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the Newsletter of the Gay Games



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# The Games Will Go On!

We are **24 weeks away** from the Opening Ceremonies of the Gay Games 11.

Preparations are continuing, with both cities finalizing their venues and sports directors. As their energy shifts to promoting and marketing the Games, we have seen **a sharp increase in registrations.**

In this newsletter, you will read how **Gay Games Hong Kong** has raised more than US\$3 million to ensure a financially successful Games. **Guadalajara** is using government owned venues, some built for the Pan American Games to keep their expenses low. Both Guadalajara and Hong Kong are excited to showcase their cities and are excited to bring the Gay Games to **Latin America and Asia** for the first time.

**See you in November!**





# Exciting progress for Gay Games Hong Kong 2023

Thanks to secured funding and venues, **Asia's first-ever Gay Games** this November are definitely happening. Although we only started promoting in January due to Hong Kong's travel restrictions, we're humbled by the global support, with registrations coming in, especially for badminton, tennis, running, mahjong, and dragon boat racing. **Since early May, registrations have doubled**, and we anticipate more as we continue to promote the Games worldwide.

We're seeing heartening corporate participation, with teams signing up across different sports. **Sponsor contributions** have also been overwhelming, with support **exceeding US\$3 million**. We're grateful for this generosity and look forward to announcing more major sponsors soon.

The Gay Games Hong Kong 2023 is **a celebration of unity, acceptance, and progress**. This is an event for everyone – allies, supporters, and every member of the LGBTQ+ community.

In summary, the Gay Games Hong Kong 2023 is set to be a landmark event, and **we're excited to welcome you to this historic occasion**. Remember, we're not just playing games – we're making history together.

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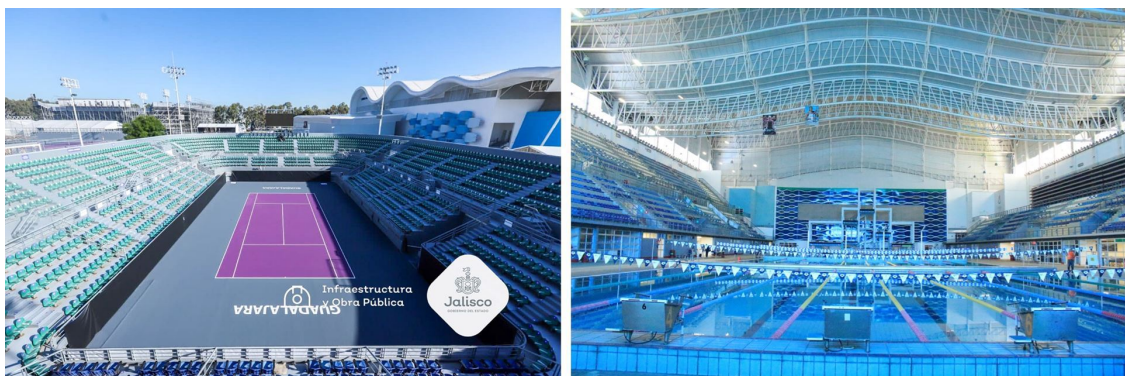


# Guadalajara on track for November's Gay Games

We are excited to continue our preparations for **the most important LGBTQ+ sports and culture event in the world**, hosted for the first time in Latin America and in the incredible city of Guadalajara - voted as **one of the best cities in the world to visit this year** by the [New York Times](#).

We're extremely excited to announce the addition of two more sports at the Games - **Dodgeball** and **Figure Skating** - taking the total number of disciplines up to 22. We're also proud to present some of the locations where the games will be held, many of which were built for the **Pan American Games** in 2011.

The **Revolution Sports Square** is a training centre for high-performance athletes and boasts an Olympic Wall with the names of every athlete from Jalisco that has participated in the Games. Swimming, diving, water polo and the famous Pink Flamingo event will also be held at the stunning swimming complex.



Nestled in the centre of Guadalajara is the **CODE 1 and CODE 2 Sports Complex** which will host Basketball, Wrestling and Badminton. And we will be hosting our golfing events at one of the

most beautiful courses in the country - **El Cielo Country Club** - just on the outskirts of the city.



All our facilities can be found close to many incredible restaurants, shopping areas, and green spaces for you to enjoy between the sporting events. All that is left is to invite you to **register now** and join us for what will be an exceptional Gay Games 2023.

[Learn more](#)





# FGG mourns the passing of Tina Turner

The entire global Gay Games community is saddened to hear of the passing of long time ally and iconic legend **Tina Turner**.

We are grateful that Ms. Turner was the featured entertainer at Gay Games I (also called the “first Gay *Olympic Games*”) at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, where she gave the iconic performance at the Opening Ceremony in 1982.

Rest in power Tina.

[See the photo gallery](#)





Finally we'd like to introduce **Duncan Campbell** - our new Officer of Communications.

An avid hiker, marathon runner and cyclist, matched with a passion for LGBTQ+ activism and his work in promoting **LGBTQ+ inclusion in sports and fitness** makes him a welcome addition to the board.

"I'm very excited to be joining the team now, especially since we are celebrating our first ever Games in Latin America and Asia."

Contact Duncan



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