



47th United Nations Inter-Agency Games



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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the UN Games Organizing Committee in UN City Copenhagen, I am pleased to invite you to the 47th Inter-Agency Games. The games will be held in Copenhagen and in the neighboring Gentofte municipality, Denmark, from 15th through 18th of June 2022.

Our aim is to bring you the greenest and the most inclusive games to date, in modern sports facilities with a programme that will showcase some of the best Copenhagen has to offer.

The Games gather more than 1,000 participants and supporters from numerous agencies from all over the world. It is a unique event to connect, exchange and embrace common values of cooperation and solidarity irrespective of who you are and where you are from.

More information on the venue, rules, disciplines etc. can be found on IAG 2022 website:
www.interagencygames.org/

The Venue

The capital city of Denmark is vibrant and offers innovative architecture, classical design, and modern culinary experiences in an interesting historical environment and therefore a popular European travel destination. With a vision to become carbon neutral by 2025, [Copenhagen](#) is a source of inspiration for sustainable urban living and planning, also for the UN games.

[UN City Copenhagen](#) hosts more than 2,000 personnel working for 12 agencies: WHO, UNOPS, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, IOM, UNEP, UNIDO, UN Women and the World Bank.

Most sports competitions will take place in the [municipality of Gentofte](#), a suburb in the north of Copenhagen. All the venues are conveniently reached by public transportation, or by bike if you so wish. The opening ceremony takes place in the center of the city at the magical [Tivoli](#), and not far from it will be the closing ceremony on Saturday in the trendy “Meatpacking District”.

Participation

Any person of a participating organization or agency who has served under contract, including supernumeraries, for at least three months or who holds a contract of at least three months duration and, in either case, holds a contract effective at least one month before the IAG open and during their entire duration, is eligible for selection as a member of a team. Any person who has retired from any participating organization or agency is also eligible to participate in the IAG.

Participating organizations/agencies are those listed on the [United Nations System directory](#) or are members of the [United Nation Joint Staff Pension Fund \(UNJSPF\)](#). If not listed therein, the organization's application to participate in the IAG will be decided upon by the IAG Secretariat and reported to the Control Commission.

The Disciplines

You are invited to form teams in the following disciplines. For the complete set of rules and requirements for team composition, refer to the "rules" tab of the [Inter-Agency Games website](#).

1. Athletics (men): minimum 4 athletes – maximum 6 athletes
2. Athletics (women): minimum 4 athletes – maximum 6 athletes
3. Badminton: minimum 3 men and 1 woman – maximum 5 men and 3 women
4. Basketball: maximum 12 players
5. Beach Volleyball: 2 players
6. Bridge: minimum 4 players – maximum 6 players
7. Chess: minimum 5 players – maximum 6 players
8. Cricket: minimum 6 players – maximum 12 players
9. Darts: minimum 6 players – maximum 8 players
10. Football/Soccer (men): minimum 7 players – maximum 12 players
11. Football/Soccer (women): minimum 7 players – maximum 12 players
12. Golf*: minimum 16 teams – maximum 18 teams
13. **NEW!** Padel tennis: (team composition and rules to be confirmed)
14. Pétanque: 3 per triplet plus maximum 2 reserves, max 3 triplet per organization
15. Swimming (women): minimum 4 athletes – maximum 5 athletes
16. Swimming (men): minimum 4 athletes – maximum 5 athletes
17. Table Tennis (men): minimum 3 players – maximum 5 players
18. Table Tennis (women): minimum 2 players – maximum 3 players
19. Tennis: 10 per team (5 male players and 5 female players)
20. Volleyball (men): 9 players, maximum 10 players with a libero
21. Volleyball (women): 9 players, maximum 10 players with a libero
22. Squash: a maximum of 4 male and 1 female player, plus 1 optional reserve



Please remember that participants can compete in ONE discipline only and as part of a team. If you do not have a full team from your duty station/agency/organization and wish to participate, please reach out to your local focal point or in case of no local focal point directly to secretariat@interagencygames.org and they will do their best to accommodate you. Registered supporters are not allowed to play in any discipline.

As one of the purposes of the IAG is to promote sporting competition between the personnel of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, it would be desirable that each organization, agency or duty station provides a complete team from among their own personnel. However, in cases where this is not feasible, combined teams are permitted. The creation of mixed teams, however, should not lead to the deliberate creation of a “strong” team. In case there are less than four teams in any discipline, we reserve the right to cancel it from the 47th UNIAG.

You can get an overview of the various locations on [this map](#).

*Golf

Those registering for **Golf** must be aware that there is a maximum capacity of 80 players, equaling to 20 teams. Spots will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The [Royal Golf Club](#) in Copenhagen is a privately owned Championship course and we are extremely lucky to be able to offer this.

We managed to negotiate a very good agreement with a substantial discount. **However, every player is required to pay an additional fee of DKK 675** to cover green fees for the 2 competition rounds.

Practice rounds are possible in the 2 weeks leading to the games (from 3rd June) by individual bookings on the [golf course website](#) against a discounted green fee for either 9 or 18 holes using the discount code “**FNGSYKM**”. The two rounds of the tournament will be held on Thursday and Friday, based on a shotgun start. Driving range and practice balls are included on those days.

Organizational matters

The organizers of the individual organizations or duty stations must ensure that the lists of participants are stamped and signed by the HR department of the organization in which the participant holds a contract. Failing to comply with this requirement will be addressed immediately and may prevent non certified personnel from participating.

- For members of the Control Commission, the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th June at 2pm (venue TBC). *Remote online connection will be made possible!*
- For the Team Captains, the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th June at 3.30pm at Tivoli



- The second Control Commission meeting is scheduled immediately after the Captains' meeting at 4.30pm at Tivoli
- The opening ceremony with welcome drinks and hors d'oeuvre will start on Wednesday 15th June at 6pm sharp at the most wonderful and iconic amusement park in the world, Tivoli.

Accommodation

Copenhagen has an abundance of options for accommodation that can match individual preferences and budgets. Through hotel booking sites and Airbnb you will find what best matches your needs. Each participant is responsible for their own booking, payment and cancellation of their own accommodation.

We do suggest a few places that would normally be reasonably priced:

- <https://www.wakeupcopenhagen.com/the-hotels/copenhagen#/>
- <https://www.steelhousecopenhagen.com/>
- <https://www.nexthousecopenhagen.com/>

Transportation

As all the venues are centrally located and can be reached by public transportation, and because we aim to make these games the greenest ever, there will be no buses arranged to/from the airport, for opening or closing ceremonies and sports facilities.

Instead, each participant will be receiving a travel pass that will allow unlimited transportation from 15-19th June in and around Copenhagen with metro, train, and buses. More information on public transportation is [available here](#).

Registration Deadline

The registration deadline is Wednesday, 20th April 2022. The registration tool will be closed after this date.

As usual, registration can only be carried out by the designated Registrar or Focal Point of your respective Organization/Agency (for the list of Focal Points please go [here](https://www.interagencygames.org/newsite/?page_id=417) (https://www.interagencygames.org/newsite/?page_id=417)).

Beyond this date, the IAG Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or reject further registrations.



Registration Fee

It was important for the organizing committee not to increase the participation fee from the previous years, and we are happy to announce the package options:

Adults (athletes): **DKK 2,175 per person (about 325 USD)**

Adults (Golf athletes): **DKK 2,850 per person (about 425 USD)**

Supporters and children 4 years and up: **DKK 1,900 per person (about 285 USD)**

Children under 4 are: **free of charge**

The package price includes the organization of the 47th UNIAG, all discipline facilities and coordination, the opening ceremony at Tivoli Gardens including entrance, food and drinks and entertainment, a welcome pack, public transportation card, the closing ceremony with dinner incl. refreshments and entertainment, and voluntary side events.

Full payment of fees for both participants and dependents is due by Monday, 25th April 2022, at the latest. Information for payment will be shared with focal points/registrars by email. The focal point may share the receipt of payment with the organizing committee as proof of payment before the deadline. **Note that the senders must bear all the bank charges.**

We kindly urge everyone to have annual leave approved in advance of registering.

Cancellation

Full reimbursement of any IAG package cost will only be possible for cancellation no later than 14 May 2022.

Any request for a refund should be justified either by a medical certificate or by work obligations such as travel on mission. No refunds will be granted after 14 May, 2022 for any reason, including non-issuance of travel visa and unapproved leave.

We reserve the right to assess refunds for cancellations after that date on a case-by-case basis.

The organizing committee will and cannot be held responsible for any cancellations for hotel rooms. This is the sole responsibility of the participant. Neither will the organizing committee get involved in any disputes between participants and any accommodation provider. Therefore, read the cancellation policy/conditions very carefully before booking!



Security

The UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) recommends that each participant register into the system which is available at <https://dss.un.org/dssweb/Home.aspx> and create a request in TRIP. If you are not already registered, you may need to create a new profile.

Visa guidelines

Kindly ensure that you (and your family) have the necessary visas for entering into Denmark (and any countries you may need to travel through) and that you apply AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to ensure enough time for the Danish diplomatic missions to process the applications.

A visa to travel to the UN interagency games is the travelers own and sole responsibility.

Schengen

Denmark is part of the Schengen agreement. If you already have a Schengen visa valid for the period you wish to stay in Denmark, you will be able to use that for entry into Denmark. We recommend that you travel with the official invitation to support your reason for traveling to Denmark.

Visa Free Countries

Denmark supports many countries whose nationals do not need a visa to travel to Denmark. Kindly check [the website of the Danish Immigration Service](#) to see the list of visa free countries.

Use of UNLP

The Danish authorities support the use of UNLP's for any event hosted by the UN agencies in Denmark and this includes the UN Interagency Games 2022. It is strongly recommended to bring your official invitation when traveling with your UNLP and be mindful in case you transit through other Schengen countries as they might not support the UNLP. Directly in and out of Denmark is recommendable.

Non-Visa Free Countries

If none of the above visa exceptions matches your situation and nationality, you and your dependents (spouse/partner and children) will need to apply for a visa to enter Denmark. Please follow the steps below in order to obtain a visa:

1. Before you start your visa application(s), you must fill in some basic information in this [form](#)



(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdF8gKy_QrCClutwtFfhlU23-ov5EIQNeKQTKVHa6J6cXIPgA/viewform) - one per person. From this entry, the organizing committee will issue a visa invitation letter. You may edit your information at a later stage, if necessary. In case you receive any travel allowance or support from your UN agency, it will be beneficial to answer "Yes" as that will limit the need to prove a certain income available.

2. Go to the [ApplyVisa](https://applyvisa.um.dk/NVP.App/frontpage)-portal <https://applyvisa.um.dk/NVP.App/frontpage> to enter your online application. Follow the steps listed under "How do I Apply?" There will be a fee of 80 Euros which is approx. 90USD. The fee will have to be paid up front. The fee will be fully reimbursed to the credit card you used to pay the fee by the Danish Mission once the Danish Mission has checked that you are indeed exempted from paying the fee.
3. If you wish to add a number of days for a private stay in Denmark it is possible and must be included in your online application (step1). You will have to prove, as part of the supporting documents to your application, that you have approx. 90USD per extra day to support yourself. You must also have a valid travel medical insurance valid for all Schengen countries and with a coverage of a minimum of 30.000 euros.
4. After completing the online visa application, please print the cover letter and sign it. Next step is to hand in the signed cover letter with all mandatory supporting documents as well as your passport. Please consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark to determine where to lodge the application <https://um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/where-to-apply/>. In most countries, you must lodge the application at the nearest Visa Application Center (VAC) and you will have to pay a non-refundable fee to VAC of the equivalent in local currency of approx. 10-30 euros.
5. The Danish Mission or the Mission of the country representing Denmark requires 15 days to handle the visa application.
6. You may lodge your application up to 6 months before your intended entry into Schengen and you must lodge the application no later than 15 days before departure. So no excuse for not being in good time.

We do **not** recommend that you purchase your air ticket until you have your visa confirmed, but instead make a reservation, which also serves as part of the supporting documentation.

There will be no reimbursement of registration fees for no-show due to visa-related problems.

For more information about visas to Denmark, please visit [the website of the Danish Immigration Service](#) or contact the UN Visa and registration unit on ungames2022@uncity.dk.

Medical certificates

It is strongly recommended that all participants, for their own safety, consult with their general practitioner before engaging in any sporting activity in order to obtain a medical certificate.



Participants and supporters are responsible for their **own medical insurance that will cover sports activities**. The host organizations will not be held liable.

Closing remarks

Further information will be posted on the [official website](#) and the [Facebook page](#) of the Inter-Agency Games, which will be continuously updated with information leading up to the date of the Games.

We are very excited to invite you all to join us for the 47th edition of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games. We look forward to welcoming you to Copenhagen.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Christensson, Chairperson
On behalf of the Organizing Committee,
United Nations Inter Agency Games 2022

