



## **Welcome to the 7th IDAF World Dwarf Games 2017**

The World Dwarf Games Host Committee looks forward to your participation in the 2017 World Dwarf Games! It is our pleasure to bring these Games to Canada on August 4 through August 12, 2017. University of Guelph's (U of G) state of the art athletic facility will be the World Dwarf Games venue, offering athletes and guests world class athletic facilities and accommodations. The city of Guelph in Southern Ontario is very supportive of the Games and is looking forward to warmly welcoming the athletes, families, friends, and spectators. I know you will be impressed by the beauty of the city, the excellent sports facilities at U of G and the exciting dining and tourism opportunities in Guelph and the surrounding area.

Our aim is to provide all athletes with dwarfism from around the world, along with their families and friends, eight days of outstanding Olympic style competition and camaraderie. This opportunity is important to dwarf athletes vying for recognition as the best in the world and to junior and novice athletes with dwarfism seeking opportunities to explore their athletic aptitudes and abilities. For them, this is a rare, perhaps once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and compete with the world's best dwarf athletes.

Start making your plans to be part of this historic event. Registration begins online January 15, 2017. Volunteer sign-up and sponsor opportunities are already available. Spectators are welcome at each sport competition at no charge. Please join us in Guelph this August. We guarantee that you and your family will have a memorable time!

Sincerely,

***Heather Anderson***

**Chair, World Dwarf Games 2017**

### **Athletes' Village (Meals and Lodging)**

Welcome Athletes, Team Staff, Family, and Friends of the World Dwarf Games,

We eagerly await your arrival to the Athletes' Village for the World Dwarf Games 2017. We chose to host the World Dwarf Games at the University of Guelph because of its beautiful and safe 817-acre campus, which features a mix of modern and traditional architecture, green lawns, nature trails, award-winning food service and comfortable accommodations. The sports facilities are state of the art and have been expanded while we have been planning the event! The campus is also accessible to nearby shopping, municipal transportation to downtown Guelph and Go Bus service to communities such as Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Athletes' Village will be your home away from home. Housed in the East Residence dormitory complex, the Village is within easy walking distance of the sport venues. Buffet style meals will be provided in a comfortable and convenient location. All rooms are wired into the University of Guelph's high speed internet network. Dorm rooms are arranged in suites, which contain a lounge and kitchen area, and shared bathrooms. Larger common areas at East Residence will be a great place for you to gather with your teammates and team staff to receive the latest information and strategize for the next event. The opening ceremonies will be held on Friday evening, August 4th, followed by a welcoming reception. Evening activities will provide opportunities to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones! It is our goal to provide you with everything you need for a safe, secure, productive, and fun nine days of world class athletic events. Welcome to Athletes' Village at University of Guelph! See you soon.

Warm Regards,

*Kathy Mackenzie*

Director of Accommodations, World Dwarf Games 2017

## **Travel & Transportation Passport and Visa Requirements**

Please contact the Canadian Embassy in your country to learn about passport and visa requirements and to seek help with these preparations. You can also access the Canadian government website <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp> to see if you will require the new electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or visitor visa.

### **Air Travel**

- Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) is located northwest of Toronto and is less than an hour from University of Guelph (71 km/44 miles). It is a major international airport.
- Hamilton International Airport (YHM) is located 50 minutes from University of Guelph (63 km/39 miles) and is serviced by Air Canada, WestJet and New Leaf Airlines as well as charter airlines.
- Waterloo Regional Airport is currently served by WestJet that provides non-stop daily service between Waterloo Regional and Calgary, with connections to Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford, Kelowna, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, and other cities.
- Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ) located close to downtown Toronto also has flights from Canadian and American destinations.
- Buffalo Niagara International Airport located across the Canadian border in New York State, USA is located 2 hours away (167 km/104 miles)

### Airport Shuttle Service

We have arranged a special conference rate for you with Red Car Airport Shuttle Service between Toronto Pearson International Airport or Hamilton International Airport and Guelph. Select the Red Car home page link listed below and enter the booking code: **WDG17**. Your online booking will include a \$20.00 (CAD) pre-tax discount per direction (\$40.00 (CAD) discount on round trip) when booking the Shared Ride Shuttle Service. <https://www.redcarservice.com/>

### Train

VIARAIL The Via station is located at 79 Carden Street, on the corner of Wyndham Street, next to City Hall in downtown Guelph. It is a short taxi ride to the University of Guelph from downtown.

### Lodging

#### **University of Guelph – Athletes and Families**

The East Residence dorm rooms are available as single and double rooms and are organized in suites for groups of 6, 8, 10 or 12. Country teams will be grouped together. Please note that there is no air-conditioning in the sleeping rooms. Parking is free.

Minors, being everyone under age 18, who are staying in Athlete's Village **MUST** share a room or suite with their parent or legal guardian. University of Guelph policy requires all minors to be appropriately chaperoned. Appropriately chaperoned means under the direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian who is at least 21 years of age. The policy of the World Dwarf Games is that guardians must be at least 21 years of age and must complete and submit the Legal Guardian Form. Families will be housed with their team grouping or on the Family Floors. This will assure that all athletes and their families will have a safe and exciting week in Athlete's Village for the World Dwarf Games.

The Chef de Mission of a team may be designated as chaperone for up to 15 minor athletes. If the Chef is serving as chaperone, the Chef will be required to stay in Athletes' Village with their chaperoned athletes and will be assigned to the same suite as the minors he/she is acting as chaperone for. If the team has more than 15 minor athletes staying in Athletes' Village, the Chef de Mission may appoint another chaperone for the additional minors.

#### **A meal plan is required if you are lodging in Athletes' Village.**

- 9 Breakfast meals, August 5 - 13
  - 8 Lunch meals, August 5 - 12
  - 8 Dinner meals, August 4 – 11
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- **11+** Single or double room within a suite is **\$360.36** for 9 nights' accommodations and **\$332.74** for meals beginning with dinner on August 4<sup>th</sup> and ending with breakfast on August 13<sup>th</sup>, for a total of **\$693.10**

- **Children ages 6-10** is **\$274.50** for 9 nights' accommodations and **\$244.99** for meals for a total of **\$519.46**
- The dorm accommodations and three meals can be booked for **\$80.48 per day ages 11+** and **\$60.17 children 6-10**.
- There is a service charge to offset some of the credit card fees charged to WDG for processing the payment

**If you are not lodging in Athletes' Village you can still purchase the meal plan.**

### **Athletes' Village Accommodations Features**

The Athletes' Village offers the primary on-campus housing and meal package based in the East Residence. Everyone formally registered for the Games (athletes and non-athletes) has the option to purchase this package. It includes:

1. An Athletes' Village access card for after-hours entry.
2. One single bed in a single or double room within a 6, 8, 10 or 12 person suite with bathrooms, and lounge for 9 nights, arriving on Friday, August 4, 2017, departing Sunday, August 13, 2017.
3. Residence bedrooms are equipped with single beds [mattress size Standard Twin - 75"x 36"], desks, closets, book shelves and desk lamps.
4. One set of bed linens, and bathroom tissues. Please note: No toiletries will be provided. You must provide your own soap, shampoo, and any personal care products you may require.
5. Coin-operated laundry machines on site, but no housekeeping services.
6. All rooms are wired into the University of Guelph high speed internet network.
7. One large building lounge (Fireplace Lounge) allows for large scale activities to take place.
8. Pre-arranged boxed meal option when an event or practice session conflicts with a scheduled meal time.
9. A kitchen is included in each suite but does not come equipped with pots and dishes.
10. Note: Sleeping rooms are not air-conditioned.

## Optional Housing – Athletes, Families, and Visitors

For those who prefer the conveniences of hotel lodging, reservations can be made directly at:

- **The Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre.** It is located across from the University of Guelph Campus and provides upscale accommodations. The rate being offered the World Dwarf Games is \$129.00 CDN plus taxes for double occupancy. This rate includes breakfast for 2 guests per room, free parking, access to the Movati Health Club with pool, located next door for guests 18+, and free Wi-Fi. The hotel has a full-service restaurant and bar. This hotel can be booked directly at (519)780- 3700 or [online](#) with the group code WDG. This booking must be made by April 1, 2017 or while rooms last.
- **The Holiday Inn and Conference Centre** is located further down Stone Road less than 2 km away and is directly on a city bus route that goes from the hotel to the University. The rate being offered the WDG attendees is \$114.99 CDN plus taxes for double occupancy and includes breakfast buffet, free parking and Wi-Fi and children 12 and under eat and stay free with an adult. This hotel can be booked directly at (519) 836-0231 or [online](#) with the group code WDG. Book by July 1, 2017 or while rooms last.

Included in the registration document are the forms that will be required for each athlete and non-athlete participating in the 2017 World Dwarf Games. A separate registration form will be required for each person. The link for online registration and payment will be available on January 15, 2017. PayPal credit card payments do not require a PayPal account. **This is the preferred registration method, as all registrations must be inputted into the WDG registration system.** Alternatively, a PDF registration form can be downloaded to your computer, filled out, saved on your computer, and e-mailed to [reg.wdg2017@gmail.com](mailto:reg.wdg2017@gmail.com). This form will be available on request. The registration deadline is April 15, 2017. A late fee will be charged for all registrations received after April 15, 2017 and received by April 30, 2017. We will not accept any registrations after April 30, 2017.

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