

World Games – How do Athletes and Volunteers get there

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2019 WSG Applications by sport



	Athlete/Unified Partner Applications					QB Quota				
	Athletes		Unified Partners		Total	Athletes		Unified Partners		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female	
Aquatics	39	29			68	3	4			7
Athletics	39	14			53	4	4			8
Badminton	7	2			9	1	1			2
Basketball	25	9			34	10	10			20
Bocce	2	1			3	1	1			2
Cycling	11	4			15	8	4			12
Equestrian	3	8			11	3	3			6
Football	48	0			48	11	0			11
Golf	12	1			13	7	1			8
Gymnastics (Artistic)	12	17			29	5	5			10
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	0	3			3	0	6			6
Judo	12	3			15	4	2			6
Powerlifting	4	1			5	4	1			5
Sailing	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	3	1	8
Table Tennis	3	0			3	2	2			4
Ten Pin Bowling	9	5			14	4	4			8
Tennis	17	4			21	3	3			6
TOTAL	244	102			348	73	52			129

2019 WSG Applications by region



Region	No. of Athlete/Unified Partner Applicants		Total
	Male	Female	
East Midlands	10	5	15
Eastern	26	9	35
Greater London	2	1	3
North West	6	5	11
Northern	33	5	38
South East	27	12	39
South West	5	3	8
Southern	7	9	16
Wales	3	3	6
West Midlands	16	5	21
Yorkshire & Humberside	23	7	30
Dumfries & Galloway	6	5	11
Forth Valley	6	2	8
Grampian	0	2	2
Highland	5	1	6
Lothian	12	5	17
Scotland West	39	20	59
Tayside	19	4	23
Total	245	103	348

Step 1 - Qualify



- Register with SOGB as an athlete or volunteer
- Compete at a qualifying event (Athletes)
- Build your coaching and competition portfolio (Volunteers)
- Talk to your club – show your enthusiasm

Step 2 - Apply



- Know and keep to the application deadlines
- Complete the application with as much relevant information as possible
- Make sure your club and region endorses and supports your application

Top Hints



- Be female
- Be Scots
- Choose a minority sport
- Read the 'Guide to Selection' document
- Athletes – show your commitment
- Volunteers – show that you are able as both a coach and a carer
- Think of the process as if you were applying for a job
- Be a Games volunteer



Questions?