During matches only the players are allowed on the tennis court.
5. During matches coaches are not allowed on the court and are not allowed to coaching.
6. The playing court size is 23,77 x 8,23 for singles and 23,77 x 10,97 for doubles.
Warm-up duration: 5 minutes.
7. Tennis Apparel: All equipment used by players must be appropriate for the match, and in compliance with the I.T.F. regulations.
8. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with I.T.F. rules and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Head of Referees, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Tennis Director.
9. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence provided by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.

For more Information on the Tennis competition, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr

Girls and Boys Volleyball

1. Tournaments for girls and boys will be separate.
2. Each boy and girl team will have their own coach.
3. Each team may comprise 7-9 players (per sex), born in the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997.
4. The playing area includes the playing court and free zone.
Playing court: 18m x 19m. (rectangle measuring)
Warm-up duration: 15 minutes.
5. Each team is permitted a maximum of four (4) substitutes per set.
6. The team scoring 21 points first (except the deciding set), with a minimum lead of two (2) points, wins the set.
7. Any disputes will be settled in compliance with FIVB rules, and the clauses included in the I.C.G Athens Sports Rules and will be heard by the Jury of Appeals, consisting of the Head of Referees, the I.C.G Technical Director Member and the Athens I.C.G Volleyball Director.
8. Athletes may be disqualified for indecent behavior, offence committed by words or actions, violent behavior, abusive language.

For more information on Volleyball, please consult the relevant technical handbook on the Official Website of the 43rd International Children's Games, Athens 2009: www.athens2009icg.gr