

FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

1.0 Name of Sport

Soccer

2.0 Venues

2.1* Name of Venue

F11 - 2 fields (“Campo Rumbo” and “Campo Exposición”) F7 - 4 fields (“Campo Serranos” and “Campo Pont de Fusta”). They are all located within the Turia Gardens one next the other at a distance of 1.5 km.

2.2 Location

València – Turia Gardens

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?

Softball, Bodybuilding, Rugby, Bowling, Track & Field

2.4 Accessibility/Transportation

Subway: L1 - L2 (Túria) / L4 (Pont de Fusta)

Bus: 1 - 5 - 6 - 11 - 16 - 26 - 28 - 29 - 79 - 80 - 95 - N10. Valenbisi Stations: 2, 36, 131, 133, 153

Taxi

4 km walking distance from the Village.

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

All of them: artificial pitches; basic non-covered seating; 8 locker rooms; a small warm up space; floodlights available.

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 venues meet all the Red Book requirements.

2.7 What events are usually held in this venue?

Official regular soccer leagues: local and regional.

2.8 Why did you choose this venue?

The location of the venues is superb and the facilities are very good for soccer. The venues are home to the regular official soccer leagues, so they are fully adapted to the needs of this tournament.

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

The venue farthest away is 40 minutes on foot from the City of Arts and Sciences (the Gay Village) and the nearest one is only 15 minutes away on foot. It is 1.5 km from the farthest to the nearest football pitch.

3.0 Nature of the Event

3.1 Anticipated number of participants

60 teams (924 participants). 32 - F11 teams / 28 - F7 teams.

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

60% men, 40% women. 75% expected to be non-VLC residents. These numbers are based on the last Gay Games in Paris.

4.0 Organizational Resources

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

The International Gay and Lesbian Football Association (IGLFA, iglfa.org) is the main body for soccer and will be contacted once the GG VLC2026 bid is successful.

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

Yes, the FFCV (València Region Football Federation) will be involved. The FFCV is associated with the RFEF (Real Federación Española de Fútbol), the UEFA and FIFA.

4.3 Will this event be sanctioned?

Yes. The FFCV and the IGLFA.

4.4* Who will organize/manage the event?

The FFCV and the IGLFA.

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

GMadrid Sports and many other local clubs.

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

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5.0 Organization of the Event

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

The tournament will be played over 6 days, with qualifying matches held in a “round robin” format by groups. It will be followed by playoff rounds and finals. All Red Book requirements will be met.

5.2 Categories/Divisions

F11: F11 Women Only – F11 General Competitive - F11 General’s Recreational

F7: F7 Women Only – F7 General

5.3 Scheduling (number of days, etc.)

5 days – Wednesday is a mandatory rest day.

F11 Group Stage: Monday / Tuesday / Thursday /

F11 Playoff Stage: Friday

F11 Final Stage: Saturday

F7 Group stage: Monday / Tuesday / Thursday /

F7 Final stage: Friday / Saturday

5.4 Number of competitive instances per athlete

Minimum – 4 matches

Maximum – it depends on the number of teams per division

5.5 Total number of competitive instances

104 games in total (56 F11 / 48 F7)

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?

Both a general’s and women’s masters division will be available. Participants will be separated into divisions, according to the Red Book for Soccer.

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

As section 8.2 of the Red Book states, we will accommodate the disabilities that we can. All the venues are wheelchair-accessible.

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

A women-only category and a general category has been proposed. Three divisions will be offered for each gender.

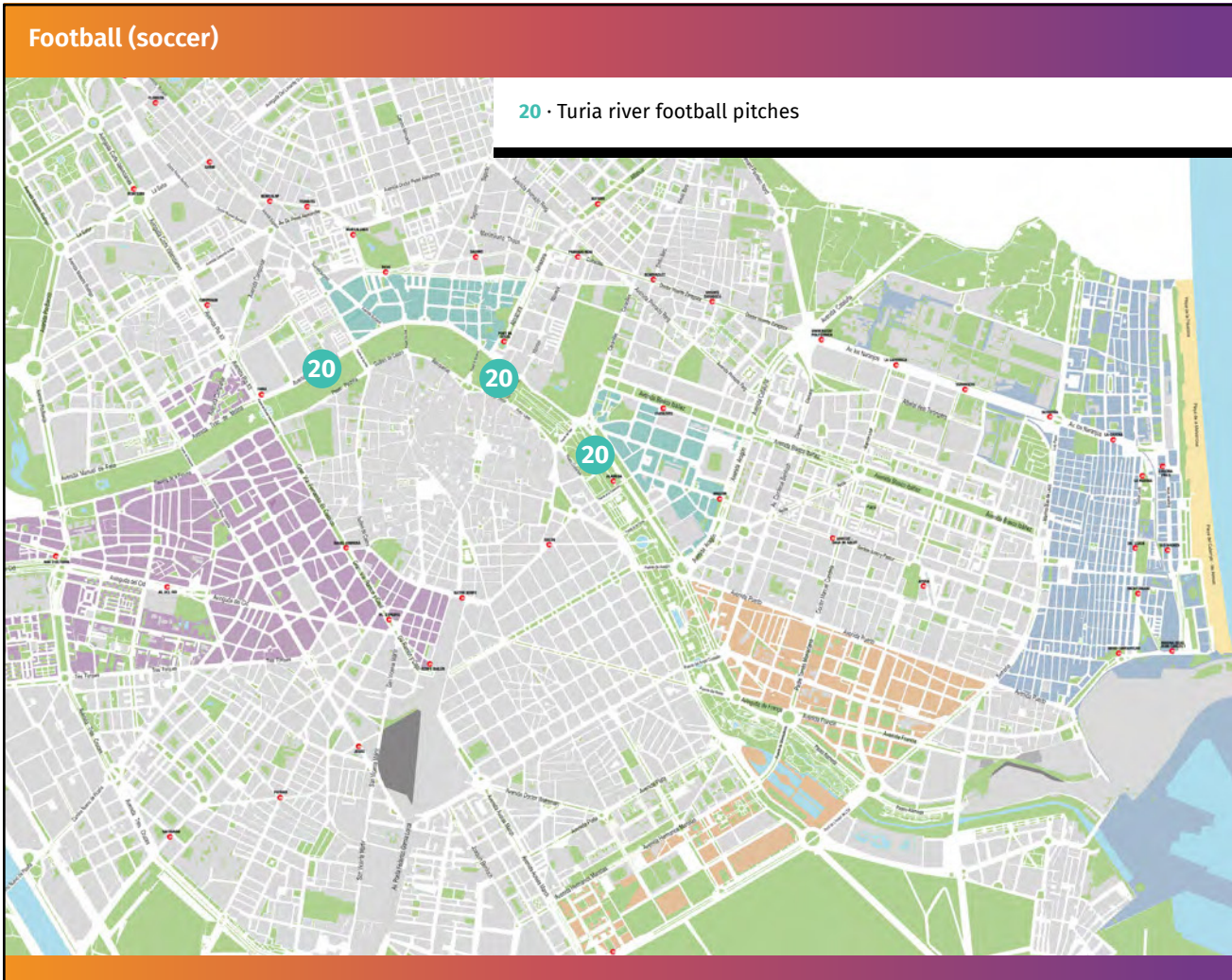
6.4 How will you address requirements of Policy guidelines for Health and Well-being, and in particular, Performance-Enhancing Drugs?

Sport trainers will be stationed at every two fields, and a full medical team will be on hand for the whole tournament. All policies for health and well-being, including the use of performance-enhancing drugs, will be adhered to.

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

We will need one registered officiating referee to be paired with two line-referees (one on each line) at each game that is played. FIFA’s rules and regulations (including yellow and red cards, offside, etc.) will be followed. All FGG guidelines regarding the training, accreditation and recruitment of officials will be adhered to.

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 soccer. The Red Book requirements and the anticipated participation are consistent with other tournaments we have already successfully organized and run.

7.0 Additional Comments

None