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

We are excited to rendezvous next month with 10,317 athletes and artists for [Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10!](#)

Another way to **PARTICIPATE** at Gay Games 10 is to **VOLUNTEER!** Register at [Paris2018.com/Volunteer](#).

Plan for your **EVENT TICKETS** here: [Paris2018.com/Tickets](#)

See you in Paris for the Opening Ceremony at Stade Jean Bouin on 4 August. Remember, to register and learn more, please visit [www.paris2018.com](#)

With greatest respect,



Joanie Evans, co-president



Sean Fitzgerald, co-president

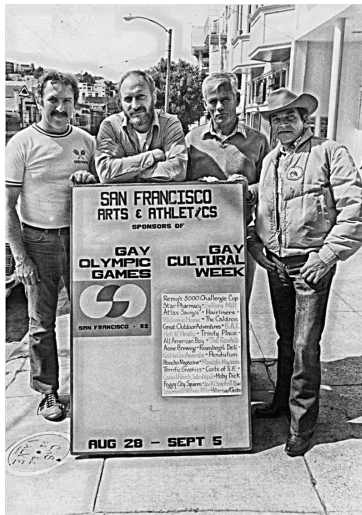


### MANDATORY CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS AND APTITUDE

Participation in SPORTS requires a French National Sports License or a Certificate of Fitness Aptitude. It is mandatory to have a copy of your document **before** the Games. Uploads are no longer permitted; if you have not yet uploaded the document, it is recommended to 1) bring a hard copy to registration and 2) email a copy to [support@paris2018.com](mailto:support@paris2018.com). Certificate templates: [English](#) - [French](#) - [Spanish](#).

**PLAN ON YOUR EVENT TICKETS TODAY!**

Check out and plan for all your fun while in Paris: sightseeing, cultural and sport event tickets and more!  
[Check out all the FESTIVITIES HERE!](#)

**Paul Mart, Tom Waddell Award**

Paul Mart is a Gay Games co-founder, a Tom Waddell Award recipient and will be celebrating his 100th birthday 25 August 2018, Palm Springs, California, USA. [Learn more about Mr. Mart here](#) along with additional photos, courtesy Gene Dermody. Paul is pictured far right in this photo.

**The Tom Waddell Award** is presented every four years in conjunction with the Gay Games, and it focuses attention on the single most important aspect of the Gay Games, that of participation. The award represents the history and legacy of Dr. Tom Waddell, of the Games and movement he founded, and the mission of promoting equality in and through sports and culture. The 2018 honorees will be announced soon; [more information and past winners are available here](#).

**Share your Paris photos; you could win a prize!**

While you're in Paris for Gay Games 10, please consider sharing your photos on social media; you could win a prize! We will add them to the many thousands of photos on display at this link: [gaygames.smugmug.com](http://gaygames.smugmug.com). Watch for your photos and follow us at [GayGames.org](http://GayGames.org), our [FGG Facebook](#) and [FGG Instagram](#) pages, and in this newsletter. Be sure to also follow **Paris 2018's** [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages! The winning shared photos selected will be notified and awarded at our booth at the Gay Games Village before Closing Ceremonies.



How to enter your photos from Paris to win? Simply use the hashtags [#gaygames](#) and [#paris2018](#) and post your photos to social media!

**The Gay Games Village at Paris City Hall, also known as Hôtel de Ville, Paris**

Make plans to join us at [The Village](#), which will take place just in front of Paris City Hall. Close to the Marais, an ideal location in the center of Paris, accessible by metro, bus, and RER, Monday to Friday, from 10AM to 10PM, the daily program will include sports demonstrations, health seminars, circus acrobatics, and concerts. Starting at 6PM, each evening will have a different theme with 2 shows! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Village! Be sure to visit the official [Federation of Gay Games](#) and [Hong Kong 2022](#) booth to learn more about our organization and our next official host city!

**Annual General Assembly (AGA) Information: 12 August 2018**

The international Federation of Gay Games (FGG) General Assembly (GA) is comprised of Directors of the Board, Full Member organisations, Associate Member organisations, Individual Members and Honorary Life Members. The GA is the governing body of the FGG and meets at the Annual General Assembly.

**The 2018 AGA takes place in Paris at the conclusion of Gay Games 10 on Sunday, August 12.**

**[CLICK HERE for AGA information and for assembly member registration.](#)**

[Click here to learn more about FGG membership](#), and [please email us](#) with questions.

The 2019 AGA will take place in **Guadalajara, Mexico**. Additional information on these two AGAs will be distributed directly to members.



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## Afro Games 09-14 December 2018

The FGG is thrilled to announce the first LGBT+ international sports event in Africa!

The event is being organised in partnership with South African FGG member organisation: [KZN LGBT Recreation](http://www.kznlgbtrecreation.co.za).

For updates follow at [Facebook.com/AfroGames2018](https://www.facebook.com/AfroGames2018)

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The Federation of Gay Games mission promotes LGBT equality in and through sport and culture and ensures that the Gay Games, the world's largest sports and culture festival open to all, take place every four years under the founding principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™. First held in San Francisco in 1982, subsequent Gay Games are San Francisco (1986), Vancouver (1990), New York (1994), Amsterdam (1998), Sydney (2002), Chicago (2006), Cologne (2010), Cleveland+Akron (2014), Paris (2018) and Hong Kong (2022).

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