



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



July 16 – 26, 2009

WORLD GAMES ORIENTEERING EVENT

Bulletin 1&2 - Preliminary Information

Welcome to the 2009 World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has awarded the 2009 World Games to the City of Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Orienteering is one of the 31 official 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.

1. 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 6 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.

2. 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 Cheng Chin Lake and the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts.

3. Travel to and from the event centre

Transportation in Taiwan 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 via Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (<http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw/web/english/index.jsp>) or 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 information regarding travel to Kaohsiung, please consult www.worldgames2009.tw and www.kcg.gov.tw/english/

Further travel details will be announced in Bulletin 3.

4. Accreditation

An online accreditation system will be used for the World Games 2009. The online process will be open from Dec 1st, 2008. IOF will receive copies of the internet application form in October 2008. An electronic passport photograph is required for every participant.

5. Insurance

It is a requirement of the IWGA Rules that all participants, competitors and officials, must have medical health insurance that covers beyond the public liability insurance provided by KOC. Proof of purchase for medical health insurance is mandatory and will be checked in order to receive full rights of participation.

6. Entry permits (Visas)

Foreign passport holders require a valid visa or landing visa to enter the Republic of China (Taiwan), however, many countries are visa exempt (see list below for exemptions and requiring a landing visa.) Notwithstanding this visa requirement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may grant visa-exempt entries or landing visas to citizens of specific countries, or in special circumstances.

The eligibilities, requirements, and other related items regarding application for the aforementioned visa-exempt entries and landing visas shall be established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after consultation with other related agencies.

Please contact the ROC (Taiwan) embassy in your country for further information on the requirements.

Countries who are visa exempt include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K., and U.S.A.

Countries who require a landing visa include: Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and U.S.A. passports that are valid for less than 6 months.

7. Event Program

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

World Games Orienteering Events

Wednesday	15 th July 2009	Arrival for competitors travelling > 8 hours
Thursday	16 th July 2009	Arrival, Opening ceremony
Friday	17 th July 2009	Model event (8 a.m.), Sprint event (3 p.m.)
Saturday	18 th July 2009	Middle distance event
Sunday	19 th July 2009	Mixed team relay
Monday	20 th July 2009	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. This must be requested during the accreditation process.

8. 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.

Officials may accompany their competitors but a fee will be charged for their accommodation, meals and transportation. Further details to be published in Bulletin 3.

9. Technical Information

Terrain Description

Sprint: Park land.
 Middle distance: The competition terrain is a mixture of park and forest. Runnability varies greatly.
 Mixed team relay: Terrain is the same as for the middle distance.

Map and Preliminary Course Information

	<i>Map scale</i>	<i>Contour interval</i>	<i>Winning time</i>
<i>Sprint Distance</i>	1:4000	2.0 m	12-15 mins
<i>Middle Distance</i>	1:10 000	2.5 m	30-35 mins
<i>Mixed Relay - Men</i>	1:10 000	2.5 m	25 mins/leg
<i>Mixed Relay - Women</i>	1:10 000	2.5 m	25 mins/leg

Clothing Restrictions

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

Embargoed Areas

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

Cheng Chin Lake, orienteering map 1:10000 (2005)

Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, orienteering map 1:4000 (2006).



Model Event

On Friday, 17 July 2009, a model event will be organised in representative terrain for the sprint. Technical features will be demonstrated for all competitions.

Climate

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

10. Participation and qualification procedure

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has agreed to include three orienteering events in the program of The World Games 2009 in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. There will be two individual events for men and women, (a sprint race and a middle distance race) as well as a mixed team relay.

1. The IWGA has allocated spaces for a total of 40 male and 40 female runners to the IOF.
2. The host nation (Chinese Taipei Orienteering Association) shall have the right to enter 2 + 2 runners.
3. The thirteen (13) best nations, Chinese Taipei excluded, in the 2008 World Orienteering

Championships, shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners based on a ranking system using all three individual format finals and the relay subject to the maximum limitation of Rule 4. The ranking shall be based on the total sum of all final and relay events where 1st place is awarded 100 points, 2nd is awarded 80 points, 3rd is awarded 60 points, 4th is awarded 50 points, 5th is awarded 45 points, 6th is awarded 40 points, 7th is awarded 37 points, 8th is awarded 35 points, 9th is awarded 33 points, 10th is awarded 31 points, 11th place 30 points and subsequent places reduced by one.

4. The 2008 World Champions in Sprint Distance, Middle Distance and Long Distance shall have a personal place that is in addition to their nation's allocation.

5. The IOF is authorised to allocate the remaining places up to the total of 40 + 40 runners with a maximum of 3+3 per country, not counting the personal World Champion places. In this context, the IOF will allocate a place for a minimum of 1 man and 1 woman from each of the IOF regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America) not having qualified a runner for the World Games by means of points 2, 3 or 4 of these qualification rules and may allocate any remaining places at its discretion.

11. Organisation

Local organiser: Chinese Taipei Orienteering Association (CTOA)

CTOA Secretary General: Kenny Jyheng

Event director: Erik Nielsen (Denmark)

Competition director: Lin Chih-Yuan (CTOA)

Course planners: Erik Bobach (Denmark) and Yu Hung-Chun (CTOA) - Sprint distance
Erik Bobach and Lin Chih Yuan (CTOA) - Middle distance
Erik Bobach and Chen Hsiao Fu (CTOA) - Mixed team Relay

Technical Delegate: Chen Chun-Ming (Chinese Taipei)

National Controller: Chen Chun-Ming (Chinese Taipei)

IOF Senior Event Adviser: Christine Brown (Australia)

Map Production: Perola Olsson (Hong Kong / Sweden)

11. Further information

Further information will be circulated to the selected federations at a later stage.