



## Welcome to the Invictus Games Orlando 2016!



We hope the following information is useful to you as you cover the Games. If you have any questions, please contact:

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The information provided in this guide is current as of 4 May.  
Please check in at Media Central for the latest information.

## 1. MEDIA WORK AREAS



All of the competitions are conveniently located at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex located at Walt Disney World.

### a. Media Central

The headquarters for all media operations will be Media Central, located in a tent between the tennis courts and the New Balance Track at the ESPN Complex.

**Media Central will be open 5 May through 12 May.**

Media Central Hours	
5 May	07:00-21:00
6 May	07:00-21:00
7 May	07:00-21:00
8 May	07:00-24:00
9 May	07:00-24:00
10 May	07:00-24:00
11 May	07:00-24:00
12 May	07:00-24:00



The following services are available at Media Central:

**Help Desk.** Answers questions and distributes photo bibs and non-rights broadcast bibs. Limited hard copies of important media information, for example, media guides and press releases, will also be available. Information about and coordination of radio frequencies will be available.

**Workroom.** About 150 workstations will be available with both free wired and wireless Internet connections for filing. Power will also be available at each workstation. Televisions and a printer will also be available.

**Refreshment Area.** Free water, tea and coffee will be available. A variety of user-pay concessions are available in the ESPN Complex.

**Briefing Room.** The official briefing room for the Invictus Games will be at Media Central.

**Press Operations Management.** Press Operations senior staff will be based at Media Central.

**Communications Team Office.** The Invictus Games Communications Team will be based at Media Central.



## b. Venue Media Centers

There will be two Venue Media Centers available during the Invictus Games – one at the HP Field House and one at the Jostens Center. Each VMC will have a workroom with wired and wireless Internet connections, and a help desk.

Venue Media Centers will open to the media one hour before competition begins and will close up to two hours after competition ends.

## c. Internet Connectivity / Wi-Fi

During the Invictus Games, media will have free access to wired and wireless Internet connections. Wired connections will be available in Media Central, the HP Field House Venue Media Center and the Jostens Venue Media Center.

A dedicated media Wi-Fi system will be available in official media areas.

### Media Wi-Fi

SSID: Invictus2016Media  
Passkey: mediacentral2016

## d. Tribunes

Each competition venue will have a designated seating area for media. In some venues, tabled seating will also be provided. The Media Wi-Fi system will be available in most press tribunes.



#### **e. Photo Positions**

Each competition venue will have designated areas for photographers. Only photographers wearing an official photo bib are allowed in photo positions (photo bibs will be distributed at Media Central). The Media Wi-Fi system will be available in some photo positions.

#### **f. Non-rights Broadcast Areas**

Designated areas will be available in every competition venue for non-rights broadcasters to film competition on a non-live basis. Access to these areas requires a non-rights broadcast bib which will be distributed at Media Central.

Space limitations may mean that a rotational system is used; this will be managed by Press Operations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wi-Fi is not available in Non-rights Broadcast Areas.



#### **g. Interview Zones (I-Zones)**

There will not be any media conference rooms or traditional “mixed zones” in competition venues. Instead, I-Zones, or interview zones, will be available at every competition venue.

I-Zones are informal areas where media can interview athletes after competition in a more relaxed environment than a press conference. In most cases, I-Zones are located very close to the fields of play.

Press Operations will bring competitors to the I-Zones on request; if you would like to interview a competitor, then please contact a member of the Press Operations staff in the venue.

Competitors will not be available for I-Zone interviews until they have finished all of their events in their particular sport.

The Media Wi-Fi system will be available in most I-Zones.

#### **How To Request An I-Zone Interview**

Notify any member of the Press Operations staff and provide the competitor name, country and event  
Proceed to the I-Zone to conduct your interview  
If the competitor is unavailable, a member of Press Operations staff will advise you.

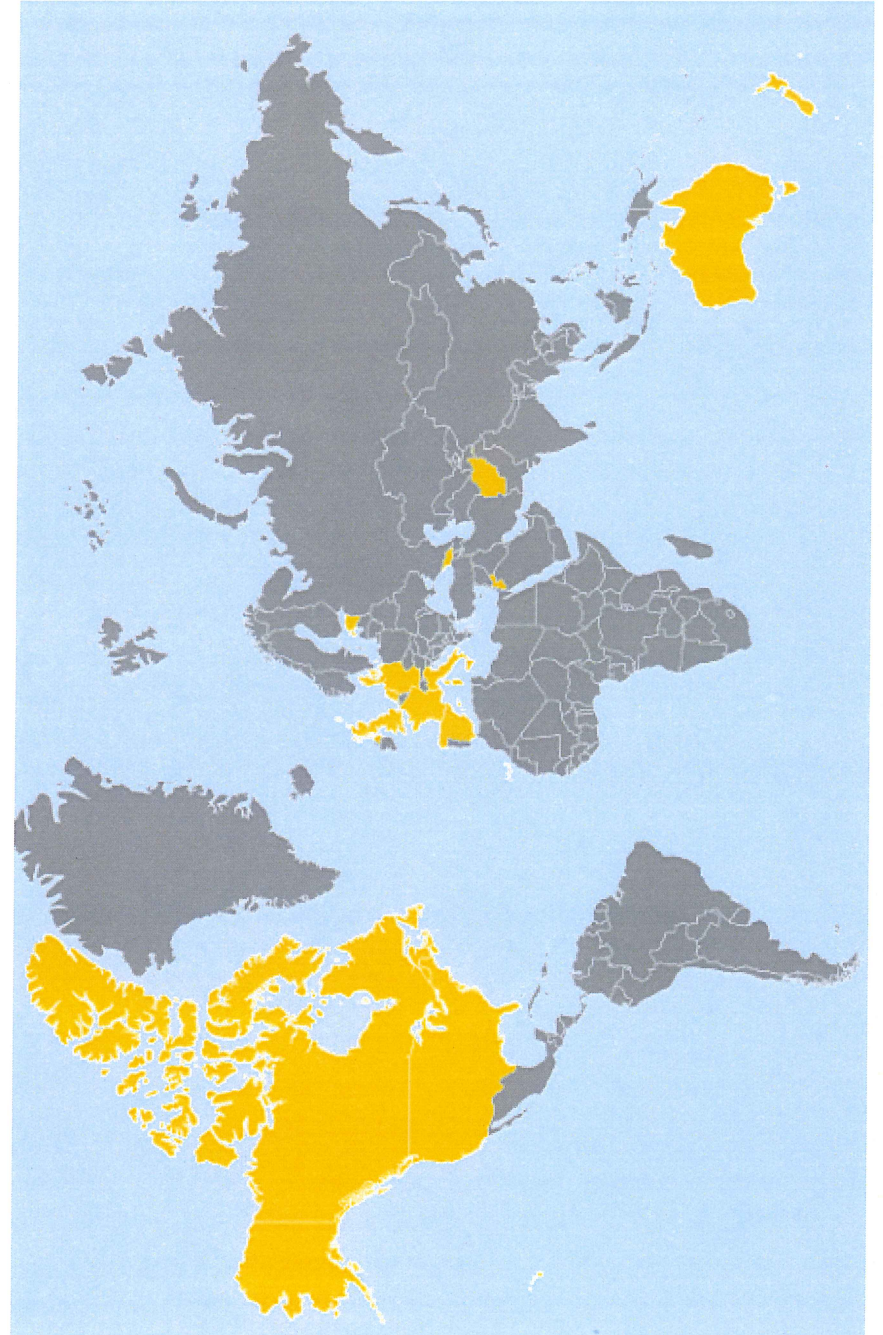
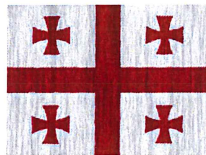
Note: I-Zone interviews are not guaranteed to be exclusive.



## 2. PARTICIPATING NATIONS



Afghanistan	Germany
Australia	Italy
Canada	Jordan
Denmark	Netherlands
Estonia	New Zealand
France	United Kingdom
Georgia	United States





### 3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE



	Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May	Saturday 7 May	Sunday 8 May	Monday 9 May	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May
Training	<p><b>TRAINING TIMES:</b> 08:00-13:00 and 14:00-19:00 (please note Cycling will be a separate program)            There will be two open hours each day, whereby athletes from all nations can access the training facilities.            These times are 12:00 - 13:00 and 18:00 - 19:00 each day for each sport.            Training will be closed from 13:00 - 14:00</p>							
AM		08:00 - 10:00: Wheelchair Tennis Prelims	08:00 - 11:00: Swimming Heats	08:00 - 11:00: Track & Field Heats	08:00 - 11:00: Powerlifting Finals 08:30-12:30: Cycling Finals	08:00-13:00: Track & Field Finals	08:00-13:00: Swimming Finals	08:00 - 10:00 Wheelchair Tennis Final 10:30 - 12:30 Wheelchair Basketball Semi-Finals
PM	ALL DAY TRAINING	10:30 - 16:30: Wheelchair BB Prelims	11:30 - 19:00: Sitting Volleyball Pool Matches	10:00 - 16:00: Archery Ranking round and Quarter-Finals Powerlifting Prelims: 10:00-16:00	13:30 - 16:30: Rowing Finals	14:00 - 16:30: Sitting Volleyball Semi-Finals	14:00 - 16:30 Wheelchair Rugby Semi-Finals 16:30 - 18:30: Wheelchair Tennis Semi-Finals	14:00 - 16:00 Wheelchair Medal Matches
Evening		17:00 - 20:00: Wheelchair Rugby Prelims		19:30 Pre-Show 20:00 OPENING CEREMONY	19:00 - 22:30: Archery Finals	19:00-21:30: Sitting Volleyball Medal Matches	19:30 - 23:00: Wheelchair Rugby Exhibition Match and Medal Matches	18:30 Pre-Show 19:00 CLOSING CEREMONY



Archery	
HP Field House	May 8
Medals: 3 individual in each discipline and 3 team in each discipline	
<p>In archery, men and women will compete together and there is no functional categorization. For example, a competitor that shoots from a stool could compete against a competitor that shoot with their mouth.</p> <p>There are three disciplines in the individual events: Recurve Novice, which includes competitors who have taken up archery since the Closing Ceremony of the last Invictus Games; Open Recurve and Compound. Recurve and Compound refer to the type of bow used.</p> <p>There will also be team events in each discipline. A team is comprised of three individuals from one country. The competitors will be decided from the outcome of the individual events. Four teams will make it through to the team finals and will be based on the scores of the top three individuals in each nation.</p>	

Indoor Rowing	
HP Field House	May 9
Medals: 24	
<p>There will be two rowing events: a one-minute sprint event and a four-minute endurance event. The goal of both events is to row as far as you can.</p> <p>There are six functional categories, and men and women will compete for separate medals.</p>	

## Powerlifting

HP Field House	Preliminaries May 8 Finals May 9
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Medals: 12

Men and women will compete in the bench press event only. There will be light and heavyweight classes for both.

Competitors will weigh-in two hours before the start of the event.

Each lifter will decide their own starting weight and will have three lifts. There will be a two-minute countdown per lift.

## Sitting Volleyball

HP Field House	Pool Matches May 7 Semi-Finals and Finals May 10
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Medals: 3

Nations can enter one team for sitting volleyball and there are three functional categories. Men and women compete together.

Squads are composed of up to 16 competitors with 12 per match. Only 12 competitors can go forward to the semi-finals and finals; and to be eligible they must have played in at least one pool game.

Nations are split into four\* pools with the gold and silver winners from the 2014 Invictus Games going into Pool A and Pool B, respectively. All nations in a pool will play each other and the top team from each pool will progress to the quarter-finals.

\*subject to change

In sitting volleyball, the competitors have to keep at least one buttock on the floor at all times.

## Swimming

Invictus Pool	Heats May 7 Finals May 11
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Medals: 108

There are four functional categories in swimming. Events are the 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, and mixed 4x50m freestyle relay.

Men and women will compete separately.

## Road Cycling

Cycling Venue	May 9
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Medals: 28

There will be two cycling events: the one-minute time trial (a sprint event over a .97-mile course) and a criterium event.

During the time trial, competitors will start at 30-second intervals and the fastest competitor wins.

During the criterium, there will be a set time for the race with an additional three or four laps at the end; the winner will be the first competitor across the line.

There will be three road bike classes, one tandem class, two hand bike classes, and 1 recumbent bike.

There is a potential for a mixed category race with separate medals.



## Track & Field

New Balance Track & Field Complex	Heats May 8
	Finals May 10

Medals: 288

Track & Field consists of 100m, 200m, 400m, 1500m and mixed 4x100m relay races. There are seven functional categories, and there are both ambulant and wheelchair events for men and women.

There are also ambulant and seated throws for discus and shot put. Men and women compete separately in seven functional categories.

Finals for track and field events will run simultaneously.

## Wheelchair Basketball

HP Field House	Preliminaries May 6
	Semi-Finals and Finals May 12

Medals: 3

Nations can enter one team for wheelchair basketball and there are three functional categories. Men and women compete together.

Squads are composed of up to 16 competitors with 12 per match. Only 12 competitors can go forward to the semi-finals and finals. To be eligible they must have played in at least one pool game.

Nations are split into two pools with the gold and silver winners from the 2014 Invictus Games going into Pool A and Pool B, respectively. All nations in a pool will play each other and the top two teams from each pool will progress to the semi-finals. The winners of Pool A will play the runners-up of Pool B and the winners of Pool B will play the runners-up of Pool A.

## Wheelchair Rugby

HP Field House	Preliminaries May 6
	Semi-Finals and Finals May 11

Medals: 3

Nations can enter one team for wheelchair rugby and there are three functional categories. Men and women compete together.

Squads are composed of up to 14 competitors with 10 per match. Only 10 competitors can go forward to the semi-finals and finals. To be eligible they must have played in at least one pool game.

Nations are split into two pools with the gold and silver winners from the 2014 Invictus Games going into Pool A and Pool B, respectively. All nations in a pool will play each other and the top two teams from each pool will progress to the semi-finals. The winners of Pool A will play the runners-up of Pool B and the winners of Pool B will play the runners-up of Pool A.

## Wheelchair Tennis

Tennis Complex	Preliminaries May 6
	Finals May 12

Medals: 6

Wheelchair tennis competitors compete in mixed doubles. There is no functional categorization and the event is open to two teams per nation.

There are three sessions with semi-finals and finals played on center court and preliminary matches played before the Opening Ceremony.

Wheelchair tennis follows the same rules as tennis except that the ball can bounce twice.



TEAM SPORTS POOL DRAW							
SITTING VOLLEBALLL							
Pool A		Pool B		Pool C		Pool D	
1	United Kingdom	1	United States	1	Netherlands	1	Georgia
2	France	2	Australia	2	Jordan	2	Estonia
3	Afghanistan	3	Canada	3	Italy	3	Denmak
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL							
Pool A		Pool B					
1	United Kingdom	1	United States				
2	New Zealand	2	Australia				
3	Netherlands	3	France				
		4	Denmark				
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY							
Pool A		Pool B					
1	United Kingdom	1	United States				
2	Denmark	2	Italy				
3	New Zealand	3	Australia				

## 4. FINALS SCHEDULE BY SPORT

ARCHERY: 9 May, 19:00 - 22:30

Time	Medal Event	Discipline	Additional Info
19:00		Recurve Novice	Bronze
19:15	#1	Recurve Novice	Gold
19:30		Recurve Open	Bronze
19:45	#2	Recurve Open	Gold
20:00		Compound	Bronze
20:15	#3	Compound	Gold
20:30		Recurve Novice TEAM	Bronze
20:55	#4	Recurve Novice TEAM	Gold
21:20		Recurve Open TEAM	Bronze
21:45	#5	Recurve Open TEAM	Gold
22:10		Compound TEAM	Bronze
22:35	#6	Compound TEAM	Gold
MEDALS			

CYCLING: 9 May, 08:30 – 12:30

Time	Medal Event	Discipline	Category
08:30:00	#1	TT WOMEN'S	IRecB1
08:32:30	#2	TT MEN'S	IRecB1
08:40:30	#3	TT MEN'S	IHB1
08:47:30	#4	TT WOMEN'S	IHB2
08:48:30	#5	TT MEN'S	IHB2
08:56:00	#6	TT MEN'S	Tandem
08:58:30	#7	TT MEN'S	IRB1
09:02:30	#8	TT WOMEN'S	IRB2
09:04:00	#9	TT MEN'S	IRB2
09:10:30	#10	TT WOMEN'S	IRB3
09:18:30	#11	TT MEN'S	IRB3
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10:00	#13	Criterion 1 (Men and Women)	IRecB1, IHB1, IHB2
10:30	#14	Criterion 2 (Men and Women)	Tandem, IRB1, IRB2 (women)
11:15	#15	Criterion 3 (Men and Women)	IRB2 (Men), IRB3
<b>MEDALS</b>			

**POWERLIFTING: 9 May, 08:00 - 11:00**

Time	Medal Event	Discipline	Additional Info
08:00	#1	WOMEN'S Lightweight	Gold
08:45	#2	WOMEN'S Heavyweight	Gold
09:30	#3	MEN'S Lightweight	Gold
10:15	#4	MEN'S Heavyweight	Gold
<b>MEDALS</b>			

**ROWING: 9 May, 13:30 - 16:30**

Time	Event	Discipline	Category
13:30	#1	4 minute	IR1 MEN, IR2 MEN, IR2 WOMEN
13:42	#2	4 minute	IR3 MEN, IR5 WOMEN
13:54	#3	4 minute	IR5 MEN (Round 1)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
14:06	#4	4 minute	IR5 MEN (Round 2), IR4 MEN
<b>MEDALS</b>			
14:18	#5	4 minute	IR6 WOMEN
<b>MEDALS</b>			
14:30	#6	4 minute	IR6 MEN (Round 1)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
14:42	#7	4 minute	IR6 MEN (Round 2)
<b>MEDALS</b>			

14:54	#8	4 minute	IR6 MEN (Round 3)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
15:11	#9	1 minute	IR1 MEN, IR2 MEN
15:19	#10	1 minute	IR2 WOMEN, IR3 MEN
15:28	#11	1 minute	IR5 MEN (Round 1)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
15:36	#12	1 minute	IR5 MEN (Round 2)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
15:42	#13	1 minute	IR4 WOMEN, IR5 WOMEN
<b>MEDALS</b>			
15:50	#14	1 minute	IR4 MEN
<b>MEDALS</b>			
15:58	#15	1 minute	IR6 WOMEN
<b>MEDALS</b>			
16:06	#16	1 minute	IR6 MEN (Round 1)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
16:14	#17	1 minute	IR6 MEN (Round 2)
<b>MEDALS</b>			
16:28	#18	1 minute	IR6 MEN (Final Round)
<b>MEDALS</b>			

**SITTING VOLLEYBALL: 10 May, 14:00 – 16:00 and 19:00 - 21:00**

Time	Match
14:00	Winners QF 1 VS Winners QF 3
15:00	Winners QF 2 VS Winners QF 4
19:00	Bronze Medal Match
20:00	Gold Medal Match
<b>MEDALS</b>	



**SWIMMING: 11 May, 08:00 - 13:00**



TIME	EVENT	Category
08:02	WOMEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISB
08:10	WOMEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISC
08:17	WOMEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISD
08:24	MEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISA
08:33	MEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISB
08:43	MEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISC
08:52	MEN'S 50M FREESTYLE	ISD
09:02	WOMEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISB
09:12	WOMEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISC
09:21	WOMEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISD
09:31	MEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISA
09:42	MEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISB
09:52	MEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISC
10:02	MEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE	ISD
10:12	WOMEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISB
10:22	WOMEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISC
10:32	WOMEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISD
10:41	MEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISA
10:52	MEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISB
11:02	MEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISC
11:12	MEN'S 50M BREASTSTROKE	ISD
11:22	WOMEN'S 100M FS	ISB
11:33	WOMEN'S 100M FS	ISC
11:44	WOMEN'S 100M FS	ISD
11:55	MEN'S 100M FS	ISA
12:05	MEN'S 100M FS	ISB
12:15	MEN'S 100M FS	ISC
12:25	MEN'S 100M FS	ISD
12:45	4X100 RELAY	ALL
<b>MEDALS THROUGHOUT &amp; END</b>		

**TRACK AND FIELD: 10 May, 08:00 - 13:00**



**TRACK SCHEDULE**

Time	Event	Discipline	Category
08:00	#1	100m	Female IT1
08:05	#2	100m	Male IT1
08:10	#3	100m	Male IT2
08:15	#4	100m	Male IT3
08:20	#5	100m	Female IT4 & IT5 (Combined)
08:25	#6	100m	Male IT4
08:30	#7	100m	Male IT5
08:35	#8	100m	Male IT6
08:40	#9	100m	Female IT7
08:45	#10	100m	Male IT7
<b>MEDALS BETWEEN EVENTS &amp; END</b>			
09:00	#11	1500m	Male IT1
09:10	#12	1500m	Male IT2
09:20	#13	1500m	Male IT3
09:30	#14	1500m	Female IT4 & IT5 (Combined)
09:40	#15	1500m	Male IT4
09:50	#16	1500m	Male IT5
10:00	#17	1500m	Male IT6
10:10	#18	1500m	Female IT7
10:20	#19	1500m	Male IT7
<b>MEDALS BETWEEN EVENTS &amp; END</b>			



10:35	#20	200m	Female IT1
10:40	#21	200m	Male IT1
10:45	#22	200m	Male IT2
10:50	#23	200m	Male IT3
11:00	#24	200m	Female IT4 & IT5 (Combined)
11:05	#25	200m	Male IT4
11:10	#26	200m	Male IT5
11:15	#27	200m	Male IT6
11:20	#28	200m	Female IT7
11:25	#29	200m	Male IT7

**MEDALS BETWEEN EVENTS & END**

11:40	#30	400m	Male IT1
11:48	#31	400m	Male IT2
11:56	#32	400m	Male IT3
12:04	#33	400m	Female IT4 & IT5 (Combined)
12:12	#34	400m	Male IT4
12:20	#35	400m	Male IT5
12:28	#36	400m	Female IT7 & IT1 combined
12:36	#37	400m	Male IT7

**MEDALS BETWEEN EVENTS & END**

12:50	#38	4X100m Relay	Multi
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**MEDALS**

**FIELD SCHEDULE**

Time	Event	Category	Male/ Female
08:00	SHOT PUT	IF5	MEN
	SHOT PUT	IF6	MEN
	SHOT PUT	IF7	MEN
08:00	DISCUS	IF1	FEMALE
	DISCUS	IF4	FEMALE
08:00	SHOT PUT	IF3	MALE
	SHOT PUT	IF4	MALE



09:15	DISCUS	IF1	MEN
	DISCUS	IF2	MEN
09:15	SHOT PUT	IF1	WOMEN
	SHOT PUT	IF4	WOMEN
10:00	SHOT PUT	IF5	WOMEN
	SHOT PUT	IF6	WOMEN
11:00	DISCUS	IF5	MEN
	DISCUS	IF6	MEN
	DISCUS	IF7	MEN
11:15	SHOT	IF1	MEN
	SHOT	IF2	MEN
12:20	DISCUS	IF5	WOMEN
	DISCUS	IF6	WOMEN
13:00	DISCUS	IF4	MEN

**MEDALS BETWEEN EVENTS & END**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL: 12 May, 10:30 - 12:30  
and 14:00 - 16:00**

Time	Match
10:30	Semi Final 1
11:30	Semi Final 2
14:00	Bronze Medal Match
15:00	Gold Medal Match

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**WHEELCHAIR RUGBY: 11 May, 14:00 - 16:30  
and 19:30 - 23:00**



Time	Match
14:00	Semi Final 1
15:00	Semi Final 2
19:30	Bronze Medal Match
20:30	Exhibition Match
21:10	Gold Medal Match
<b>MEDALS</b>	

**WHEELCHAIR TENNIS: 11 May, 16:30 - 18:30  
and 12 May 08:00 - 10:00**

Time	Match
16:30	Semi Final 1
15:00	Semi Final 2
08:00	Bronze Medal Match
09:00	Gold Medal Match
<b>MEDALS</b>	

## 5. RESULTS



Start lists and results information will be available in Media Central and in each competition venue.

Event schedules and medalists will be available on the 2016 Invictus Games Orlando app.

## 6. TRAINING

Training for indoor sports will be held at the Jostens Center from 5-12 May. A Venue Media Center will be available at the Jostens Center.

Training is schedule from 08:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 19:00 daily, unless preliminary competition is scheduled. Training sessions will be open to competitors from all nations from noon to 13:00 and 18:00 to 19:00 daily.

## 7. MEDAL CEREMONIES



Medal ceremonies to award gold, silver and bronze medals will be as follows:

Sport	Individual Medals	Team Medals
Archery	Presented at the end of competition, first individual medals then team	Presented at the end of competition, first individual medals then team
Powerlifting	Presented at the end of competition	None
Road Cycling	Presented throughout competition	None
Rowing	Presented throughout competition	None
Sitting Volleyball	None	Presented at the end of competition
Swimming	Presented throughout competition	Presented for relay only (4 x 50m)
Track and Field	Presented throughout competition	Presented for relay only
Wheelchair Basketball	None	Presented at the end of competition
Wheelchair Rugby	None	Presented at the end of competition
Wheelchair Tennis	None	Presented at the end of competition

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The format of the medal ceremonies will be:



- ◆ Bronze, silver and gold medals will be presented to the top three in each sporting discipline and category for individual sports, and to the top three nations for team sports.
- ◆ The medal ceremony party will consist three tray bearers, two athlete escorts, and two presenter escorts. All are volunteers.
- ◆ The accompanying anthem will be the Invictus Games anthem; no national anthems will be played.
- ◆ No national flags will be raised during medal ceremonies.

## 8. SYMPOSIUM ON INVISIBLE WOUNDS

President George W. Bush and the Bush Institute will host an international symposium 8 May to discuss solutions designed to help returning service members overcome their invisible wounds, like post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries, and improve outcomes for their transition back to civilian life.

President Bush also serves as the honorary chairman for the Invictus Games 2016.

Speakers will include Invictus Games competitors, military spouses and leading researchers. The symposium will be moderated by ESPN journalist Jeremy Schaap.

The symposium will be 8 May from 12:00 to 16:30 at the Shades of Green Resort at Walt Disney World. Access for media is reserved for those who registered in advance.

For more information, contact [media@bushcenter.org](mailto:media@bushcenter.org)

## 9. OPENING CEREMONY



The Opening Ceremony will be 8 May at 20:00 at Champion Stadium at the ESPN Complex. The pre-show will begin at 19:30.

The Opening Ceremony will include musical performances by British sensation Laura Right and international star James Blunt and other surprise guests. The ceremony features an unprecedented number of military performances including the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Team. In addition the audience will hear emotional first-person narratives from injured service members MSgt. Israel Del Toro Jr., LCpl. John-James Chalmers and Louis Nethercott. The show is bound to be one of the most inspirational events Orlando has ever hosted.

Limited seating for media will be available. Media should enter the stadium at the accredited entrance to access the seating area.

Designated areas will be available for photographers; details will be available during the Photographer Briefing on 6 May.

Non-rightsholders will not be allowed to film the ceremony and cannot bring equipment into the stadium.

No other work facilities will be available at Champion Stadium but both Media Central and the HP Field House VMC will be open during the ceremony.

A detailed media guide will be available for the Opening Ceremony.



### IMPORTANT NOTE

While your accreditation gives you access to all sports events and venues, it does not give you automatic access to the Opening Ceremony. All media attending the Opening Ceremony will need a special sticker to access Champion Stadium; those stickers will be distributed at Media Central on 8 May. To request access for the Opening Ceremony, please notify us in person at Media Central no later than noon on 8 May.

## 10. CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony will be 12 May at 19:00 at Champion Stadium at the ESPN Complex. The pre-show will begin at 18:30.

During the Closing Ceremony, Prince Harry will recognize competitors for their achievements during the past four days and leave the handover of the Invictus Games flag to the Invictus Games Toronto 2017 organizing committee. In addition, the audience will hear firsthand from U.S. team captain U.S. Army Capt. (Ret.) Will Reynolds, as he shares his amazing personal journey. Capt. Reynolds lost his left leg above the knee after an IED in Iraq and endured 26 surgeries. Since his injury, Capt. Reynolds has become a husband, a father of four, earned a master's degree in Business Administration and in Public Health, embarked on a career with Deloitte, and become a world-class adaptive sports athlete.





Limited seating for media will be available. Media should enter the stadium at the accredited entrance to access the seating area.

Designated areas will be available for photographers; details will be available during the Photographer Briefing on 6 May.

Non-rightsholders will not be allowed to film the ceremony and cannot bring equipment into the stadium.

No other work facilities will be available at Champion Stadium but both Media Central and the Field House VMC will be open during the ceremony.

A detailed media guide will be available for the Closing Ceremony.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

While your accreditation gives you access to all sports events and venues, it does not give you automatic access to the Closing Ceremony. All media attending the Closing Ceremony will need a special sticker to access Champion Stadium; those stickers will be distributed at Media Central on 12 May. To request access for the Closing Ceremony, please notify us in person at Media Central no later than noon on 12 May.

## 11. ACCESS TO THE ATHLETES' VILLAGE



To provide a stress-free atmosphere for the competitors, media will not be allowed at the Athletes' Village (Shades of Green Resort) without permission from one of the participating nations.

An I-Zone will be available at Shades of Green for athlete interviews. To schedule an interview, please contact the media liaison of the relevant team to schedule a time (list provided at the back). The media liaison will request a guest pass for you to enter the Shades of Green Resort. If your name is not approved for a guest pass, you will be denied entry by Security at the gate.

There is no dedicated media transport to the Athletes' Village.

## 12. JLR DRIVING CHALLENGE

As "The Official Partner of the Invictus Games Orlando 2016," Jaguar Land Rover is proud to bring back the Driving Challenge competition to the Games.

The challenge will be 7 May from 11:00 to 15:15 on the JLR Challenge course; media are asked to arrive about 10:00.

All 14 nations have been invited to compete in the challenge which will produce the first medals of the Games. Two participants from each nation will take part, and the team that displays the teamwork, cohesion and communication will take home the gold medal.





There will be two courses which will take the teams and their vehicles through precision gates. Though teams are timed, accurate driving will produce better results than speed alone.

After completing both courses, the teams will be ranked by points based on total accumulated times and penalties. The top four teams will compete in the finals, where they will complete the two courses again. The top three teams will determine gold, silver and bronze medals.

## 13. JLR WHEELCHAIR RUGBY EXHIBITION MATCH

This exciting exhibition match, along with the wheelchair rugby medal matches, will take place on 11 May before the gold medal match at the HP Field House.

Two teams made up of Invictus Games competitors and celebrities will go head-to-head in what is set to be a spectacular match. The teams will play two eight-minute halves in an attempt to lift the trophy and be crowned the victors of this unique event.

## 14. TRANSPORT AND PARKING

### Media Transport (Coronado Springs Resort to ESPN Complex)

Free transport will be provided between the Coronado Springs Resort and the ESPN Complex during the Invictus Games. Shuttle buses will operate from 5 May to 12 May from 05:30 until 24:00.



### Parking at the ESPN Complex

Limited media parking is available in the main lot at the ESPN Complex. To park in the lot you will need a parking permit – please contact us at [pressoperations@invictusgames2016.org](mailto:pressoperations@invictusgames2016.org) to request a permit.

Parking permits will be required from 5 May through 12 May.

### Taxis

Mears Transportation provides taxi service to the ESPN Complex. Call +1.407.222.2222 or visit

<http://www.mearstransportation.com/> for more information.

## 15. PHOTOGRAPHER INFORMATION

All still photographers must sign a Photographer's Undertaking which indicates their agreement to abide by the photographer code of conduct. After signing the agreement, they will receive a photo bib which grants them access to designated photo positions in the venues.

Photographers can sign the undertaking and collect their bibs at Media Central.

In some venues, prime photo positions will be available. These positions could be located on the field of play or may be limited in size. To access these positions, photographers must exchange their photo bib for a PRIME photo bib which will be available from the Venue Photo Manager at each venue.



## Photographer Briefing

All photographers are requested to attend a Photographer Briefing on 6 May at 11:00 in Media Central to review the rules

## 16. NON-RIGHTSHOLDER INFORMATION

ESPN is the host broadcaster for the Invictus Games and has the exclusive rights to broadcast the Games in the United States. The BBC is the rightsholder for the United Kingdom.

All non-rightsholding broadcast organizations and video crews from the participating nations must abide by the Non-Rightholder Undertaking that will be in place for the Invictus Games

### Non-Rights Broadcast Bib

Every organization that is accredited as a Non-Rights Broadcaster and that wants to film during the Games must sign an undertaking that outlines what non-rightsholders will be able to do during the Games.

After signing the undertaking, their camera operator will receive a Non-Rights Broadcast bib which grants them access to designated filming areas in the venues.

Non-rights broadcasters can sign the undertaking and collect their bibs at Media Central.

### Filming in I-Zones

All non-rightsholders will be able to film competitor interviews in the I-Zones, or interview zones. Every competition venue will have an I-Zone where media can interview competitors post-competition.

Footage filmed in I-Zones can be used after a 30-minute delay.



Live coverage from the I-Zone is not permitted.

### Filming Sports Competition

Filming the fields of play in the competition venues is strictly limited. Non-rightsholders will be allowed to film in designated areas, space permitting, which will be managed by Press Operations.

Live coverage from Non-Rights Broadcast Areas is not permitted.

### Filming in the Common Domain

Accredited non-rightsholders are allowed to film in the common areas outside of the competition venues but inside the ESPN Complex.

While there are no specific restrictions, you may be asked to move if you are blocking the flow of spectators.

The Communications Team has designated an area near the Jostens Center that will be reserved for non-rightsholders. To reserve this spot, please contact the Communications Team at [media@invictusgames2016.org](mailto:media@invictusgames2016.org).

### Satellite Trucks

Non-rightsholders are allowed to bring satellite trucks to the complex and will be able to park them in a designated area. Please contact the Communications Team at [media@invictusgames2016.org](mailto:media@invictusgames2016.org) for more information.



### Filming the Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Non-rightsholders will not be allowed to film either ceremony, and recording equipment will not be allowed in the venue for the ceremonies.

Highlights of the ceremonies will be provided (see below).

### Highlights Package

ESPN will provide the following free highlights packages:

- 10-minute package of the Opening Ceremony (available about 22:30 on 8 May)
- 10-minute package of the Closing Ceremony (available about 23:30 on 12 May)
- 5-minute daily package (available about 21:00 on 9 May, 10 May and 11 May)

All of the highlights will be available on the Invictus Games website under the “News” tab and available for broadcast for a 48 hour period.

### Non-Rights Broadcast Briefing

All non-rightsholders are requested to attend a Non-Rightsholder Briefing on 6 May at 15:30 in Media Central to review the rules regarding filming during the Games.

Media liaison officers for the participating nations are encouraged to attend this session as well.



### RF Equipment

Any non-rightsholders who intend on using wireless equipment must register onsite and obtain a tag for their equipment. Please contact the frequency coordinators who will be based in Media Central for further information.

## 17. IMPORTANT BRIEFINGS

### Daily Briefing

The Communications Team will host a daily press briefing at 07:30 beginning 7 May at Media Central.

### Photographer Briefing

All photographers are requested to attend a Photographer Briefing on 6 May at 11:00 in Media Central to review the rules for accessing and working in photo positions.

### Media Liaison Briefing

All media liaison/public affairs officers for the participating nations are requested to attend a Press Officer Briefing on 6 May at 14:00 in Media Central.

Only the official media liaison officers for the teams are requested to attend. You are also encouraged to attend the Non-Rightsholder Briefing held immediately after this briefing.

### Non-Rights Broadcast Briefing

All non-rightsholders are requested to attend a Non-Rightsholder Briefing on 6 May at 15:30 in Media Central to review the rules regarding filming during the Games.

Media liaison officers for the participating nations are encouraged to attend this session as well.



## 18. BROADCAST SCHEDULE



ESPN Coverage			
8 May	Opening Ceremony	20:00-22:00	ESPN 2
9 May	Powerlifting Finals	08:00-11:00	ESPN 3
9 May	Rowing Finals	13:30-16:30	ESPN 3
9 May	Archery Finals	19:00-22:30	ESPN 3
9 May	Day 1 Primetime Show	19:00-20:00	ESPN 2
9 May	Day 1 Primetime Show (re-air)	23:00-00:00	ESPN 2
10 May	Track & Field Finals	08:00-13:00	ESPN 3
10 May	Sitting Volleyball Semi-Finals	14:00-16:30	ESPN 3
10 May	Sitting Volleyball Medal Matches	19:00-21:30	ESPN 3
10 May	Day 2 Primetime Show	19:00-20:30	ESPN 2
10 May	Day 2 Primetime Show (re-air)	23:00-00:30	ESPN 2
11 May	Swimming Finals	08:00-13:00	ESPN 3
11 May	Wheelchair Rugby Semi-Finals	14:00-16:30	ESPN 3
11 May	Wheelchair Rugby Medal Matches and Exhibition	19:30-23:00	ESPN 3
11 May	Day 3 Primetime Show	19:00-20:00	ESPN 2
11 May	Day 3 Primetime Show (re-air)	23:00-00:00	ESPN 2
12 May	Wheelchair Tennis Finals	08:00-10:00	ESPN 3
12 May	Wheelchair Basketball Semi-Finals	10:30-12:30	ESPN 3
12 May	Wheelchair Basketball Medal Matches	14:00-16:00	ESPN 3
12 May	Closing Ceremony	19:00-22:00	ESPN 2
15 May	Encore Presentation Day 3 Primetime Show	13:30-14:30	ABC



BBC Live Broadcast		
9 May	14:30-15:00 and 15:30-16:00 EDT	BBC One
10 May	14:00-14:30	BBC One
11 May	15:00-16:00	BBC One
12 May	15:00-16:00	BBC One
13 May	15:30-16:30	BBC One

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## 20. IMPORTANT DATES



5 May	Media Central opens
5 May	Parking permits required onsite
6 May	Photographer Briefing
6 May	Non-rightsholder Briefing
6 May	Team Media Liaison Briefing
7 May	Daily press briefings begin
7 May	JLR Challenge
8 May	Bush Symposium on Invisible Wounds
8 May	Opening Ceremony
11 May	JLR Rugby Exhibition Match
12 May	Closing Ceremony

## 21. A NOTE ABOUT THE WEATHER

Short but strong rain storms are a common occurrence in Central Florida. In the event of inclement weather, a weather announcement will be played through the ESPN Complex. This announcement will direct all individuals to seek cover at either Champion Stadium, the HP Field House or the Jostens Center. If you hear this announcement, please seek shelter at one of these locations immediately.

Once the inclement weather has clear, a second announcement will be played advising that it is safe to return outside.

If you have any questions, please contact us at

[pressoperations@invictusgames2016.org](mailto:pressoperations@invictusgames2016.org).

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