

MARTIAL ARTS

1.0 Name of Sport

Martial Arts

2.0 Venues

2.1* Name of Venue

Fonteta de Sant Lluís Pavilion

2.2 Location

Avenida Hermanos Maristas, 16, 46013 València

2.3 Which other sports or other Gay Games events will be organized in the same area? How will you take advantage of this proximity?

Basketball, Dance, Cheerleading, Soccer, Esports, Colpbol

2.4 Accessibility/Transportation

Subway: L10

Bus: 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 23, 35, 99, N7, N9

Valenbisi Stations: 184, 185, 45, 187, 48

Taxi

1 km walking distance from the Village

2.5 Description of the facilities (spectator seating, locker rooms, warm-up areas, etc.)

8,500 seats. With areas for competing, warm-ups, medical checks, weigh-ins, technician and referee meetings, plenty of locker rooms, etc.

2.6 Describe the venue with respect to the Red Book requirements. If the venue does not meet the Red Book requirements, what are your plans for dealing with this?

The venue will meet the Red Book requirements.

2.7 What events are usually held in this venue?

Basketball, judo, indoor soccer, padel competitions. Most of them are national and international.

2.8 Why did you choose this venue?

Because it is very close to the Village and it fully meets the Red Book requirements. We have also organized Spanish championships at the facilities. It is in a good location, with excellent transport links and suitable hotels.

2.9 If more than one venue will be used, what are the issues and solutions for this (transportation, communication, etc.)?

We will only use this venue.

3.0 Nature of the Event

3.1 Anticipated number of participants

217

3.2 Expected breakdown (by gender, by region of origin). On what basis were these numbers derived?

Gender: Male 60%, Female 40%. Based on previous experiences with participation in Martial Arts events in our region.

4.0 Organizational Resources

4.1* Is there a national and/or international LGBT sports organization for the sport?

The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists (IAGLMA): <http://www.iaglma.org/>

4.2* Will a regional (national, international) sanctioning or governing body be involved?

Yes, different València Region Martial Arts Federations (Judo, taekwondo, jiu jitsu, etc.) and the IAGLMA.

4.3 Will this event be sanctioned?

Yes, national referees from the Spanish Federations will take part.

4.4* Who will organize/manage the event?

The València Region Judo and Associated Sports Federation and IAGLMA.

4.5* Will a local club be involved in the organization of the event?

Yes, several local clubs including the Samarucus LGBTQ+ Club.

4.6 What local experience is available to the host in organizing competitions for this sport?

National and international championships in València for more than 20 years.

5.0 Organization of the Event

5.1 Description of tournament (seeding, rounds, etc.), relative to Red Book requirements.

The tournament will be organized and conducted in accordance with the Red Book for Martial Arts, and will offer all the required events:

IAGLMA Officials Certification Clinic and Competitors Clinic

Martial Arts and Self Defense Seminars

All-Styles Martial Arts Tournament

Martial Arts

Empty Hand Forms

Musical Empty Hand Forms (black belt only)

Weapons Forms

Free Sparring

Self Defense

Team Forms (3 persons)

Martial Arts-Judo-Jiu Jitsu-Taekwondo

Two person Empty Hand sets

Two person Weapons sets

Judo-Jiu Jitsu

Ground Fighting

Standard Judo Competition

Standard Taekwondo Competition

5.2 Categories/Divisions

All divisions indicated in Appendix A of the IAGLMA Rules will be offered. They will be offered in accordance with the Red Book for Martial Arts and the IAGLMA rules and procedures. We will propose a women-only category and a general category.

5.3 Scheduling (number of days, etc.)

5 + 1 weigh-in day

5.4 Number of competitive instances per athlete

4

5.5 Total number of competitive instances

This will be subject to the mix of registered participants.

5.6 If the event is ticketed, how will tickets be sold, distributed, and collected?

The event is not slated to be ticketed.

5.7 Is sport-specific sponsorship possible for this event?

It is possible. In fact, we will be exploring various options as we move towards hosting the event.

6.0 Specific FGG Policies

6.1 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Age and Ability?

There are age and ability categories. Divisions may be removed or split by officials to ensure an optimal number of competitors.

6.2 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Disability?

The venue is wheelchair-accessible. This sport is accessible, with a specific division for general mobility, lower-body mobility and visual impairment. This sport is accessible to players with hearing impairments.

6.3 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Gender in Sport?

We will follow FGG gender policy standards. Legal-Male, Legal-Female or gender neutral. However, we will propose a women-only and a general category for this sport, too.

6.4 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Health and Well-being, and in particular, Performance-Enhancing Drugs?

Building security and emergency medical staff will be present. Multiple age and ability divisions allows for competitors of various levels to excel. This decreases the incentive to use performance-enhancing drugs.

6.5 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Officials?

Officials will be trained by an IAGLMA Judges Certification Clinic that must take place during the week of the Gay Games. Additional officials for specific categories will be provided with the support of the different national Martial Arts federations. They will be suitably qualified to meet the Red Book requirements.

6.6 Will you be able to meet sport- specific Red Book requirements? What are the difficulties you foresee for meeting these requirements, and how will you deal with them? What gives you confidence that you will be able to respect Red Book requirements?

Yes, we will be able to meet the requirements of the Red Book for Martial Arts.

7.0 Additional Comments

In GG VLC2026 we will also include taekwondo, the most diverse of the martial arts. In Spain, this sport has its own secretary of diversity.

