



Commonwealth Youth Games 2011

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Dear (Name of Country)

Invitation to attend the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games, Isle of Man

I appreciated the opportunity to attend last month's General Assembly to personally present to you an update of our preparations for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games on the Isle of Man.

Since the Assembly we have had a very useful workshop with the CGF together with other meetings with sporting bodies and we are now in a position to provide you with additional information on our preparations as well as to now formally extend to you an invitation to attend the Games.

Athlete Allocations

Consistent with the Federation's review of the CYG in late 2008, athlete numbers from the 2006 Commonwealth Games have been used to determine on a pro rata basis the level of invitations to CGAs for athlete participation within the CYG. To enable us to maintain the cap of 1,000 for the 2011 CYG, this pro rata allocation was made after providing for a minimum of 4 athletes (2 men, 2 women) per CGA. This accounts for 284 places with the balance to be distributed accordingly and in line with the adjustment made to accommodate 8 teams (96 athletes) within the Rugby 7s event.

The above is consistent with the advice from the CGF to CGAs at the recent General Assembly in Delhi and I am pleased to now be able to confirm that the following athlete places, excluding Rugby 7's (see below) have been allocated to your CGA for the 4th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) that will take place on the Isle of Man between the 7th-13th September 2011:

CGA:

Athlete allocation:

Your formal acceptance of this invitation by completing and returning the completed, accompanying reply slip is now appreciated. The final deadline date for returning this is Sunday 1st August 2010, earlier if possible.

Travel Grant & On the Ground Costs

As advised at the CGF's General Assembly in The Gambia to assist in maintaining participation within the CYG from across the Commonwealth the CGF will provide a travel grant to each CGA equivalent to the cost of economy class travel for 4 athletes (2 men, 2 women) and 2 accompanying officials from the capital city of each CGA to the Isle of Man. More information will be provided by the CGF in due course relating to the payment of the grant to those CGAs that formally confirm participation.

The Organising Committee (OC) has committed to covering the on the ground costs of 1,000 athletes and 250 team officials, i.e., accommodation, catering and transportation. Accommodation will be provided for six nights from Wednesday 7th September to Monday 12th September inclusive. The number of officials entitled to this on the ground support will be calculated, if possible, on the basis of 1 official for every 4 athletes entered. Notification of such official numbers will be advised at a later date. A rate for Extra Officials will be detailed in due course together with other rate card items.

It is the intention of the OC to try and house all athletes & officials from a CGA in one hotel. However, given the unique nature of the accommodation on the island (3 & 4 star hotels and guest houses) this might not be possible. However an early indication of athlete and officials numbers from you would be appreciated as it would enable us to try and accommodate the whole of your team together.

Sports Programme & Age Groups

CGAs are invited to submit indicative entries across the sports programme albeit with the total number of entries from your CGA being contained to the **XXX** places advised above. Should some CGAs not take up their specific allocation there will be a further opportunity for CGAs to enter additional athletes and we will keep you apprised of this as our planning further develops.

The following sports and events have been confirmed for the Games and will take place subject to receiving an appropriate level of entries, i.e., minimum of 5 entries from 3 regions. In addition, and as advised by the CGF in its note to all CGAs on 19 May 2009, the age categories listed below will apply to each sport:

Athletics (Men & Women unless stated)

Maximum athletes per CGA: 2 per event & 1 relay team.

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles (men), 100m Hurdles (women), 400m Hurdles, 2000m Steeplechase, 10Km Race Walk (men-track), 5 Km Race Walk (women-track), 4 x 100m Relay, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw & Shot Put.

IAAFs Youth age category:

- Boys and Girls: 16 – 17 years of age (athletes born in 1994 & 1995)

Badminton (M&W)

Max athletes per CGA: 4 men & 4 women.

Men: Singles & Doubles – 2 men in the Singles, 2 pairs in the Doubles

Women: Singles & Doubles – 2 women in the Singles, 2 pairs in the Doubles

Mixed Doubles: 2 pairs

The BWF's Junior World Championships age bracket (under 19):

- Men and Women: 14 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997)

Boxing (M)

Max athletes per CGA: 1 per weight division.

46 to 49kg Light Flyweight, Up to 52kg Flyweight, Up to 56kg Bantamweight, Up to 60kg Lightweight, Up to 64kg Light Welterweight, Up to 69kg Welterweight, Up to 75kg Middleweight, Up to 81kg Light Heavyweight.

AIBA's Youth category:

- Boys: 17 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993 and 1994)

Cycling (M&W)

Max athletes per CGA: 4 men & 4 women.

Time Trial (approx 15km) – Individual

Road Race (approx 100k for men, 60k for women) – Individual

Criterium (approx 2km lap) – Individual

Note: A team competition for each event, with three to count and an all around competition (based on all three events) will be considered if entries are sufficient.

UCI'S regulation for Junior competition:

- Men & Women: 17 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993 and 1994)

Gymnastics (M&W)

Max athletes per CGA: 3 men & 3 women.

Artistic – Team (3 to count), Individual All-Around & Individual Apparatus.

FIGs regulations for Junior competition:

- Men: 14 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997)
- Women: 13 – 15 years of age (athletes born in 1996, 1997 & 1998)

Rugby 7s (M)

All CGAs are invited to indicate whether they wish to participate within the Rugby 7's competition, this is in addition to the athlete numbers allocated to your CGA for non team sports. Final selection of the participating teams will be made by the CGF in consultation with the IRB.

Max athletes per CGA: 1 x squad of 12

Max number of Teams: 8

Medal (gold, silver & bronze) & Plate competitions.

- Men: 16 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993, 1994 & 1995)

Swimming (M&W unless stated)

Max athletes per CGA: 2 per event & 1 relay team.

Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m

Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m

Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m

Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (women only), 1500m (men only)

Individual Medley: 200m, 400m

Freestyle Relay: 4 x 100m

Medley Relay: 4 x 100m

FINAs age limit for their World Junior competitions:

- Men: 15 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993, 1994, 1995 & 1996)
- Women: 14 – 17 years of age (athletes born in 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997)

Visas & Travel

Our dialogue with the relevant UK authorities continues to see how we can assist you enter the UK before onward travel to the Isle of Man. We hope to provide additional information on this matter through our regular bulletins and leading up to the 2010 General Assembly in Delhi, where we will have a presence in the Ashok Hotel.

In the meantime please note that no one will need a visa to enter the Isle of Man but many CGAs will require such to enter the UK. The following link to the UK Border Agency website provides an indication as to which nations require a visa for every entry into the United Kingdom <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/doineedvisa/visadatvnational>

In terms of travel to our island, advice was provided to you during our update at the recent Assembly and this presentation together with contact details of our appointed travel agent can be found within the CGF Members Area. To assist your forward planning at present there are direct flights to our island from the following UK & Irish airports (which receive international connections); Belfast International, Dublin Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London Gatwick, London City and Manchester. In addition to these flight connections there are also ferries to and from the island from Belfast, Dublin, Heysham (Lancashire) and Liverpool. For ease of onward travel either by sea or air to the Island it is recommended that Manchester International Airport is utilised wherever possible and with a preference for sea travel from Liverpool.

CGA Confirmation of Entry

The formal deadline for confirming that your CGA accepts the invitation to take part in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games is **by no later than Sunday 1st August 2010, that said we would very much appreciate your further advice on this at the earliest opportunity** and our CGA Relations contacts will be following up with you on this in the near future.

As intimated above post August 1st the allocations that have not been taken up will be reallocated by the CGF to CGAs that have confirmed their participation. Specific information relating to the reallocation policy will be sent out by the CGF in due course.

In terms of the Rugby 7s event this is capped at 8 teams. In order to be considered for inclusion in this event you will need to advise this in writing when you confirm your overall participation. If more than 8 teams express an interest in taking part the CGF will work with the International Rugby Board to determine the participants.

For clarity if your CGA is successful, the 12 athlete numbers required for a 7's team will not be deducted from your allocation for non team sports. This has already been accounted for as outlined in my opening paragraph. You will of course be responsible for any associated travel costs above that being provided by the CGF.

Contacting the Isle of Man Organising Committee

Your primary contact for confirming your participation and for ongoing communication is Joyce Hall. She can be reached via:

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Finally I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with Joyce and myself at the General Assembly in Delhi. We look forward to working with you all in the lead up to the Games in 2011 and seeing you again in Delhi during the Commonwealth Games.

Kind regards,



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