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2022 WORLD GAMES

The World Games

Speed / Boulder / Lead

Birmingham

Alabama, USA

14-16 July 2022

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1. ORGANISATION

Organiser:

International World Games Association (IWGA)

The World Games 2022 Birmingham Organizing Committee (BOC)

Organiser Website:

<https://www.theworldgames.org>

<https://twg2022.com>

Organiser's Event Bulletin

<https://www.theworldgames.org/files/wg2022/TWG%202022%20-%20Bulletin.pdf?1655720054>

TWG event page on IFSC Website:

<https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/2-uncategorised/467-world-games-birmingham-2022>

2. IFSC OFFICIALS

Technical Delegate: Graeme Alderson (GBR), +44 794 9024498, graeme@climbingworks.com

Jury President: Johannes Altner (GER)

Judge: Wing Leung (Nelson) Lam (HKG)

Chief Routesetter Boulder: Martin Hammerer (AUT)

Routesettters Boulder: Hiroshi Okano (JPN), Tode Katiyo (AUS)

Chief Routesetter Lead: Chrstian Bindhammer (GER)

Routesettters Lead: Matthias Woitzuck (AUT), Brad Weaver (USA)

3. REGISTRATION

Licenses: Only qualified athletes to The World Games and team officials with a valid IFSC international license are allowed to participate in the competition.

Registration/Accreditation System: The Electronic Management System (EMS) by Swiss Timing is the official registration platform for The World Games 2022. The IFSC registers qualified athletes and team officials into the EMS.

Deadline: The deadline for EMS registration (long-list) is **31 March 2022**. The short-list registration deadline is **31 May 2022**.

4. PRE-EVENT REGULATIONS

Please refer to **10. Visa & Travel information** and **11. Medical information** of this document for the updated information.

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5. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

Participation of all Team Members shall be confirmed to the Technical Delegate:

For Speed discipline:

from 5:00 to 6:00 PM (UTC -5) at the Athletes' Village – University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) on July 13, to be followed by the Technical Meeting

For Boulder, Lead disciplines:

from 3:00 to 4:00 PM (UTC -5) at the Athletes' Village – University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) on July 14, to be followed by the Technical Meeting

Delayed Arrival

In the case of late arrival please contact the IFSC Technical Delegate as soon as possible.

Technical Meeting

Technical Meeting for **Speed** discipline will be organized at the **Athletes' Village – University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) on July 13 at 6:00 PM (UTC -5)** where only 1 (one) Team Official per team will be allowed.

Technical Meeting for **Boulder, Lead** disciplines will be organized at the **Athletes' Village – University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) on July 14 at 4:00 PM (UTC -5)** where only 1 (one) Team Official per team will be allowed.

**Exact location (TBC) at the UAB to be updated.*



6. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME & MEETINGS

Online Technical Meeting: Monday 4 July 2022 , 14:00 (UTC +2) [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 13 July 2022		
	6:00 PM	Technical Meeting Speed
		Athletes' Night organized by BOC
Thursday 14 July 2022 – SPEED		
	10:00 AM	Men's and Women's Speed warm-up opens
	11:20-11:50 AM	Men's then Women's Speed practice
	12:00-12:40 PM	Men's then Women's Speed qualifications
	4:00 PM	Technical Meeting Boulder, Lead
	6:00 PM	Men's then Women's Speed finals warm-up opens
	7:00-7:40 PM	Men's then Women's Speed finals
	Followed by	Awarding Ceremony
Friday 15 July 2022 – BOULDER		
	7:15 AM	Men's Boulder qualification isolation zone opens
	8:30 AM	Men's Boulder qualification isolation zone closes
	9:00 AM-10:40 AM	Men's Boulder qualification
	10:00 AM	Women's Boulder qualification isolation zone opens
	11:00 AM	Women's Boulder qualification isolation zone opens
	11:40 AM-1:20 PM	Women's Boulder qualification
	3:00 PM	Men's Boulder final isolation zone opens
	4:00 PM	Men's Boulder final isolation zone closes
	4:45 PM	Presentation and Observation
	5:00-6:40 PM	Men's Boulder Final
	6:30 PM	Women's Boulder final isolation zone opens
	7:15 PM	Women's Boulder final isolation zone closes
	7:45 PM	Presentation and Observation
	8:00-9:40 PM	Women's Boulder Final
	Followed by	Awarding Ceremony

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Saturday 16 July 2022 – LEAD		
	9:00 AM	Men's and Women's qualifications isolation zone opens
	10:00 AM	Men's and Women's qualifications isolation zone closes
	10:45 AM	Observation
	11:00 AM-12:00PM	Men's and Women's qualifications
	4:00 PM	Men's and Women's finals isolation zone opens
	5:00 PM	Men's and Women's finals isolation zone closes
	5:45 PM	Presentation and observation
	6:00 PM	Women's Lead Final
	Followed by	Men's Lead Final
	Followed by	Awarding Ceremony

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7. COMPETITION INFORMATION & VENUE

Venue

The competition venue is [Sloss Furnaces](#), a national historic landmark, which will house sport climbing, breaking, beach handball, and parkour events during TWG 2022.

Number of Athletes

36 Men and 36 Women will participate in Sport Climbing in The World Games 2022, with 12 men and 12 women participating in each discipline (Lead, Boulder, and Speed). For a complete list of qualified athletes: see IFSC page ([here](#)) and IWGA page ([here](#))

Competition format

Lead:

All 12 athletes to participate in the Qualification (Semi-final as per IFSC Rules) round.

Top eight (8) best-ranked athletes from the Qualification ranking will proceed to the Final round.

Boulder:

All 12 athletes to participate in the Qualification round (Semi-final as per IFSC Rules) round.

Top six (6) best-ranked athletes from the Qualification ranking will proceed to the Final round.

Speed:

All 12 athletes, in a pair, to participate in the Qualification round (2 races).

Top eight (8) fastest athletes from the ranking will proceed to the final round to compete in a series of elimination races (Quarterfinals, semifinals, finals).

8. TRAINING AND LOCAL FACILITIES

There is no formal training at the competition venue. Teams may train at the local climbing facilities in Birmingham:

- [High point Climbing](#) (Lead, Boulder, Speed)
For entry rates and visiting hours for training: contact blake@highpointclimbing.com
- [Birmingham Boulders](#) (Boulder)
For entry rates and visiting hours for training: contact joe@bhamboulders.com

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9. ACCREDITATION AND MEALS

For more information, see [The World Games 2022 Bulletin No.5](#) (click [here](#))

ACCREDITATION

Athletes (Category: IF-Passport holders):

The accreditation will cover the local transportation within the Games transportation network (airport, venues, athletes' villages), 3 meals per day at the athletes' village, and access to all sport venues. Athletes are welcome to attend other sports, however, seating at other sports' venues is limited and there will be no guarantee of the seats.

Team officials (Category: Extra Official):

The "Extra Officials" accreditation will grant the local transportation within the Games transportation network (airport, venues, athletes' villages), 3 meals per day at the athletes' village, and access to the respective competition venue of the sport. Note: the cost of accreditation is at the expense of National Federations.

Opening & Closing Ceremonies:

In addition, the accredited participants will have the possibility to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of The World Games, at your own cost for accommodation for extra night(s) required.

MEALS

Catering at UAB:

Meals will be provided at the dining hall on the campus of the UAB – Athletes' Village. Due to the requirements of the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration) and the County Health Department, it is essential that athletes, coaches and officials attempt to eat every meal at the Athlete Village Dining Halls.

At the competition venue:

There will be no hot/cold meal options at the competition venues. Due to the requirements of the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration) and the County Health Department, the BOC will provide only non-TCS (time and temperature control) food items, such as peanut butter & jelly sandwich, tuna pouch, trail mix, granola bars, protein bars, and fresh fruits, etc. at the venue.

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10. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

For more information, see **The World Games 2022 Bulletin No.5** (click [here](#)).

ACCOMMODATION

University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) will be the location for the Athletes' Village and Sport Climbing athletes and team officials will be assigned in the UAB.

Athletes (Category: "IF-Passport Holders): The Birmingham Organizing Committee (BOC) will cover all costs related to accommodation, catering, and local transportation for the participating athletes. In principle, athletes from inside the USA may arrive two (2) days prior to the start of the competition. Athletes from outside the USA may arrive three (3) days prior to the start of their competition, with the right to obtain a Jetlag Day, as shown below:

11 July	Jetlag Day (Arrival Day for IF-Passport holders outside USA)
12 July	Arrival day (for IF-Passport holders inside USA)
13 July	Athlete's Night
14 July	Speed (Men, Women)
15 July	Boulder (Men, Women)
16 July	Lead (Men, Women)
17 July	Departure TWG Closing Ceremony (Optional)

Team Officials (Category: Extra Officials): Limited capacity of rooms for team officials will be available at the UAB at own costs, subject to the BOC confirmation on the room availability and the payment completion. Due to the limited inventory, there is no guarantee for Extra Officials to be housed at the Athletes Village.

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SHUTTLE

Airport: The shuttle transportation from/to airport and from/to venue and accommodation will be provided for all accredited persons.

Venue: With the venue is hosting a wide range of sports, the shuttles will be on continuous routes every 30 minutes. In principle, the shuttles are offered 2 hours prior to the start of the competition, and 1 hour post-competition. The schedule below is subject to change.

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DanceSport - Breaking
Gymnastics - Parkour
Handball - Beach
Sport Climbing

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Sloss Furnace

Shuttle departs UAB from 10th Avenue South at 16th Street South
Shuttle departs Sloss Furnace from 32nd St. entrance
Please plan ahead! UAB to Sloss Furnace is a 15 minute trip

Bus Schedule

Shuttle departs UAB & Sloss Furnace every 30 minutes
Last bus departs UAB 1 hour prior to shuttle end time

Date	Hours
Saturday July 9	8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday July 10	7:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Monday July 11	7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday July 12	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday July 13	7:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday July 14	7:30 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday July 15	7:30 AM - 11:00 PM
Saturday July 16	7:00 AM - 10:30 PM

To get around: Accredited persons can also use **The World Games Transit Line – RIDE THE LINE** (click [here](#) for map and details) for free with their accreditation to reach various destinations. For example, the ‘Yellow Line’ will go from UAB campus and stops at Sloss Furnaces.

UBER/LYFT: Outside the transportation operation hours, you may use the drive service apps.

11. TICKET SALES

For more information on tickets: <https://twg2022.com/tickets/>

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12. VISA & TRAVEL INFORMATION

For more information, see **The World Games 2022 Bulletin No.5** (click [here](#)).

BEFORE TRAVELLING

Travel and entry requirements to the United States: please check BOC's International Travel & Visas page at <https://twg2022.com/international-travel-visas>

Visa:

To determine if you require a visa to the United States, please refer to the Birmingham Organizing Committee's **Visa and Entry Handbook** ([here](#)). If you need invitation for visa, please contact sport@ifsc-climbing.org immediately.

Due to the COVID pandemic and consulate closures all over the world, it is highly recommended that athletes/officials start the visa application process and schedule interviews as early as possible in US consulates or embassies closest to their place of residence. For urgent issues, travel@twg2022.com may assist you with providing contacts and facilitating interviews on time.

Arrival

Upon arrival, there will be The World Games 2022 welcome desk where participants will be given more information and be escorted to their respective modes of transportation to their accommodation.



13. MEDICAL INFORMATION – UPDATED

For more information, see **The World Games 2022 Bulletin No.5** (click [here](#)).

Personal Medical Insurance:

All delegates must have a valid medical insurance in order to receive accreditation, either personal or provided via your organization. Athletes should have valid coverage for training and competition. Temporary athlete competition (Chubb) and travel medical insurance (IMG) are available for purchase as of May 1st via BOC benefits portal: <https://theworldgames.benefithub.com/>. Cost depends on age and term of coverage, however most policies should be in the \$60-\$100 range for a 30 day period. Proof of insurance must be provided at the accreditation center. Chubb and IMG policies are brokered by LBA Consulting via Benefits for Everyone. A language bar is available at the bottom on their webpage.

FICS

The medical services will be available at the competition venue by the organizer. In addition, provided by the *International Federation of Sport Chiropractic (FICS)*, there will be chiropractic services made available to all accredited athletes during TWG 2022.

Protocol For COVID-19 Safety – Updated 12 June 2022

The purpose of this The World Games 2022 Protocol for Participant COVID-19 Safety (**TWG Protocol**) is to help prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 (**COVID-19**) during The World Games 2022 and avoid serious disease for all participating athletes, officials, staff, and related personnel (**Participants**). Concurrent with the primary goal of safety, this TWG Protocol seeks to balance protection against COVID-19, while avoiding unnecessary operational disruptions, including to competition schedules and gameplay. This TWG Protocol is fundamentally informed by and derived from guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**). Given the evolving nature of scientific consensus and understanding of COVID-19, and thereby the CDC's guidance, this TWG Protocol is subject to change and may be modified from time to time, including through the completion of The World Games 2022.

The guidance in this Protocol is intended to supplement, not replace, any applicable federal, state, or local health and safety laws or regulations, which are subject to change, outside to control of The World Games 2022 organisers, and will apply and be followed for the duration of The World Games 2022.

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1. Vaccination

- All Participants are **required** to be fully vaccinated with the primary series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine, subject only to religious or medical exemptions. At this time, while this TWG Protocol permits religious or medical exemptions, the United States requires all non-US citizens or non-US immigrants, to be fully vaccinated with the primary series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine prior to travel to the United States by plane. Below are links outlining what constitutes an acceptable vaccine and being fully vaccinated, as well as the forms for claiming either a religious or medical exemption to the vaccine requirement.

- [Acceptable Vaccines](#)
- [Fully Vaccinated Definition](#)
- [Religious Exemption Form](#)
- [Medical Exemption Form](#)

- As noted in the preamble, state or local rules will apply, including for access to all facilities in which The World Games 2022 will take place. At present neither the City of Birmingham nor the State of Alabama has vaccination requirements with certain exceptions, such as for workers in healthcare facilities.

2. Testing, Screening, and COVID-19 Surveillance

- **Onsite Testing Services:** TWG2022 has contracted with a local, high-quality healthcare provider who will conduct laboratory COVID-19 testing for Participants. This testing will occur via stations located in each Athlete Village location (UAB and BSC), as well as at the Sheraton Hotel. The exact location of testing stations will be provided prior to Participant arrival. Testing will be available daily, and hours of operation will be adjusted and clearly communicated based on the demand and local community transmission at the time of the games. Individuals who test positive through the contractor's medical testing system will receive an email or text message, with important information about isolation protocols.
- **Asymptomatic Testing:** There is no current requirement for asymptomatic testing, but all Participants are asked to promptly report symptoms and submit to testing, if they have symptoms of COVID 19, including but not limited to fever.
- **Symptomatic Testing:** Participants with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, will be immediately isolated and tested. The individual will not be allowed to return to work, training, or competition until a negative test result is returned. It is the stated goal of the organizers of The World Games 2022 to ensure that Participants will be offered an antigen test, which will provide the most rapid test results. There will be no charge for this testing.

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- **Testing and Quarantine of Exposed Persons:** Participants who are fully vaccinated who have experienced a close contact exposure will not be asked to self-quarantine and will be allowed to continue to work, train, or compete. Participants who are unvaccinated who have experienced a close contact exposure will not be allowed to work, train, or compete and will be asked to self-quarantine for 5 days from the date of the exposure. Regardless of their vaccination status, Participants who have had a close contact exposure with someone known or suspected of having COVID-19 will be tested upon request, at the expense of the individual.
 - **Testing for Departure from Birmingham:** For the Participants whose country of residence requires a negative test for re-entry, the organizers of The World Games 2022 will ensure access to testing prior to departure. It is incumbent upon each Participant requiring such testing to request it. The fee for testing will be \$100 per test. Testing turnaround times for PCR test are project to be 24 hours or less and turnaround times for antigen testing is approximately 20 minutes.
3. **Isolation, Quarantine, and Contact Tracing**
- [Current CDC guidelines](#) will be followed for Participants who test positive.
 - **Positive test notification:** Individuals who test positive through the testing system described herein will receive an email or text message with important information about isolation protocols. This notification will also be sent to the Local Organizing Committee's Chief Operating Officer and Medical Co-Chairs, as well as the IWGA Medical Chair. Individuals who test positive through external testing mechanisms are required to report positive test results to Local Organizing Committee Officials and will be expected to following local isolation protocols (see below).
 - **Isolation Protocols:** Based on current CDC guidelines, individuals who test positive will be asked to isolate for a minimum of 5 days from symptom onset and can return to routine activities on day 6, at the earliest, if all symptoms are resolved. However, asymptomatic individuals who return to routine activities prior to day 11 from symptom onset must continue to wear a well-fitting mask on days 6–10.
 - **Contact Tracing:** The Local Organizing Committee will provide a contact tracer who will attempt to identify any close contact exposures of Participants who are covid positive and notify such contacts, as soon as practicable in order to prevent further exposure.

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- **Treatment of COVID positive athletes, officials, and staff:** The testing contractor will screen Participants who test positive for their eligibility to receive antiviral medications (currently Paxlovid) prescribing this medication when appropriate, which medication can be obtained in local pharmacies at the individual's expense. There is no obligation on any Participant to accept such medication, and the medication would only be prescribed with the Participant's consent. Participants requiring further or different treatment will be evaluated by the contractor and recommendations for treatments will be made to Participants who will have the option to accept or reject such recommendations. Participants with more exigent needs will be referred to local Urgent Care Clinics or Emergency Departments at the individual's expense.
- **Housing of COVID positive:** Participants who are housed in the Athlete Villages and test positive will be isolated in COVID-positive housing at the Athlete Villages.

4. *Masking*

As noted in the preamble, state or local rules will apply, including for access to indoor facilities. At present neither the City of Birmingham nor the State of Alabama has in place masking requirements with certain exceptions such as in healthcare facilities. Local public health recommendations (Jefferson County Department of Health) will be followed, if community transmission levels change. However, if local rules do not require indoor masking (as they do not currently) and COVID-19 conditions are favourable regarding local community transmission (as they are presently), TWG2022 will not require masking.

- Masks will be offered at all housing entry ways for Participants staying within the Athlete Villages.

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