



**The World Games
2009 Kaohsiung**
高雄世界運動會



July 16 – 26, 2009

THE WORLD GAMES ORIENTEERING EVENT

Bulletin 3 - Event Information

1. General information about The World Games 2009 in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has awarded the 2009 World Games to the City of Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei. Orienteering is one of the 31 sports included in the program of these games. The Chinese Taipei Orienteering Association has been entrusted with the organization of the orienteering events and is pleased to welcome the world's elite orienteers to this major event.

The World Games

The World Games is an international multi-sport event held every fourth year under the auspices of the IWGA. The World Games is organised under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOF has been a member of the International World Games Association since 1995. In 2001 orienteering made its debut on the program of The World Games held in Akita, Japan.

The programme of The 8th World Games 2009 Kaohsiung includes competitions in 26 official sports and in 5 sports on the invitational program - altogether more sports than ever before. More than 5000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in the competitions that will take place at 24 different venues in Kaohsiung and Kaohsiung County.

The 8th World Games 2009 Kaohsiung will get under way with the Opening Ceremony at the Main Stadium on Thursday, July 16, 2009. The athletes and officials will parade by country under their national flags. The closing ceremony will take place at the Main Stadium on Sunday, 26th July, 2009.

For detailed information on the overall sports program, please consult The World Games 2009 Kaohsiung website at www.worldgames2009.tw

The Chinese Taipei Orienteering Association (CTOA) is overall responsible for the orienteering events of the games.

Venue

The main venue of The 8th World Games 2009 Kaohsiung is the Main Stadium, a stadium with a standard 400m track & 40,000 seats for spectators. It's also of green architecture with solar technology integrated into the design.

The orienteering events will be organised at Chengcing Lake and the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts.

Travel to and from the event centre

Transportation in Chinese Taipei is highly convenient for both international and domestic travel. There is an international airport in Kaohsiung (http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e_index.asp). It is also possible to fly to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (<http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw/web/english/index.jsp>) and take the Taiwan High Speed Railway. The Taiwan High Speed Railway takes about 1.5 hours from Taoyuan to Kaohsiung. There is an extensive public transport system including the recently opened Kaohsiung Mass Rapid Transportation.

For further information regarding travel to Kaohsiung, please consult The World Games 2009 Kaohsiung Bulletin 4 found at the website www.worldgames2009.tw.

Accreditation

As required, the IOF has entered the participants through the online accreditation system used for The World Games 2009.

Insurance

Any individual who is unable to present the insurance proof for checking, will be required to purchase the insurance at the Accreditation Center to receive the full participation rights.

Entry permits (Visas)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has agreed to extend the deadline for visa exemption until 15 June. To be eligible for visa exempt entry, the participant's complete arrival and departure date and time information must be entered into the system. The participant needs a passport that is valid at least six months upon entry. After 15 June, any participants requiring visa for entering Chinese Taipei must apply for visa through regular procedures.

Participants from countries requiring visa for entering Chinese Taipei, need to show the airline before checking in, a letter indicating that they are exempted from the visa application procedure. Such visa exemption letter is also required at the immigration counter (passport control) when entering the country, either at the Airport of Kaohsiung or at the Taoyuan International Airport in Taipei City.

The World Games organiser will provide the IOF with the visa exemption letters in PDF form and the IOF will forward the PDF files to the participating member federations for distribution to the athletes.

Accommodation and transportation during The World Games

Competitors and team officials are expected to arrive on Thursday 16th July and take part in the opening ceremony at the Main Stadium. Free accommodation, meals and transport from 15th or 16th to 19th July 2009 (four nights per person plus one extra night for jet-lag participants) will be provided for all competitors.

A fee is charged for the accommodation, meals and transportation of any team officials accompanying their competitors. The costs for the team officials are NT\$ 2,640 (approx. 60 €) /day/person in a double room and NT\$ 3,465 (approx. 80 €) /day/person in a single room. The price covers accommodation, meals and transports.

All payments for the period from 15th or 16th to 19th July must be submitted to The World Games organiser through the IOF, and an advance payment of 50% of the total fee has already been paid. Upon payment of the remaining 50 % to The World Games organiser, the IOF will invoice the relevant national federations.

Note that any officials or athletes having requested accommodation for extra days outside the above mentioned period must pay the price for the extra days in cash (in NT\$) upon arrival in Kaohsiung.

2. Special information about the Orienteering Event of TWG 2009

Organizing Committee

CTOA Secretary General	Tony Li	CTOA
Technical Delegate	Chen Chun-Ming (Jimmy)	CTOA
Event director	Erik Nielsen	Denmark
Course planners	Erik Bobach	Denmark
	Lin Chih Yuan (James)	CTOA
Result Management	Kell Sønnichsen	Denmark
Arena Production	Jørn Sundby	Norway
Map Production	Perola Olsson	Sweden

Event Controllers

IOF Senior Event Adviser	Christine Brown	Australia
National Controller	Chen Chun-Ming (Jimmy)	CTOA

The World Games Orienteering Program

Date	Time	Event/Activity	Venue
Wed July 15		Arrival, jet lag teams*	
Thu July 16	10.00 – 14.00	Model Event	Central Park
		Arrival, other teams (Asian)	
	14.30	Team Officials Meeting	Labor Centre
	16.00	Bus departure	Labor Centre
	17.00	Meeting time for Opening Ceremony	Main Stadium
	19.00 – 22.00	Opening Ceremony	Main Stadium
Fri July 17	09.00 – 11.00	Model Event	Central Park
	09.00 – 10.00	Technical Model Event	Labor Centre
	12.30	Bus 1 departure	Labor Centre
	13.00	Bus 2 departure	Labor Centre
	13.30	Bus 3 departure	Labor Centre

Date	Time	Event/Activity	Venue
	13.45 – 16.30	Sprint event	Museum of Fine Arts
	13.45	Official opening	Museum of Fine Arts
	14.00	Women 1 st start	Museum of Fine Arts
	15.00	Men 1 st start	Museum of Fine Arts
	16.15	Medal Ceremony	Museum of Fine Arts
	19.00	Team Officials Meeting	Labor Centre
Sat July 18	10.15	Bus 1 departure	Labor Centre
	11.30	Bus 2 departure	Labor Centre
	12.00	Deadline for handing in relay start order	Labor Centre
	12.15	Bus 3 departure	Labor Centre
	12.30 – 16.30	Middle event	Chengcing Lake
	12.30	Women 1 st start	Chengcing Lake
	14.00	Men 1 st start	Chengcing Lake
	16.15	Medal Ceremony	Chengcing Lake
	19.00	Team Officials Meeting	Labor Centre
Sun July 19	12.15	Bus departure	Labor Centre
	14.00 – 16.30	Relay event	Chengcing Lake
	14.00	Start	Chengcing Lake
	16.00	Mass start for remaining runners	Chengcing Lake
	16.15	Medal ceremony	Chengcing Lake
Mon July 20		Departure	

* *Jet Lag Day: Competitors and officials who travel more than 8 hours from the airport of origin to Kaohsiung are entitled to an extra 'Jet Lag Day' in the arranged accommodation.*

Competition Rules

The Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events (edition of June 1, 2009) apply for The World Games Orienteering Event.

Tracking

Tracking devices will be used in the sprint, middle and relay competitions. This is an important part of the presentation of the competition on the big screen in the arena, during television transmission, and on the internet. It is compulsory for all runners to wear the equipment.

The tracking device is a 120 g electronic unit to be carried in a small strap on the back of the runner. The system has been used in several international orienteering events. The system is worn easily and is known not to compromise the performance of the runner. The company, TracTrac, is supplier of the system. Detailed information about the system can be obtained from the website of the company, <http://www.tractrac.com>

It will be possible to try the equipment during the model events.

Participation

The World Games 2009 qualification rule has been announced on the IOF website and the quotas for the nations have been decided after the 2008 World Orienteering Championship in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

Nations	Women	Men	Relay team 2+2
Australia	2	2	1
Brazil	1	1	
Canada	1	1	
China	2	2	1
Chinese Taipei	2	2	1
Czech Republic	3	2	1
Denmark	2	2	1
Estonia	1		
Finland	2	2	1
France	2	3	1
Great Britain	2	2	1
Japan	2	2	1
Latvia	2	2	1
Lithuania	2	2	1
New Zealand	2	2	1
Norway	3	2	1
Russia	2	3	1
Slovakia	2	2	1
South Africa	1	1	
Sweden	2	2	1
Switzerland	2	3	1
In Total – 21 nations	40	40	17

Anti-Doping

The organisers are committed to doing everything required to support the official anti-doping authorities at The World Games 2009 to do their work successfully and openly. We strongly support all positive efforts to keep our sport clean and doping-free.

The doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid down in the WADA International Standard for Testing and the IWGA Anti-Doping Rules. Doping control may be carried out at any time in the competition period. All doping tests are done by The World Games organisers.

Embargoed Areas and Competition Areas

With reference to the IOF Competition Rules, Article 26, the areas listed below are embargoed for all potential TWG 2009 team members (runners, team leader, coach, doctor etc.) as well as others with strong links to elite squads.

Spelt out in detail, this means that:

- no organised orienteering whatsoever may take place in the embargoed areas until after The World Games 2009;
- no training sessions, i.e. running/races, testing route choices etc., are allowed in these areas;
- no one with potential connection to a team (athlete or other function) may visit the embargoed areas with the exception of passage on surfaced public roads.

The following areas in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, are embargoed until the end of The World Games 2009:

- Chengcing Lake, orienteering map 1:10000 (2005)
- Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, orienteering map 1:4000 (2006).



Maps and Courses

Competition	Length	Climb	Controls	Winning Time	Refreshment Stations	Map Scale	Contour Interval
<i>Sprint – Museum of Fine Arts</i>							
Women	2,900 m	30	23	12 min	-	1:4,000	2.0 m
Men	3,200 m	30	24	12 min	-	1:4,000	2.0 m
<i>Middle Distance – Chengcing Lake</i>							
Women	4,700 m	140	23	27 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m
Men	5,600 m	155	24	28 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m

<i>Mixed Relay – Chengcing Lake</i>							
Leg 1 (Men)	5,200 m	125	19	26 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m
Leg 2 (Women)	5,200 m	125	19	29 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m
Leg 3 (Men)	5,200 m	125	19	26 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m
Leg 4 (Women)	5,200 m	125	19	29 min	1	1:5,000	2.5 m

Maps are drawn according to the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSOM 2007)

Terrain Description

Sprint Distance

Land form	Parkland located at sea level. The area is rather flat with a few hills with gentle slopes, 4–10 m high, and some lower knolls. There are few contour features.
Vegetation	Open grass areas with scattered vegetation, a few building complexes, and areas of open forest.
Ground	Dry and mainly level underfoot, therefore good runnability.
Visibility	Generally good.
Roads and paths	Developed network of paths. Roads only in connection to parking lots in the outskirts of the park.
Water	There is a small lake in the park, some water channels, and narrow impassable marshes.

Middle Distance and Mixed Relay

Land form	Forest park located at sea level. There are several slopes 5-20 m high in the area. Most of the slopes are gentle but some steep. Mainly broad contour features.
Vegetation	Some open parkland with scattered vegetation. Some areas with open easy running forest, a few smaller areas slow running forest, and some larger areas with very dense vegetation. Buildings mainly in the parkland areas.
Ground	Dry and mainly level underfoot, therefore good runnability. One area has stony ground.
Visibility	Generally good, but some areas with low visibility.
Roads and paths	Developed network of paths and roads.
Water	There is a lake covering most of the area. Most watercourses are manmade (concrete) and dry.

Punching and Timing Systems

The punching system in all TWG 2009 orienteering competitions will be the SportIdent electronic punching system.

In all individual competitions the start times will be taken electronically using a gate start. The finish times will be taken by means of photo-cells when the runner's chest crosses the finish line. The running times will be rounded down to the nearest 0.1 second.

The start and finish procedures will be demonstrated at the Technical Model Event on Friday, July 17, 09.00-10.00 hours in the small park surrounding the Labor Recreation Centre where all teams are accommodated.

Start draws

The start draws will be made according to the IOF competition rules (section 12) under the supervision of the IOF Senior Event Adviser. The runners will be allocated in three starting groups (early, middle and late) according to their rank in the World Ranking List as of July 1, 2009 with the highest placed runners allocated to the late starting group etc. The start draw will not be public, and therefore not open to team officials, athletes and/or for the general public.

Team zones

Team Zones are restricted areas where only accredited team members with their personal TWG 2009 ID card will have access and where privacy will be guaranteed during the competitions. The Team Zones in the arenas are all within 100 m of the finish line.

In the Team Zones the teams will be provided with tents by the organiser. It is forbidden to put up private tents in the Team Zones.

Coaching zones

In all competitions there will be clearly marked Coaching Zones no more than 100 metres from the finish, where team coaches may coach their athletes as they pass by. Only accredited team coaches are allowed to enter these zones. In order to maintain a high level of fairness the only activities allowed in the coaching zone are:

- Exchange of verbal communication with athletes – no written information;
- Exchange of personal equipment such as compasses, shoes, contact lenses etc.;
- Food and drinks may be handed out personally to the athletes.

The exchange of any information/material to/from athletes outside the official Coaching Zones is not permitted.

Number bibs

For all TWG 2009 orienteering competitions, athletes must wear two identical number bibs, one on their chest and one on their back. Before every competition the bib numbers will be handed out at the respective Team Officials' Meeting. Special number bibs will be handed out to the medallists just prior to the official medal ceremonies which must be worn on their chest during the ceremonies.

Team officials' meetings

The Team Officials' Meetings will be held at the Labor Recreation Centre where all teams are accommodated. Only accredited Team Officials and invited guests (IOF officials, organisers) have access to the Team Officials' Meetings.

At the Team Officials' Meetings the number bibs, the SI Cards, a list of all control descriptions used and further official information will be distributed to the teams. The material will be available 15 minutes prior to the opening of the Team Officials' Meetings.

Special Features

Relay forking system

A forking system will be used in the Mixed Relay competition. It will be described in Bulletin 4.

Scheduled Transport Service

The official scheduled transport service provided by The World Games organisers is compulsory for all athletes and accredited team officials for transport requirements to/from the competitions. The service is provided to and from all official TWG 2009 orienteering events. Buses will depart from the official TWG 2009 orienteering accommodation at the Labor Recreation Centre. All return transportation services are scheduled as well. The transport schedules will be published in Bulletin 4.

Use of own transport

Athletes and accredited team officials are not allowed to use their own transport to/from the competition venues. All competitions have pre-start areas close to the arenas.

Model Event

A model event will be open for all participants on Thursday 16th July 10.00 – 14.00 hours and on Friday 17th July 09.00 – 11.00 hours in the Central Park where course and mapping features will be demonstrated.

A technical model event will take place in the small park surrounding the Labor Recreation Centre on Friday 17th July 09.00 where start, finish and other technical features will be demonstrated.

Climate

Kaohsiung, located in the southern part of Chinese Taipei, is known as the "Harbor Capital" of Chinese Taipei. In July the temperature ranges from 26 to 35°C, humidity averages at 76% and an average of 76 mm of rain falls.

Clothing Restrictions

No full length spike shoes are allowed. Full body cover is recommended for Middle Distance and Mixed Team Relay competitions.

Further information

General information about The World Games 2009

Further information about The 2009 World Games may be obtained from the official website www.worldgames2009.tw and from the bulletins 1-4 that are published on the website and from where all information about transportation, accreditation, accommodation, catering, media, and any other services provided by TWG 2009 organisers may be obtained.

Technical information about TWG orienteering events

Further information about TWG 2009 orienteering events will be published in Bulletin 4 that will be handed out to participating athletes and officials at arrival

Specific Orienteering enquiries

Enquiries and/or requests for clarifications, if any, may be submitted by e-mail to the IOF Event Director Erik Nielsen, en@ndoro.dk