

## Gay Games IX 2014 Bid FAQ and Comparison Table



Gay Games IX will be held in 2014. Bids have been submitted by Organizations in three cities: Boston, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio; and Washington, D.C.

Previous Gay Games have been held in San Francisco (1982 and 1986), Vancouver (1990), New York (1994), Amsterdam (1998), Sydney (2002), and Chicago (2006). The next edition will take place in Cologne, Germany, from 31 July to 7 August 2010 (visit [www.games-cologne.com](http://www.games-cologne.com) for more information).

**Q: Who will vote to select the Host of Gay Games IX?**

A: Members of the General Assembly of the Federation of Gay Games. There will be voting members come from Europe, Africa, Australia, and the Americas. Only full members meeting certain requirements will vote on the choice of the Host ("site selection"), but all members and volunteers will participate in the review of bids.

**Q: When will the Host be selected?**

A: The vote for the Host and the alternate Host will take place at the FGG annual meeting to be held in late September in Cologne, Germany, Host of Gay Games VIII 2010.

**Q: What elements are expected in the bid books?**

A: Bid books must describe, among other things, the opening and closing ceremonies, the sports program, and the culture program, along with detailed project management and budget information.

**Q: Will there be a conference?**

A: Conferences have been held at almost every Gay Games. Given that the focus of the Gay Games are sports and culture, Gay Games Host organizations are strongly encouraged to work with qualified partners for all ancillary activities, including conferences. As such, these activities are not evaluated as part of the bid.

**Q: What events are included in the culture program?**

A: Bidders must include four cultural events: a choral festival, a band festival, a visual arts event, and the International Rainbow Memorial Run, a commemorative event for those lost to AIDS and breast cancer. In addition, our Gay Games VIII Hosts in Cologne have added features that the FGG would be pleased to see included in future Gay Games, such as a Cheerleading competition and an orchestra festival.

**Q: What events are included in the sports program?**

A: The current bids for Gay Games IX are the first to be made under a new sports policy adopted in 2007, which requires a minimum of 18 of the current 24 "core sports". Under this policy, bidders are not required to offer sports for which facilities, local interest, or expertise may not be available. Up to a total of 30 sports may be included in bids, including core sports, additional sports, historic Gay Games sports, and totally new sports to the Gay Games.

**Q: How will the sports programme be evaluated?**

A: Bidders are expected to propose a sports programme that offers a balance according to regional interest, gender parity, accessibility, cost of participation and execution, etc. In the past, new sports were added only after a Host was selected, as has been the case for Gay Games VIII, which has added historic Gay Games sports Field Hockey, Handball, and Sailing, along with a sport that will appear for the first time ever in the Games: Sport Shooting. These sports were added in response to particular interest amongst European athletes for these sports. For Gay Games IX, bidders have been offered the possibility of requesting approval for new sports before presenting their bid.

**Q: How will FGG voters evaluate the bids?**

A: Eligible FGG member organisations will be selecting a Host whose bid best reflects the capacity to organise and execute a Gay Games, following the tradition begun over twenty-five years ago. Bid evaluations will be based upon the bidder's understanding and implementation of the Gay Games principles of "*participation, inclusion, and personal best*"™. The quality of the venues offered, experience in project management, availability of financial and government support, the type of sport and cultural events offered are all part of the selection criteria and analysis.

**Q: How much is the license fee?**

A: The license fee paid by the Host will be based on the number of registered participants, using a model that shares the financial risk, while promoting collaboration and teamwork between FGG and the Host. The fees and payment schedule will be a matter for discussion between the FGG and the selected Host of Gay Games IX.

**Q: What is the relationship between the FGG and the future Host?**

A: As the governing body of the Gay Games, FGG acts as a guardian of the image and brand of the Gay Games, and in close collaboration with the Host, works to ensure a successful Gay Games. FGG makes available a series of resources via its "Host City Starter Kit", including technical resources, such as the sports and culture operating manuals and information provided by previous Hosts (demographics, user surveys, Host final reports, etc.).

**Q: What additional services is FGG planning to offer Hosts?**

The FGG has been working even more closely with Games Cologne, the Host of Gay Games VIII in 2010, by carrying out a number of joint marketing operations throughout the world. For Gay Games IX, FGG will be offering substantially increased services with the provision of a turnkey registration system and website, freeing Hosts from the costly and time-consuming task of creating their own system from scratch. In addition to this, the FGG will be providing start-up funding to enable the future Host to become operational immediately after selection.

**Q: Where are the 2014 bidders located?**

A: During the 2010 bid cycle, the three bidders were from Europe and Africa. The 2014 bidders happen to all be from the USA: Boston, Cleveland, and Washington, D.C.

**Q: Where will 2018 be held?**

FGG has already received interest from organisations regarding a 2018 bid, and we look forward to bids from all parts of the world.

### GGIX 2014 - Key facts comparison

	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Washington</b>
<b>Motto</b>	"Equality 2014"	"My Games Rock 2014"	"Freedom 2014"
<b>Dates</b>	26 Jul - 2 Aug 2014	9 Aug – 16 Aug 2014	26 Jul – 2 Aug 2014
<b>Number of sports (30 max)</b>	26	34 [exceeds max allowed]	29
-- "core" sports	20	24	23
-- "additional" sports	4	7	6
-- "new" sports	2 (Darts, Flag Football)	3 (Darts, Flag Football, Rodeo)	0 (+3 exhibition sports)
<b>Culture events</b>	9+	4	9+
-- "core" events	4	4	4
-- "additional" events	5+	0	5+
<b>Opening ceremony venue</b>	Harvard Stadium	Cleveland Browns Stadium	Nationals Park stadium
<b>Closing ceremony venue</b>	Fenway Park	Cleveland Browns Stadium	Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium
<b>Number of participants</b>	12,000	12,000	12,000
-- sport	10,255	10,000	10,000
-- culture	1,745	2,000	2,000
<b>Fees (USD)</b>			
-- base fee	190	135	205
-- sport event fee	80-175	50	50-200
-- culture event fee	50	50	0

<b>Core Culture Events</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Washington</b>
Band	✓	✓	✓
Choral	✓	✓	✓
Rainbow Run	✓	✓	✓
Visual Arts	✓ [TBD]	✓ [TBD]	✓
<b>Other Events</b>			
Orchestra			✓
Film	✓ Gay and Lesbian Film Festival ✓ Roxbury Film Festival		✓ Flicks on the Field
Theater	✓ Theatre Offensive		
Conferences	✓ LGBT Sports Conference: HIV and Sports Panel		✓ Women's Sports Symposium ✓ Sportswriters Workshop
Other	✓ History Project	✓ Music showcase and laser show at Games village	✓ Gospel Concert

<b>Core Sports (24 max)</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Washington</b>
Aquatics/Diving	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics/Swimming	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics/Synchro	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics/Water Polo	✓	✓	✓
Badminton	✓	✓	✓
Basketball	✓	✓	✓
Bodybuilding	✓	✓	✓
Bowling	✓	✓	✓
Cycling		✓	✓
Figure Skating	✓	✓	✓
Golf	✓	✓	✓
Ice Hockey	✓	✓	✓
Marathon/Road Races	✓	✓	✓
Martial Arts		✓	✓
Powerlifting		✓	✓
Racquetball		✓	✓
Soccer	✓	✓	✓
Softball	✓	✓	✓
Squash	✓	✓	
Tennis	✓	✓	✓
Track and Field	✓	✓	✓
Triathlon	✓	✓	✓
Volleyball	✓	✓	✓
Wrestling	✓	✓	✓
<b>Additional Sports</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Washington</b>
Aerobics			
Aquatics – Open Water Swim		✓	
Beach Volleyball		✓	✓
Billiards	✓	✓	✓
Chess			
DanceSport	✓	✓	✓
Field Hockey			
Handball (Team)			
Inline Speed Skating			
Judo			
Netball			
Rowing	✓	✓	✓
Rugby (Touch)			
Rugby (Union)		✓	✓
Sailing	✓	✓	✓
Sport Climbing			✓ [exhibition]
Sport Shooting			
Table Tennis			
<b>"New" Sports</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Washington</b>
Darts*	✓	✓	
Flag Football*	✓	✓	
Rodeo		✓	
Skateboarding			✓ [exhibition]
Ultimate Frisbee			✓ [exhibition]