



**UNITED  
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SPORTS**

### **UNITED WORLD GAMES (UWG) - Much more than just a Tournament!**

20 years of United World Games - undoubtedly a unique success story. From June 20 to 23, 2024, more than 8,000 young athletes from all over the world will meet again in Carinthia. Europe's largest youth multisport event, which is centered around the Wörthersee Stadium in Klagenfurt, continues to grow from year to year and always has something new in store. Besides the sporting aspects, the UWG are also about the involvement of regional companies, clubs and associations and the social, economic and touristic aspects for the region. All long-standing partners emphasize their respect for the scale that the UWG has achieved in recent years and the enormous added value that this unique event brings to Austria's southernmost province.

#### **Numbers:**

- Date: June 20 – 23, 2024
- 8,000 participants
- 30 nations
- 700 teams
- 10 sports
- 2,500 competitions at more than 25 different sports venues
- 40,000 meals at the food court
- 60,000 visitors
- Over 3.5 million euros in added value

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### **Development:**

Since its launch in 2005, the UNITED WORLD GAMES (UWG) have grown into one of the most extraordinary events in international youth sport. As a celebration of sport and togetherness for children and young people, the UWG attracts international athletes, fans and sports enthusiasts to Carinthia every year in June.

Since the start of the games in 2005, when 700 participants competed in 3 different sports, the event has developed under the patronage of the UNESCO into an absolute flagship event in terms of youth sport, cultural exchange and international friendship, for which Carinthia has been the host from the very beginning. In addition, the UWG creates enormous added value for Carinthia as a business location. The organizers' ambitious vision is to make the UWG the world's most renowned youth multisport event and to make Klagenfurt and Carinthia the "place to be" for young athletes from all over the world.

The philosophy of the Games remained unchanged: We enable young athletes to experience an Olympic atmosphere for themselves and to celebrate a festival of friendship and exchange together with other sports enthusiasts from all over the world. The focus is not on sporting performance and competition, but above all on intercultural exchange between young people from all countries, religions and cultures. Sport thus becomes an element that brings people together. Not only in Klagenfurt, but throughout Carinthia, thousands of athletes and their parents and supporters come together to set an impressive example of tolerance and international understanding.

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### **"Players Town":**

Countless sporting highlights and an entertaining supporting program will transform the Wörthersee Stadium into the "Players Town" on the UWG weekend, where athletes and spectators can try out a wide range of activities. From reaction games and microsoccer, to karaoke, video games and shooting speed measurements for various sports - there's plenty on offer for everybody. Due to the many different participating nations and their different eating habits, the UWG naturally offers a variety of different meal choices for all participants but also for visitors from near and far.

### **Opening ceremony:**

The opening ceremony is the highlight for the participating athletes and visitors every year. Everyone can experience the goosebump moments when the national delegations proudly march in, the stadium celebrates with local and international dance groups and cross-border friendships are made. The games are officially opened with the Oath of Friendship spoken in different languages and the fire show in the middle of the stadium.