



The 17th World Transplant Games is on track to be the biggest Games in history.

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Merchandise: World Games Shop Online

The World Transplant Games Shop is now online and all items are available for pre-order. They will then be available for collection at the Games Village. Grab a cute cuddly koala to snuggle or pair of Aussie flip flops! This is what you can pre-order (all prices in Australian Dollars):



Peak Cap



Stubby Cooler



Beach Towel



Key Ring



Flip Flops



Signature Shirt



White Shirt



Keira Koala



Baby Sam Koala

For great deals grab one of these packages

<p>The Furry Friends Collection <i>Keira and Sam Koala wearing a special World Transplant Games ribbon</i></p>	<p>\$40</p>
<p>Aussie Package <i>Aussie Flip Flops, Games Cap and Stubby Cooler</i></p>	<p>\$30</p>
<p>The Games Memento Package <i>Souvenir T-Shirt with the names of all participants and a Games Cap</i></p>	<p>\$35</p>

The Gold Coast Games Beach Package
Games Beach Towel, Aussie Flip Fops, Games Cap

\$50

[Go to the Merchandise Shop](#)

Health Report: Swine Flu

The World Transplant Games Federation in conjunction with Transplant Australia and the Local Organising Committee of the 17th World Transplant Games has been monitoring and reviewing the situation with regard to swine flu. We have sought advice and opinions from the appropriate medical authorities in Australia and have considered the reactions and reports from many countries worldwide.

In the absence of any Governmental or World Health Authority directives which would prevent international travel, closing of borders or mass gatherings, there has been no change in the status of the Games.

The WTGF and the LOC in Australia will continue to monitor the situation closely and the LOC is in constant contact with Australian health authorities. You can be assured that every effort will be made to ensure a safe and secure Games.

If any of your transplanted team members travelling to Australia have any specific and individual health issues which may be causing them concern in relation to the effects of swine flu, we would recommend that they consult with their own transplant doctors before travelling.

We will continue to monitor and review the situation and report to you when appropriate.

Registrations and Ticket Packages

Registration for the 2009 Games closes and over 1,900 people across 50 countries are registered!

After many months of anticipation, the 17th World Transplant Games is set to have the biggest attendance in WTGF history. If you have missed the registration deadline, contact your Team Manager urgently to arrange your attendance. All registered athletes must now provide up-to-date medical forms to Team Managers.



The complete registration package for the 17th World Transplant Games provides you with entry to all sporting events and your chosen social events, as well as three meals a day, transport and accommodation.

If you have family members or friends wishing to attend select events only, there will be general public tickets available for purchase closer to the Games. Please note there are limited places at social events and you can not pre-order tickets. Registered participants have first priority to all events.

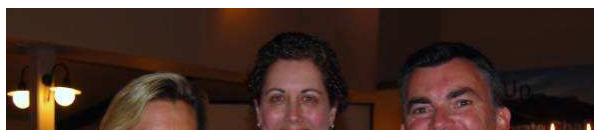
Tickets will be advertised with all details when available for purchase.

Announcing The World Transplant Games Sports Director, Donor Family Member and World Champion Athlete – Shelley Oates-Wilding

We are thrilled to announce Shelley Oates-Wilding as Sports Director for the 2009 World Transplant Games. Last week Shelley accepted the position which will oversee the operation of all sports at the Games.

Shelley's sporting achievements position her as one of the world's most successful female kayakers. As a dual Olympian, winner of multiple World Champion Titles and a professional motivational speaker and fitness trainer – Shelley

Shelley Oates-Wilding, Michelle Daley (recipient) & Chris Thomas holding the Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch



knows the ins and outs of top sporting events.

More importantly she understands why the Games are so important. Shelley is a donor family member and she is truly passionate about organ donation's life giving benefits. She believes strongly in the role of exercise in maintaining health and wellness, especially for those who have experienced health setbacks.

There is no doubt she will bring a wealth of sporting experience, calibre, energy and talent to the Games Executive Team (and some great advice for competitors). It is a pleasure to welcome her to the team.

Also wearing the hat of Sporting Hero for the World Transplant Games, Shelley will host a series of group fitness clinics on the sands of Manly beach in Sydney.

Team Squash - Dutch & Aussie Sporting Heroes

The Dutch squash team met on June 21 for a Sporting Hero coaching session with Australian player Cameron Pilly (ranked 23 in the World - pictured right) and Dutch number two player Pedro Schweertman.

Richard Advocaat the Dutch Squash Coordinator ran the successful session and all players including Cameron and Pedro had a great day.

Squash Australia is also supporting the World Transplant Games Squash Competition with ex World Champion Michelle Martin coming down to the practice session at the Games on Saturday August 22, Nerang Squash and Fitness Centre, 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Michelle will treat all players to advice, tips and technique to practice before the competition.



Athletics Overview

There is just nothing like getting psyched for the athletics – the nervous butterflies, the adrenaline of intense competition, the months of preparation for a 30 second race or three jumps. It is a collective tribute to the health and physical strength renewed through transplantation and organ donors across the world. And it is set to be the biggest sporting event on the Games calendar.

The athletics (track and field) will be closing the Games on days 7 and 8 (Friday 28th and Saturday 29th) at the Gold Coast International Athletic Centre, Griffith University, Southport. This means you'll have the week for some last minute training, researching your competitors and comparing personal bests. You will be able to practice on Wednesday, August 26, 9am to 12pm at Runaway Sports Centre. This is a great chance to scope your anticipated competition and to ensure your run-up is right.

The air temperature in August on the Gold Coast is expected to range between 11 and 25 degrees celcius – not too cold, not too hot – perfect for a sprint or 1,500 meter dash.

Sports Specifics

Track Events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m racewalk (3000m for women), 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay.



The running track is a professional eight lane 400m tarmac oval track (pictured right). Running spikes are recommended for competing but they are not necessary. The spikes in track shoes must be a maximum of 7mm in length.

The races will be timed with electronic time keeping, so those .001 seconds will be counted! You will have starting blocks so make sure you know your measurements. Relay batons will be a standard light-weight aluminium cylinder.

Field Events: Shot Put, Ball Throw, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump

The long jump, high jump and javelin events have tarmac runways, so ensure you have appropriate footwear. Please note the spikes in track shoes must be a maximum of 7mm in length. Discus and ball throw will utilise the standard concrete circle and net facilities.

Shot put weights:

3 kg: men 60 and over; women 50 and over

4 kg: women under 50.

5 kg (12 lbs): boys 15 - 17; men 40-59.

7.26 kg (16 lb): men 18-39.

Discus weights:

2 kilograms--men under 60

1 kilogram--women (all age groups) and men 60 and over

Javelin weights:

800 grams-men

600 grams-women

Find out the records in your events and the winning times from the 16th World Transplant Games in Bangkok, Thailand. [Click here.](#)



Playing Golf @ Royal Pines Resort



Imagine: Teeing off for the World Transplant Games - the golf ball arcs through the air and takes in the view of sand bunkers, tight fairways and water holes at the RACV Royal Pines Resort Golf Course. You are there playing for your country on an internationally acclaimed course which treats some of the best players in the world to a tough and magnificent game of golf.

The Golf will be some of the most spectacular contests at the Games with a competitive and skilled range of players tackling one of Australia's best courses. It's the very same course which hosts the ANZ Ladies Masters each year.

Nestled between Surfers Paradise and the Gold Coast Hinterland, this course is home to the World Games on Day 6, Thursday August 27. The golf contestants will play in age groups 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over. The best result at the 2007 Games in Bangkok was by Thailand's Somyot Akapaiboon with a score of 64.

You will have a practice session on Tuesday August 25, where everyone will have the chance to take in the course and meet your competitors.

You are required to bring your own golf clubs for the competition and you can put these in a golf buggy which is

yours for the course. You can hire clubs at a cost of \$45AUD, but these are limited and subject to availability. You need to contact Royal Pines Resort directly, you can do this through the website below. Spectators are free to roam the course on foot to watch their favourite players or simply set up camp – perhaps at the 19th watering hole...

To view the RACV Royal Pines Resort course website, go to www.royalpinesresort.com.au/golf-overview

French Athlete Profile - Anna Lohez

With the largest European team attending the Games, the French are sure to take home some medals at the Games, and athlete Anna Lohez will be among them.

Name

Anna Lohez

Age

23 years old

Transplant

Heart

Why are you inspired to be part of these Games?

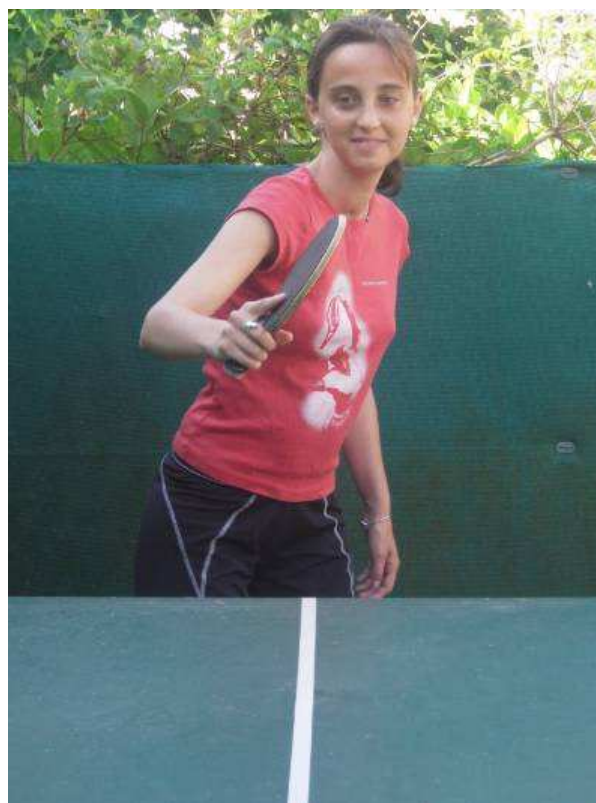
Because I love sport, travels and meeting people. And also because I know some young friends who are part of the Games and with whom I have very good relationships. I think that this experience will be unforgettable.

What sports are you competing in?

Table Tennis and Ten Pin Bowling

Have you been to other World Transplant Games?

No, it's my first time but I have participated this year to our French National Transplant Games and that has been so great!!



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