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2013 World Dwarf Games Coming in August to MSU Campus

LANSING, Mich. – The World Dwarf Games are returning Aug. 3-10 to Michigan State University, 30 years after they were launched on the East Lansing campus.

More than 400 athletes from 23 nations and every U.S. state are competing in the games, held every four years, making this the largest-ever sporting event exclusively for athletes with dwarfism.

Most events will be held at Michigan State University (MSU). Swimming competitions will be held at the Mason High School Aquatic Center in Mason, Mich. The public is encouraged to attend the competitions and admission is free. For more information about the games, including a schedule of events, visit www.2013worlddwarfgames.org.

Rick Atkinson, assistant athletics director at Michigan State University, and Kellie Dean, president of Dean Transportation, serve as honorary event directors.

"In 1983 the first formal organized athletic competition for dwarf athletes happened right on this campus," Atkinson said. "Now dwarf sports programs are happening all over the world. MSU could not be more proud to welcome those athletes from every corner of the globe back to where it all started."

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People of all ages and all abilities will participate. Dwarfism is defined as an adult height of 5 feet (152.4 cm) or less for persons with a disproportionate dysplasia, and 4 feet 10 inches (147.3 cm) or less for a proportionate short stature due to medical reasons.

The games are organized by age divisions – ranging from 6 years and younger to 35 years and older – as well as by dwarfism classification, including Class 1-2-3, based upon body proportions.

Athletes will be participating in 13 different sports: archery, badminton, basketball, boccie, floor hockey, curling, powerlifting, shooting, soccer, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

Awarded the 2013 bid by the International Dwarf Athletic Federation, these Games are hosted by the **Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA)**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide quality amateur athletic opportunities for persons with dwarfism. Whether novice or elite, the DAAA is committed to providing athletes with dwarfism a showcase to demonstrate their prowess in a variety of sports, the opportunity to experience the thrill of competition, and a chance to meet fellow athletes from across the nation.

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2013 World Dwarf Games - Events at a Glance

	Futures age 6 & younger	Junior A age 7-11	Junior B age 12-15	Open any age	Masters age 35 & older
Archery			9m recurve bow 18m crossbow	9m recurve bow 18m recurve bow 18m crossbow	9m recurve bow 18m recurve bow 18m crossbow
Badminton		Singles Doubles Mixed doubles	Singles Doubles Mixed doubles	Singles Doubles Mixed doubles	Singles Doubles Mixed doubles
Basketball		Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	
Boccia All boccia events are mixed-sex	Singles 3-person team Ramp singles Ramp pairs	Singles 3-person team Ramp singles Ramp pairs	Singles 3-person team Ramp singles Ramp pairs	Singles 3-person team Ramp singles Ramp pairs	Singles 3-person team Ramp singles Ramp pairs
Floor Hockey	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	
Kurling	Singles	Singles	Singles		
Powerlifting			Clinic	By weight class	By weight class
Shooting			10m air pistol	10m air pistol	10m air pistol
Soccer	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team Women's only team	
Swimming	12.5 float 25m float 12.5 freestyle 25m freestyle	<u>3 age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15</u> 25m float 25m freestyle 25m backstroke 25m breaststroke 25m butterfly 100m individual medley 4x25m freestyle relay		25m freestyle 50m freestyle 100m freestyle 200m freestyle 50m backstroke 100m backstroke 50m breaststroke 100m breaststroke 50m butterfly 100m butterfly 100m indiv. medley 200m indiv. medley 4x50m free relay	25m freestyle 25m backstroke 25m breaststroke 25m butterfly
Table Tennis		Singles	Singles	Singles	Singles
TF - Track Junior age groups are 7-9, 10-12, and 13- 15	15m run 20m run Wheelchair slalom Shuttle relay: 9 & under 4x20m	<u>3 age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15</u> Age 7-9: 20m run, 40m run, wheelchair slalom, 9 & under 4x20m shuttle relay Age 10-12: 40m run, 60m run, wheelchair slalom, 4x40m shuttle relay Age 13-15: 60m run, 100m run, wheelchair slalom, 4x60m shuttle relay		100m run 200m run Wheelchair slalom 4x100m relay	100m run 200m run Wheelchair slalom 4x100m relay
TF - Field	Flippy flyer Tennis ball throw	<u>3 age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15</u> Age 7-9: frisbee toss, tennis ball throw Age 10-12: discus or frisbee toss, javelin, shot put or cricket ball throw Age 13-15: discus, javelin, shot put		Discus Javelin Shot put	Discus Javelin Shot put
Volleyball		Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	Mixed-sex team	

Rules are posted at <http://www.2013worlddwarfgames.org/index.php/sports/rules.html>.
Classifications will be used for juniors, open, and masters in badminton, boccia, swimming, track and field.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Time	Sat, Aug 3	Sun, Aug 4	Mon, Aug 5	Tues, Aug 6	Wed, Aug 7	Thu, Aug 8	Fri, Aug 9	Sat, Aug 10					
8a-9a	Opening Ceremonies Ralph Young Stadium	Badminton Singles (O,M) IM West Gym + Boccia Team and Pairs (F,JA,JB) IM West Gym	Soccer (O in morning, F,JA,JB in afternoon) Munn Field +	Bass Fishing Lake Lansing + Bus to/from Athlete Village and Lake Lansing	Kurling (F,JA,JB) morning only IM West Gym + Basketball (O in morning, JA,JB + JA finals in afternoon) Jenison FieldHouse +	Table Tennis (JA,JB in morning, O,M in afternoon) IM West Gym +	Powerlifting Clinic (JB 8:00-10:00) Jenison Fieldhouse + Floor Hockey (O in morning, JA,JB in afternoon) Jenison Fieldhouse +	Badminton Mixed Doubles (JA,JB,O,M) IM West Gym					
9a-10a								Badminton Same-Sex Doubles (JA,JB,O,M) IM West Gym					
10a-11a	Track & Field (all ages) Ralph Young Stadium & Munn Field	Badminton Singles (JA, JB) IM West Gym + Boccia Team and Pairs (O,M) IM West Gym	Shooting (JB in morning, O,M in afternoon) Demmer Center + Bus to/from Athlete Village and Demmer Center	Flag Football Ralph Young Stadium + Tennis Clinic Courts on east side of Chestnut Road across from Athlete Village	Archery (JB in morning, O,M in afternoon) Demmer Center + Bus to/from Athlete Village and Demmer Center	Volleyball (O in morning, JA,JB in afternoon) Jenison Fieldhouse	Boccia Singles and Ramp Singles (F,JA early morning, O midday, JB afternoon) IM West Gym	Basketball Finals (JB,O) Breslin Center					
11a-12p								Swimming (all ages) Mason HS Aquatic Center + Bus to/from Athlete Village and Aquatic Center	Additional sports if more time is needed	Additional sports if more time is needed	Soccer Finals for JB, O men, and O women DeMartin Soccer Stadium	Powerlifting (O,M) Jenison Fieldhouse	Closing Ceremonies Breslin Center
12p-1p													
1p-2p													
2p-3p													
3p-4p		Additional sports if more time is needed	Additional sports if more time is needed	Soccer Finals for JB, O men, and O women DeMartin Soccer Stadium	Powerlifting (O,M) Jenison Fieldhouse	Closing Ceremonies Breslin Center							
4p-5p													
5p-6p			Additional sports if more time is needed	Additional sports if more time is needed	Soccer Finals for JB, O men, and O women DeMartin Soccer Stadium	Powerlifting (O,M) Jenison Fieldhouse							
6p-7p													
7p-8p													
8p-9p													

AGE DIVISIONS: F=Futures age 6 & younger, JA=Juniors age 7-11, JB = Juniors age 12-15, O=Open any age, M=Masters age 35 and older