



THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

An international community for all transplanted people

The World Transplant Games represent the largest organ donor awareness event in the world.

The competitors are unique in that each one of them is alive and well as a result of a successful organ transplant. Were it not for that transplant, these competitors would either be dead or, as in the case of a kidney recipient, surviving as a result of intensive renal support in some form of dialysis. The competitors are also unique in that it is compulsory that all are on drugs, which are necessary for their health after a transplant.

• Summer World Transplant Games

These Games are held every two years, with over 1500 athletes representing 69 countries competing at an extraordinarily high level.

In 1980, New York was the first city to host the Summer Games outside of the UK. Since then, the Games have been to Athens in 1982, Sydney in 1997 and Bangkok in 2007 as well as many other countries worldwide.

Embracing athletes from 4 to 80 years old, the Games cover over 50 events including athletics, swimming, golf and cycling.

• Winter World Transplant Games

The Winter Games, which were first held in Tignes France in 1994, take place in the intervening years, providing an opportunity for athletes to compete on the ski slopes. In 1999 the Winter Games were held in Salt Lake City, USA and in 2008 Rovaniemi, Finland is joining the list of host cities.

MILESTONES

- *First World Transplant Games Federation event held in 1978*
- *The Games have since grown - International Summer Games now held every two years*
- *In 2003 (France), 1000 competitors from 55 countries took part - 28 000 people attended the opening ceremony*
- *In 2005 the 4th Nicholas Cup ski event for Transplanted children was held in Poland*
- *In 2005 the 15th World Summer Games were held in Ontario, Canada*
- *Current membership: 69 countries, many with own National Transplant Sports organizations*

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Public sensitization of the success of transplantation and the need for organ donation



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Summer Games

- 2009 Gold Coast, Australia
- 2007 Bangkok, Thailand
- 2005 Ontario, Canada
- 2003 Nancy, France
- 2001 Kobe, Japan
- 1999 Budapest, Hungary
- 1997 Sydney, Australia
- 1995 Manchester, UK
- 1993 Vancouver, Canada
- 1991 Budapest, Hungary
- 1989 Singapore
- 1987 Innesbruck, Austria
- 1984 Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1982 Athens, Greece
- 1980 New York, USA
- 1979 Portsmouth, UK
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Winter Games

- 2008 Rovaniemi, Finland, with the Nicholas Cup for children
- 2005 Zakopane, Poland, with the Nicholas Cup for children
- 2004 Bormio, Italy
- 2001 Nendaz, Switzerland
- 1999 Salt Lake City, USA
- 1994 Tignes, France

Some interesting records from the World Transplant Games

- 100m in 11.18 seconds
- 200m in 23.49 seconds
- Long Jump - 6.85m
- High Jump - 1.81m

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Staging International Sporting Events for Transplant Athletes