

PARIS 2018-GAY GAMES 10

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Paris 2018, Games for Respect Changing society through sport



In August 2018, the 10th edition of the Gay Games will be held in France, the largest cultural, festive, and especially, sporting event in the world, open to all! Our motto for these games is "All Equal" because this event is organized with strong values of respect, sharing, and fighting against discrimination, against ALL kinds of discrimination.

Sport competition can, at times, be seen as discriminating because sport celebrates "perfect" health, because sport puts in opposition participants and nationalities, because sport distinguishes genders in a binary and rigid manner, because sport focuses on age and performance ... In 1980, when the Gay Games were first conceived, discrimination also existed in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity. The founder of the Gay Games, Dr. Tom Waddell, regretted that an athlete could be thought of only within a system of macho and patriarchal values. At that time, it was not possible to be an athlete AND lesbian, or gay, or bisexual, or trans, or queer. The only options were one or the other !

In 1982, at the first games in San Francisco, the participants refused this limiting approach, and used sport as a means of asserting themselves with their sexuality, their gender, their life. For Tom Waddell, these games had as much to do to "bringing together a diverse community around the same goals, to raise consciousness, strengthen self-esteem" and "deconstruct representations based on ignorance." To accomplish this, the Gay Games was open to all adults, without any criterion or selection.

Since 1982, these objectives have never waivered With Paris 2018, this tradition that has been rooted in the LGBT movement will expand to include the fight against all discrimination!

The nine previous editions of the Gay Games have contributed to the deconstruction of existing discrimination and oppressive social practices to enable all people to be able to assert themselves as they participate in their sporting and cultural activity and in daily life. The Gay Games have given an international resonance to a way of seeing the world, based on living together and celebrating diversity and equality for all.

But much remains to be done. Even today, sport remains discriminating, coming out in sport is too rare and requires tremendous courage, the performances of athletes and former trans athletes are mocked or even prevented. Still today, we must fight to advance equality, we must fight to prevent the reduction of our rights as our lives are mocked and even threatened.

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Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 is a large part of this story, in these demands! In 2018, sport can and must always contribute to changing society; this event, by its very existence, is political. Paris 2018 will bring together up to 10,300 participants from more than 90 countries in dozens of competitions and events to proudly claim the ideal: "All Equal"!

Pascale Reinteau Co-President Manuel Picaud Co-President

Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 in numbers





PARIS 2018, ALL EQUAL



From August 4 to 12, 2018, it's Paris's turn to host the 10th edition of the Gay Games and be the world capital of diversity in sport and culture.

Since 1982, every 4 years, thousands of people participate together in the largest international sport and cultural event, without discrimination and really open to all: the Gay Games.

The Gay Games were conceived as early as 1980 by Doctor Tom Waddell as a means to support legal, cultural, social and political changes for LGBT people around the world. The Gay Games are a moment of self-affirmation and of pride! The Gay Games can and must break down stereotypes to deconstruct a vision that is often macho and restrictive in sport and culture, a vision that also prevents the possibility of being an athlete or artist while also being lesbian, trans, bisexual, or gay.

For Tom Waddell, "The Gay Games are not separatist, they are not exclusive, they are not oriented to victory, and they are not for commercial gain. They ARE however, intended to bring a global community together in friendship, to experience participation, to elevate consciousness and self-esteem and to achieve a form of cultural and intellectual synergy."

Tom Waddell wanted these games to be part of a "process of deconstruction of representations based on ignorance," and in particular of the "ageist, sexist, racist ... and nationalist" representations that are often too active in sport.

The Gay Games are a part of the history in the fight against discrimination and in promoting the rights of LGBT people. The Gay Games have contributed immensely to the affirmation of LGBT participants in sport and culture. The Gay Games are very committed to the fight against HIV, especially given that Dr. Tom Waddell lived and died with this virus. The Gay Games have taken on the fight against the AIDS epidemic and the fight against serophobia. With their objectives and values, the Gay Games make it possible to welcome and honor people living with HIV in sport and culture, while refusing to discriminate because of a person's health status. When the Gay Games were first organized in the United States, the event was faced with a travel ban against the entry of HIV-positive people. Twice, this "travel ban" was removed especially for the Gay Games, and was permanently removed by President Obama in 2009.

PARIS 2018 AND UNIVERSAL VALUES



Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 - sport, culture, and festivities – a Celebration of Diversity with important values and principals:

Participation	Diversity
Inclusion	Respect
	Equality
Personal Best	Solidarity
	Sharing

Gay Games use sport and culture to build inclusion, to combat discrimination, to promote diversity, and to live together. All of the cultural, sporting and festive events will be accessible to all, without barriers related to disability, age or gender ...

The accessibility of all our events is essential and not just a challenge or objective.

Everybody come to Paris

10 317 participants and 2800 volunteers





Situation of the LGBT community in the world



13

countries penalize LGBT person with **prison**, torture, death penalty or hard labor

72

Countries where LGBT risk **death penalty** : Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen

PARIS 2018 GAY GAMES 10

3-Day Conference On Sport and Diversity





3 days of conférences

50 presenters and experts

200 participants

1 Aug 2018 : Sport Against Discrimination 2 Aug 2018 : Sport For Well-being and Health 3 Aug 2018 : Sport For Accessibility and Equality

Organized by Paris 2018 and in partnership with the organization known as Sport & Citizenship, these conferences are built in conjunction with other civil society partners involved in the fight against discrimination and for access to rights: The French Union of Secular Physical Education, the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, the League of Human Rights, the French Anti-Doping Agency ...

These three days will serve to validate a series of conclusions gathered under the name of "PARIS 2018 Call for Sport for All". These conclusions will include 18 concrete proposals that will be announced to the public on Saturday, 11 August 2018, during the GAY GAMES 10 Closing Ceremony.

The published conclusions will serve as a legacy of Paris 2018-GAY GAMES 10 promoting Sport for All.

Practical Information Auditorium de l'Hôtel de Ville de Paris Rue Lobau, 75004 Paris

A Day of Festivities to Launch Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 Gay Games Opening Ceremony and Opening party





The opening ceremony will mark the official opening of the Gay Games at the **Jean Bouin Stadium** on August 4, 2018. To ensure the level of professionalism and grandeur required by this event, MCI France has been selected to create and produce the fabulous ceremony.

The Opening Ceremony is one of the most important moments of the Gay Games, with a **procession of athletes and artists** into the stadium, with a series of tableaux illustrating Paris, and accompanied by a succession of performers and public figures, this ceremony will bring together all participants to share in an unforgettable experience. It will be conclude by the representation of Ada Vox, unforgettable figure of American Idol season 16.

Just after the Opening Ceremony, the **Grand Palais** will host the Opening Soiree of the 10th edition of the Gay Games.

For this unprecedented event, the evening organizer, Redwolf, was selected by Paris 2018. On this occasion, the Grand Palais will host the renown **DJ**, **remixer and music producer**, **Offer Nissim**, one of the most reognized DJs on the international gay scene.

The Grand Palais venue has a maximum capacity of 5600 people, and will house an immense stage with more than 100m2 of screens, with the best sound systems, an impressive light show, a VIP area, and facilities for serving drinks and food.



The Gay Games village at the center of Paris

Place of sports, culture, festivities and conviviality





The village have **partners and sportives spaces**, **places to relax** and **a stage** to host a daily show. This venue is **open to all**, visitors, participants or volunteers.

It is also the start of the Rainbow Run on Saturday, 3 August.

How to do on the village?

Saturday 4 August

On the ground	09:00 - 12:00	Rainbow Run	
	13:00 - 17:00	Torball, par ANESTAPS	
On the stage	09:00 - 12:00	Rainbow Run	

Sunday 5 August

Monday 6 August

around

Tuesday 7 August

e ground	10:00 - 12:00	Kin Ball	On the g
	13:00 - 17:00	Velo Polo	
	17:00 - 18:00	Body Jam, par CMG	
he stage	12:00 - 14:00	Concert	On the
	13:00 - 18:00	Répétitions	
	18:00 - 19:00	« L'humour est partout »	
	19:00 - 20:30	« Ça tourne ! »	
	20:30 - 22:00	« Paris Folies »	

	10:00 - 12:00	Dodgeball, par Neosport	On the grou
	13:00 - 17:00	Hockey Fauteuil	
1	17:00 - 18:00	Body Combat, par CMG	
	12:00 - 13:00	Concert	On the sta
6.25	13:00 - 18:00	Répétitions	
	18:00 - 19:00	« L'humour est partout »	
	19:00 - 20:30	« Fashion Rococo »	
	20:30 - 22:00	« Paris, c'est magique »	

	13:00 - 17:00	Home Ball
_	17:00 - 18:00	Body Attack, par CMG
	12:00 - 13:00	Concert
	13:00 - 18:00	Répétitions
	18:00 - 19:00	« L'humour est partout »
- 55	19:00 - 20:30	« En piste ! »
_	20:30 - 22:00	« Escales à Paris »

Friday 10 August

Wednesday 8 August

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On the stage

1	10:00 - 12:00	Flag Football, par FSGT	On the grou
	13:00 - 17:00	Quidditch	
	17:00 - 18:00	Zumba, par CMG	
•	12:00 - 13:00	Concert	On the sta
	13:00 - 17:00	Répétitions	
	17:00 - 18:00	ENIPSE	
	18:00 -19:00	« L'humour est partout »	
	19:00 -20:30	« Sur les planches »	
	20:30 - 22:00	« XXIe siècle »	

Thursday 9 August

10:00 - 12:00	Ultimate	On the ground	10:00 - 12:00	Plumfoot
13:00 - 17:00	Savate		13:00 - 17:00	SoLeader
17:00 - 18:00	Modo Yoga			
		On the stage	12:00 - 13:00	Concert : Le grand choeur des Gay Games
12:00 - 13:00	Concert		17:00 - 18:00	ENIPSE
13:00 - 18:00	Répétitions		19:00 -20:00	Tango Argentin
18:00 -19:00	« L'humour est partout »		20:00 - 22:00	Bal Techno
19:00 -20:30	« Paris Opéra »			
20:30 - 22:00	« Thursday Night Fever »			





Many Sports and Competitions



More than 36 sports will be included in this 10th edition of the Gay Games. With its specialty sport, such as petanque, and the long-time tradition of the the aquatic event, Pink Flamingo, the program will be rich in choice in order to please the greatest number of participants. The complete list of sport is available on our website https://www.paris2018.com/fr/sports-list/

One of the specific features of Gay Games is sports competitions that are open to all, without criterion or selection! The Gay Games are adapted to suit the competitors so that everyone can find their place and have the opportunity to attain their personal best while having fun.



Several categories are defined according to participants' age and level of experience, with some competitions that are traditionally for mixed couples, such as dance, that will also include same-sex couples.

On the other hand, some of the competitions, especially in team sports, such as softball are mixed; women and men play together, out of love for the sport, for the pleasure of the game. Also, able and disabled participants will be able to play together in the same event, with final rosters that will be confirmed when registrations have been closed.

Cultural and Festive Events



14 cultural events, individual and group performances !

Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 has proposed a wide and varied program of events aimed at bringing together the a variety of participants and audiences from around the world, following the values and history of the Gay Games in particular, and LGBT movements in general.

Many cultural associations are involved in the implementation of this fabulous cultural and festival program.



Gay Games Agenda



SPORTS EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS SPORTIFS



	AUG-ACOT 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Athletics - 10k	Course 10km
Athletics - 5k	Course 5km
Badminton	Badminton
Basketball	Basket-ball 🛛 🗧 🗧 🗧 🔮
Beach Volley	Beach volley 🛛 🔴 🔴 🔴 🔴
Bowling	Bowling O O O O O O
Boxing	Boxe O O O
Cycling - Road	Cyclisme
Roces	route
Dance Sport	Danse sportive
Diving	Plongeon 🛛 🔴 🔴 🔴
Fencing	Escrime
Field Hockey	Hockey sur gazon 🛛 🔴 🔴 🔴 🔴 🔴
Figure Skating	Patinage artistique 🛛 🔴 🔴 🔴 🔴
Football	Football
Golf	Golf
Half Marathon &	Semi et
Marathon	Marathon
Handball	Handball 🗧 🗧 🗧 🗧
Ice Hockey	Hockey sur alace 🛛 🔍 🔍 🔍 🔍
Judo	Judo O O O O O
Martial Arts	Arts martiaux
Mountain Bike	VTT
Open Water	Eau libre
Petanque	Petangue
Pink Flamingo	Pink Flamingo
Roller Skatina	Roller course
Rowing	Auiron
Sailing	Voile 0 0
Softball	Softball
Squash	Squash O O O O
Swimming	Natation
Supehronized	Natation
Swimming	synchronisee
Table Tennis	Tennis de table 🛛 🔴 🔴 🖤
Tennis	Tennis OOOOO
Track & Field	Athletisme • • • • •
Triathlon	Triathlon
Urban Dance	Danse urbaine
Volley-ball	Volley-ball
Water Polo	Water-polo
Wrestling &	Lutte & grappling
Grappling	carre e durbhaud

CULTURAL EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS CULTURELS

	JULIA		AU	G/A	OUT										
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Bollet															20.00
Cheerleading	******								-						17:30 - 20:00
Film Festival		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	*************
Le Parcours cinéma			•	-	-		•		-	•	•	•	•	•	10:00 - 20:00
Great Ball/Grand bal												•			19:00 - 22:00
Guided Tour Visites guidées							•	•	•	•	•	•	•		10:00 / 11:00 18:00
Hiking Randonnées Pédestres								0	•	•	0	0	0		
International Rainbow Memorial Run/La Course internationale memorielle arc-en-ciel						•									10.00 - 12:00
Music Kiosks/Kiosques en musique				222				•	•	•	•	•			16:00 - 18:00
Orchestral Concerts - Bands - Choirs/Concerts d'orchestres d'harmonie et de salon - chorales										•					20:00
Patchworks: International Names Exhibition/ Exposition commemorative internationale de Patchworks de Noms						•	•	•	•	•	•	•			10.00 - 18:00
Philosophical Cafe Cafe philosophique									•	•	•				15:00 - 17:00
Short Film Festival Courts Sur Cour								•	•	•	•	•			13.30 - 17.30
The "7e Genre" Cinema Club Cine club - le 7e genre								•							20:00 - 22:30
Tour the Seine on a River Boat/ Visite croisière sur la Seine												•			20.00 / 21.30
Visual Arts Exhibition Exposition arts visuels							•			•	•		•		16.00 - 20:00



FESTIVE EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS FESTIFS

VendredixXL	AUG	ADUT
Le Debonair - Cité de la Mode et du Design	3	19:00 - 06:00
Opening Ceremony Stade Jean Bouin	4	16:30 - 23:00
BIG Grand Palais Grand Palais		23:00 - 07:00
Sparky Paris La Java	5	23:00 - 05:00
Disco Love Club Haussmann	6	22:30 - 05:00
Savage La Java	7	23:00 - 05:00
MercredixXL Le Debonair - Cité de la Mode et du Design	8	19:00 - 06:00
Ladies Night Le Ponton		22:00 - 06:00
Team France Party Salle Wagram	9	23:30 - 06:30
La Bestiale Le Debonair - Cité de la Mode et du Design	10	19:00 - 06:00
Joy Le Dépôt		23:00 - 07:00
Closing Ceremony Village - Paruis de l'Hôtel de Ville	11	17:00 - 22:00
Closing Party		23:00 - 06:00



Paris 2018 Objectives



The Gay Games help to make society more open to others, to promote a life based on respect.

Impact on Sport

Paris 2018 insists on **inclusion and diversity by and in sport**. The Gay Games allow LGBT people to affirm themselves, and strengthens their legitimacy and visibility of LGBT sports and cultural associations. In particular, Paris 2018 wants to **break down barriers and stereotypes related to gender identity**, **sexual orientation, health status, disability** ... Participant categories are based on age or level of experience. Some events also include same-sex couples, such as dance or figure skating, which are traditionally reserved for mixed couples. Other events in the Gay Games have expanded participation to include both genders, such as synchronized swimming.

Impact on Culture

Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 aims to shine a light on the talents and richness of culture in Paris and the lle-de-France region. Everyone will be able to find an activity combining history, heritage, discovery ... within the framework of the Gay Games program and with values supported by Paris 2018.

Impact on Society

Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 promotes a positive image of LGBT people. This Celebration of Diversity contributes to the fight against homophobia, lesbophobia, biphobia and transphobia, in France and around the world. The Gay Games must always strive to overcome discrimination due to gender identity or any other form of discrimination.

Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 invites all sports and cultural organizations and all public and political institutions to seize the opportunity to promote a proactive policy of openness and integration while promoting the values of respect, inclusion, and celebration of diversity.

Impact on the Environment

Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 is a sustainable and eco-responsible event. Paris 2018 is part of **the Agenda 21 for French sport** and culture, notably through the use of existing infrastructures, the promotion of public transport, the use of non-polluting vehicles ...

Paris 2018 is a signatory of the **Charter of 15 eco-responsible commitments**, a charter signed by all future major sporting events taking place in France.

https://www.paris2018.com/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/Charte-des-15-engagements-%C3%A9co-responsables.p

Paris 2018, an economic and tourism opportunity for France and the Paris region





For 10 days with up to 15,000 people and 40,000 visitors, Paris 2018 will shine a light on Paris, its region, and all of France. Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 will have important and immediate touristic and economic benefits, and also medium and long term effects.

Impact on Tourism

The organizers of Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 have estimated the immediate impact of the Gay Games based on 100,000 overnight stays and 500,000 meals needed in the first half of August 2018, not to mention travel in France and Europe.

Organizing the Gay Games in Paris will give a dynamic, open and welcoming image of France. Communication will be supported through partnerships with the Paris Convention and Tourism Office, the Regional Tourism Office, and Atout France, with support from the International Gay and Lesbian Tourism Association.

Impact on the Economy

Based on previous studies, the Paris 2018 organizing committee estimates **the economic impact of Gay Games 10 to be at least 58 million euros in the short term, and 78 million euros of economic impact** due to the attractiveness of France, especially for LGBT tourism.

The overall economic impact of these games is estimated at **nearly 136 million euros**.

Paris 2018, an economic & touristic opportunity for France and Paris area





- ✓ 12 700 Participants
- ✓ 300 000 visitors
- ✓ 30 000 spectators /day



- ✓ 500 000 meals
- ✓ 100 000 nights
- 10 000 excursions
- 50 000 souvenirs

- LGBT-friendly image of the city
- LGBT parties recovery



- 58 million of direct economic impact
- ✓ 78 million tong-term economic impact



Institutional Support





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