

WORLD FRIENDSHIP GAMES 2024 INFORMATION ON COMPETITIONS

Dates of event: 15-29 September 2024

Host cities: Moscow, Ekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk region) — Russia

The World Friendship Games 2024 are organised in accordance with **Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 783 of 19 October 2023**.

Leading athletes from all continents will be invited to participate in the World Friendship Games 2024. The only selection criteria will be the athletes' international sports ranking and the results in world championships in the sports included in the sports programme. An additional motivation for foreign athletes to participate is provided by the substantial prize fund, free flights to the Games host cities and free accommodation for the duration of the competition. Payments to the medallists will be made by the **International Friendship Association (IFA)**, the organisation that is the rights holder for the World Friendship Games and has granted Russia the right to host the tournament in 2024. **About 6,500 athletes from around the world are expected to take part in the World Friendship Games 2024.**

The World Friendship Games 2024 is the first multi-sports tournament to include performances in 36 sports programme events in 33 sports: **Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll, Badminton, Basketball, 3x3 Basketball, Breaking, Boxing, BMX Freestyle, Mountain Bike, Beach Volleyball, Canoe Slalom, Ju-Jitsu, Judo, Karate, Equestrian, Athletics, Table tennis, Padel, Swimming, Diving, High Diving, Sambo, Artistic swimming, Sport Climbing, Skateboarding, Mixed Martial Arts, Wrestling, Artistic Gymnastics, Competitive Programming, Archery, Triathlon, Taekwondo, Weightlifting, Fencing, Beach Soccer, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Chess**. Two other sports — **Sumo and Mas-Wrestling** — will be presented as exhibition sports.

The first ever **World Friendship Games will be held in Moscow and Ekaterinburg** from 15 to 29 September 2024. The Concept for the World Friendship Games 2024 includes **21 competition venues**. In Moscow, most of these are located in the Luzhniki Sports Complex, and the **opening and closing ceremonies are planned to be held** there at the **Big Sports Arena**. The capital will host 28 Sports. The competitions in Swimming, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Mixed Martial Arts, Athletics and Basketball (women's teams) will be held in the Ural. In Ekaterinburg events will take place in the Palace of Water Sports, the Judo Arena, the Palace of Team Sports and the Kalininet's Athletics Stadium.