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**August 2017**

**Welcome to Participate!, the newsletter of the Federation of Gay Games.**

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to promote equality in sport and culture and helping us celebrate **35 years!**

Please make plans and register today for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10, as registration fees escalate as we approach the games. We are excited that over 3,200 participants from 55 countries have registered a full year in advance of the 2018 Opening Ceremonies! Register and learn more at [Paris2018.com](http://Paris2018.com)



With greatest respect,



**Joanie Evans**, Female co-president



**Sean Fitzgerald**, Male co-president



**Less than one year to go!**

It's time to book your travel and to register for Gay Games 10 if you

have not yet registered. If you register before 30 September 2017, you will avoid the fee increase happening on October 1.

**REGISTER NOW** <https://www.paris2018.com/registration/>

### ***Participant Cancellation Insurance***

For the FIRST TIME in the history of the Gay Games, Paris 2018 has negotiated a participant cancellation insurance for only 5.50 € (about US\$6.50).

If you are already registered, please note that you have until August 20, 2017 to sign up for the insurance option by going to your personal account with your username and password: <https://www.paris2018.com/registration/>. For more information on the terms and conditions, see: <https://www.paris2018.com/news/cancellation-insurance/>.

### ***Paris 2018 is all around the world!***

Boston, Salem, New York, Philadelphia, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Zurich, Montreal, Barcelona... These are just some places where we can will meet with potential participants.

Last July, Paris 2018 travelled to USA to promote the games: in Boston to meet the Consul General from France based in Boston, Monsieur Valery Freland, and TEAM BOSTON for the Gay Games; in Salem, few days later, on a dedicated event organized by Steve Harrington, Executive Director of Nagly and then on to New York for a fantastic meeting with Martha Ehrenfeld, FGG Sports Officer, and Zander Ross, Frontrunners NY and many others from the LGBT Community Center. This trip to New York was also the opportunity to discuss with the Consul General of France based in New York, Mme. Anne-Claire LEGENDRE, about the promotion of Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 to the New York City community. The last leg of the trip was to Philadelphia, with support from David Killian, FGG Officer of Site Selection.

Last but not least, Paris 2018 was in Amsterdam - in the Pride Canal Parade, with its partner, PINK HOCKEY. This was another way to promote Gay Games 10 while participating in a famous European event.

All events are announced on our official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Paris2018/>

Don't forget to "like us"!



**YOUR LOCAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:** If you would like to organize your own Paris 2018 promotional event, we can send you the videos and presentations. For marketing materials, if you are based in North America, email [marketing@gaygames.net](mailto:marketing@gaygames.net).

### [Travel and Accommodation with travel.paris2018.com](http://travel.paris2018.com)

You can book your accommodation through our Paris 2018 travel partner, KTS FRANCE, and help Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 to succeed! KTS France has the best offers for Paris 2018 and will arrange everything for you: flights, accommodation, transfers, activities and sightseeing, etc.

Are you part of a team or group? You can book the same hotel for your whole team or group using KTS France and take advantage of the best available prices!



**Rendezvous in #Paris2018 in style!**

**[Check out the new merchandise available now!](#)**

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**[COUNTDOWN TO PARIS: Earlier registration = lower fee!](#)**

### **2022 GAY GAMES XI**



Continued congratulations to our three shortlisted cities for 2022 Gay Games XI: **Guadalajara**, ([Gay Games Guadalajara 2022](#)), **Hong Kong**, ([Gay Games XI Hong Kong 2022](#)) and **Washington, DC** ([Gay Games DC 2022](#)).

On 1 March 2017, the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) announced the 2022 Gay Games XI shortlist bid cities, and site inspections began 19 June and concluded 1 July.



**CHECK OUT THE DAILY SITE SELECTION EXCITEMENT that took place on social media!**

[www.Instagram.com/GayGames](http://www.Instagram.com/GayGames) and [www.Twitter.com/GayGames](http://www.Twitter.com/GayGames)

Voting and selection of the 2022 #GayGames XI host city takes place at the 2017 Annual General Assembly in Paris this coming October.

Press Releases and associated media here: <http://bit.ly/FGGMedia>



## Gay Games Scholarship Fund

### [Scholarship Challenge from Paul Oostenbrug and Jere Kelly](#)



Help the Federation of Gay Games "Change the World" by helping send athletes and artists from all over the world to Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10! Join us in our cause of promoting equality in sport and culture, since 1982!

[Paul and his husband Jere Kelly will be matching up to US\\$5,000 on all funds received!](#)

Paul has been one of the driving forces behind the FGG Scholarship program since Gay Games VII, Chicago 2006. He has worked tirelessly on reviewing scholarship applications, arranging travel, completing numerous visa applications, and driving scholarship participants to events. You name it and Paul has done it for the scholarship program.

[Please watch and share this video](#) with others to help promote our scholarship program and Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10.



### **Athlete spotlight: Jordyn White, 2017 Gold Medalist**

by Sophia Rodriguez, Federation of Gay Games Officer of Diversity

The [United States Women's Football League - USWFL](#) was pleased to announce that [Washington Prodigy Women's Tackle Football](#) General Manager/defensive linewoman Jordyn Marie White was named to the United States national team for the 2017 Women's Football World Championship played from June 24 through June 30, 2017, in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. In her selection, Jordyn was the first player to ever be selected for Team USA while playing for a USWFL team.

Jordyn began her American football career in 2004 playing for the Philadelphia Phoenix of the NWFL, where she played for three seasons until 2006; she would also play in the fall of for the WPFL's Delaware Griffins for 2004 and 2005. In 2007, Jordyn's football journey took her to the nation's capital and the elite D.C. Divas, where she played for six seasons until 2012. For the 2013 season, she and teammates of hers formed the brand-new Washington Prodigy, with them being contenders throughout their existence and her picking up All-Star honors in 2013 and 2014.

Jordyn serves as General manager of the Washington Prodigy who are apart of the Team DC organization and plan to have large presence at the Paris 2018 Games. For more information about the Prodigy, ["Like" them on Facebook](#), ["Follow" them on Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), or visit their website

at <http://www.washingtonprodigy.com/>. Or contact the USWFL by phone at [814-897-5880](tel:814-897-5880), "[Like](#)" them on [Facebook](#) or visit their website at <http://www.uswflsports.com/>. Photo: USA Football.

## **San Francisco Giants baseball team holds 15th Annual LGBT Game – Gay Games Benefits**

by Doug Litwin, Federation of Gay Games Officer of Marketing

On Monday, 26 June, the SF Giants (major league baseball) held their 15th Annual LGBT Night Game at AT&T Park. This was the 525th consecutive sold-out game for the Giants, with 41,000+ fans in the ball park, including several thousand LGBT individuals. Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 got some great exposure at this game.

First, the "Community Clubhouse" space inside the stadium was staffed by Reggie Snowden of Team San Francisco. He had a full range of promotional material to distribute. Behind the booth was a large video screen behind the booth that showed a rotating slide show of images from previous Gay Games and for Paris.



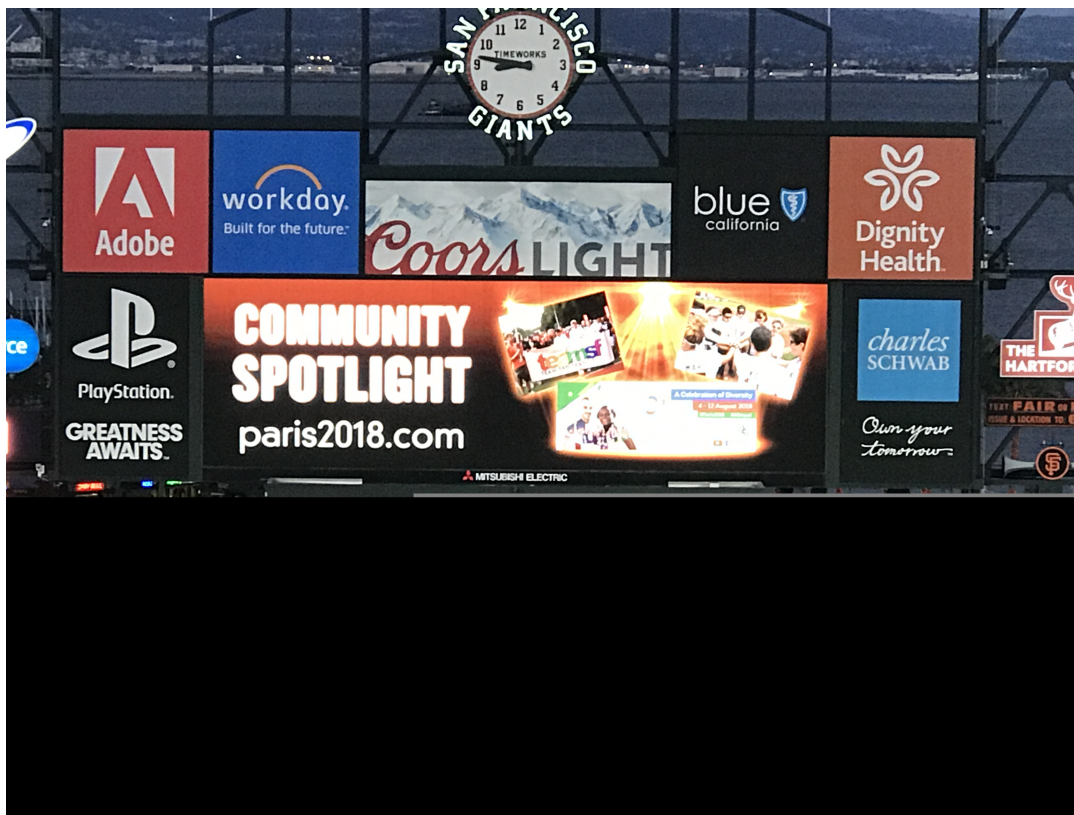
Second, in the middle of the game, the "Community Spotlight" segment ran on the giant scoreboard. This consisted of a large image promoting Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10 while the stadium announcer read the following text:

*"Fans, in honor of LGBT night, we want to salute the Gay Games, which began here in San Francisco 35 years ago. The 10th Gay Games takes place August 4 – 12, 2018 in Paris, France. This celebration of diversity is one of the world's greatest sporting and cultural events, and it's open to all. You don't have to qualify; you just have to be 18 or older. There will be 36 sports, 14 cultural events, and much more. To learn about how you can participate in this week-long global rendezvous, please stop by the Community Clubhouse, located on the promenade level behind homeplate or visit [paris2018.com](http://paris2018.com). Together, we can support the Games That Change The World!"*

The FGG and Team San Francisco are two of the three annual beneficiaries of the LGBT Night Game. On 11 July, each organization received checks for US\$1,811.25 from the Giants.

Pictured above: Reggie Snowden at the "Community Clubhouse"

Scoreboard showing the Paris 2018 – Gay Games 10 message:



## PARTICIPATE!



Do you know of a major sport or cultural event where the FGG should be promoting Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10? If so, please send an email with details to [marketing@gaygames.net](mailto:marketing@gaygames.net).

The FGG has a number of marketing materials that can be used at selected events, on social media and elsewhere. We've been promoting Gay Games 10 at dozens of events and yours could be next!

## Jock Talk: Lifters Unite

by Roger Brigham, HLM

At the inaugural LGBT International Powerlifting Championships in London. Ben Gilliam, right, received his gold medal from presenter Hanne Bingle Mbe.

Photo: Dave McWilliam [Read full article here.](#)



## ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: PARIS 2017

26 October - 1 November 2017, Paris, France

Make plans today for our next AGA, taking place in Paris!

The "General Assembly" represents the voting members of the FGG, and this assembly meets annually to help advise and direct the Board of Directors, elect officers and vote on important matters.

In 2017, a highlight will be the voting and selection of the host city for Gay Games XI to take place in 2022. Many people believe this quadrennial decision is the most important one that the FGG makes.



[Learn more and RSVP at our Facebook Event Page](#)

[For more information about the AGA and to obtain a special FGG rate when you book your hotel visit <http://aga-fgg.paris2018.com/>](#)

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