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The largest sporting event in history exclusively for dwarf athletes!

What's going on in Australia?

"Team Australia raised the bar internationally at the 2009 WDG and it is our mission to do so again." so say the organizers of Team Australia's World Dwarf Games training camps. Rumor has it corporate funding is already secured to bring Team Australia to East Lansing. Australian athletes at the just completed DAAA National Games in Dallas were tight-lipped about details . . .

Who picks the athletes for World Games?

Each country decides who qualifies for their national team. Most countries are expected to announce qualification processes after the 2012 Paralympic Games (8/29/2012 - 9/9/2012). Team Australia is already conducting team trials for sponsored athlete slots. Team USA has said any interested US dwarf resident can apply to compete, although team sport rosters and seeds for bracketed competitions is at the discretion of the Team USA chef de mission.

Who pays for athletes to attend World Games?

While every nation would like to pay for their athletes to train and compete, the vast majority will expect their athletes to pay for some, if not all of their own expenses. The WDG Steering Committee has created a resource guide on the WDG website with suggestions and support materials to help athletes raise the funds necessary to get to the Games. Check out [Personal Fundraising](#) under the Fundraising tab.

How old do you have to be to compete?

WDG rules are currently being finalized by the International Dwarf Athletic Federation. WDG expects to offer competition

for athletes of any age. Proposed rules allow for a Futures division (ages 6 and under), Juniors divisions (ages 7 - 15, with sub-divisions based on sport), and a Masters division (Over 35). The Open division targets athletes 16 to 35, but junior and master aged athletes can choose to compete in the Open division.

Is Athlete Village just for Athletes?

No. Anyone registered for the World Dwarf Games can pay to stay in Athlete Village and pay to eat in Athlete Village. Details are posted on the web as they become available. (Note: we just confirmed that the three meals per day package is only \$25 per day).

Where can I get WDG merchandise?

Pre-Games merchandise is available online at Cafe Press (<http://www.cafepress.com/worlddwarfgames>). A dollar from each item sold helps support the WDG.

Will there be DAAA competition at the 2013 LPA National Conference in Washington DC?

No. DAAA National Games will resume in 2014.

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