

# WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD2019

## TEAM MANAGERS' BRIEFING



[worldtransplantgames.org](http://worldtransplantgames.org)

17 - 24 AUGUST 2019

## FOREWORD

In August 2019 NewcastleGateshead will warmly welcome approximately 3000 participants from around 70 countries for the World Transplant Games 2019.

Every year NewcastleGateshead welcomes millions of visitors from across the globe. We are passionate about sport and have a fantastic track-record of delivering sporting and cultural events including the world's most iconic half marathon the Great North Run and the British Transplant Games 2015.

Competitors and supporters will enjoy state of the art facilities as this truly inspirational event will take place at top sporting venues in North East England including Gateshead International Stadium, Sport Central at Northumbria University, Sunderland Aquatic Centre and Close House Golf Resort.

Close to stunning coast and countryside, and joined by seven awe-inspiring bridges, Newcastle and Gateshead form a cultural hub. There are many well-known historic landmarks nearby including the Angel of the North and Hadrian's Wall to explore plus amazing cultural and heritage experiences for athletes and supporters to discover across the city.

With over 7500 bedrooms from budget to four-star luxury, we have developed a range of accommodation tiers on offer to make the Games more accessible and affordable.

We look forward to hosting the 2019 summer World Transplant Games and to shining the spotlight on transplantation and organ donation. On behalf of the World Transplant Games 2019 Local Organising Committee, I invite you and your team members to register for what promises to be an amazing Games.

Graham Wylie CBE

Chairman of the World Transplant Games NewcastleGateshead 2019

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Host organising committee for the World Transplant Games 2019:

WTG2019  
NGI Events Ltd  
9th Floor Baltic Place East  
South Shore Road  
Gateshead  
NE8 3AE  
ENGLAND

Telephone: Registration administration office on 0044 114 2573170

Email: [wtg2019@mlsgb.co](mailto:wtg2019@mlsgb.co)

International Team Manager Liaison: [teamliaison@worldtransplantgames.org](mailto:teamliaison@worldtransplantgames.org)

Please note: The above contact information is for use of team managers only and is not to be shared with your team members.

## LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chair:	Graham Wylie CBE
Event Director:	Stephen Savage
Sports Director:	John Timms
Senior Project Manager:	Sophie Hardwick
Senior Producer:	Marian Chapman
Communications Manager:	Michele McCallion
International Team Managers Liaison:	Lynne Holt
NGI Chief Executive:	Sarah Stewart MBE
Director of Tourism and Business Events:	Paul Szomoru
Fundraising and Sponsorship:	Carole Stonehouse
	Susan Justice
Chief Medical Officer:	Prof Paul Corris
Volunteering:	Chris Strong
Donor Family Network:	David Nix
Treasurer:	Dianne Coaten
Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust:	Jo Noble
Ceremonies and culture:	Vikki Leaney
Transplant Sport:	Paul Harden

## KEY DATES

NewcastleGateshead Games:	17 to 24 August 2019
Official arrival days:	16/17 August 2019
Transplant Symposium	17 August 2019
Opening ceremony:	17 August 2019
Competition days:	18 to 23 August 2019
Gala dinner:	23 August 2019
Official departure day:	24 August 2019

Teams and individuals are invited to arrive earlier and stay on longer to make the most of their/your trip to the UK.

We have negotiated special accommodation rates if participants wish to extend their stay in Newcastle and Gateshead. We have a travel partner, The Travel Bureau who can arrange for extended stays to see more of the UK. They can assist with flights, accommodation, excursions, transfers and travel within the UK.

## REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Registration opens:	3 December 2018
Early Bird closes:	18 January 2019
Deadline for Early Bird full payment:	15 February 2019
Registration closes:	1 May 2019
Deadline for full payment:	15 May 2019

All payments to be made in GBP (£). For prepayment of Early Bird and standard payment dates, as well as full cancellation terms and conditions please see the registration and cancellation terms document.

## ACCREDITATION PASSES

Accreditation passes for participants will be required for entrance into all venues (sports and social). Some sports venues will have capacity for spectators (without accreditation) – details to follow.

## COSTS AND PACKAGES

For the first time, the World Transplant Games are introducing tiered accommodation options so that there are accommodation packages to suit all tastes and budgets.

- Standard registration in hotel accommodation from £793 per person / £423 junior
- University accommodation from £623 per person (only suitable for adults aged 15 and above and only single occupancy rooms)
- 4 star hotel accommodation from £923 per person / £523 junior

The above package prices include full board in quality accommodation for 7 nights, accreditation to participate in or be a spectator at the games, attendance to all official events and ceremonies, designated transport to games venues and unlimited travel on the local Metro light railway public transport system for the games period.

- Family self-catering option from £573 per adult and £373 junior

Especially for families with a minimum of one junior aged 12 or under, we have a limited number of self-catering apartments secured. Apartments vary in size and are available for a minimum of two adults and one junior, or a maximum of up to 7 people – a mix of adults and juniors. Perfect for supporting family members and friends. The family self-catering package includes 7 nights' accommodation in a centrally located apartment, packed lunches provided at games venues, accreditation to participate in or be a spectator at the games, attendance to all official events and ceremonies, designated transport to games venues and unlimited travel on the local Metro light railway public transport system for the games period.

- Accreditation only from £523 per person / £323 junior

Accreditation only package includes packed lunches provided at games venues, accreditation to participate in or be a spectator at the games, attendance to all official events and ceremonies, designated transport to games venues and unlimited travel on the local Metro light railway public transport system for the games period.

PLEASE NOTE: Where food is provided at ceremonies and official events, no evening meals will be provided at accommodation.

## KEEPING YOUR TEAM TOGETHER

Team Managers are asked to advise their teams what tier/s of accommodation they wish their team to stay in. If team managers do not stipulate a particular tier, then all tiers will be available upon registration. If team managers stipulate standard accommodation, then only this option will be available.



If a team manager only wants particular tiers to be available to their team on the registration system then you must advise us by contacting [wtg2019@mls.gb.co](mailto:wtg2019@mls.gb.co) prior to registration opening. If the team manager wants to limit choices or allow their team members to choose what tier package they want to book, the LOC will make every effort to keep your team at that tier level, together in the same property.

e.g. If there are 100 people in your team, and you allow all tiers to be open to them and:

- 30 people choose to stay in standard hotel
- 40 people choose university
- 30 people choose 4 star hotel

We will endeavour to keep your team together so that everyone in that tier is in the same accommodation. Please note, very large teams may be split between multiple establishments within the same tier but we will try to allocate accommodation within close proximity of each other. To guarantee your team is all together in the same properties we encourage you to motivate your team to book before the early bird deadline. This does not apply to self-catering as these properties are spread throughout the city centre.

## JUNIORS

Children aged between 4 and 12 years old inclusive are classed as juniors. Rates are based on one junior sharing a room with one adult. Where a junior(s) is sharing a room with two adults, a discount of £150 applies for each child to the total. Up to two juniors can share with two adults in standard or 4 star hotel accommodation. NB: discounts only apply to standard hotel and 4 star accommodation tiers. Where one adult and one child, accommodation will be a twin-bedded room.

Accommodation for two adults and one or two children will be one double bed and either fold away bed(s) and/or sofa beds. Please note children may be expected to share a double sofa bed.

Children aged 0 – 3\* will be free to attend and free to participate in games activities when accompanied by a registered parent or guardian, including food and travel. (\*up to 24 August child must not be 4 years old), but registration must still be completed for all.

There will be 1 free junior athlete per country – registration as normal and the cost will be deducted on invoicing.

## NON-ATHLETES

Donor family, living donor, medical professional and supporter - fees are the same as above.

Because of the tiered accommodation packages being offered, it is strongly advised that non-athletes register during the early bird window to ensure they are placed in their preferred accommodation option along with their team.

The LOC cannot guarantee that a late registrant will be placed in their preferred accommodation tier with their team.

## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES EXPLAINED

### UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION – THE GAMES VILLAGE EXPERIENCE!

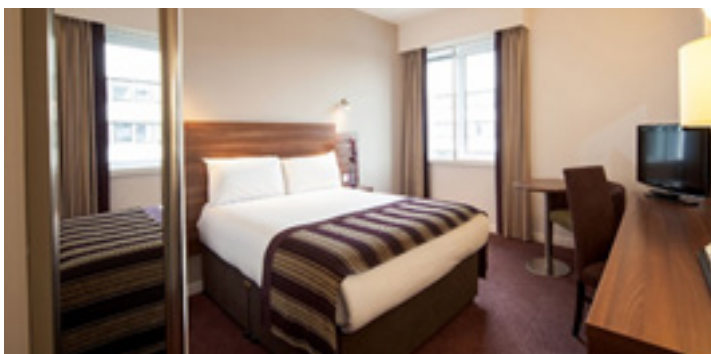
Stay in university campus accommodation, with large communal spaces for teams to gather, socialise and have fun! All accommodation has private en-suite facilities. Breakfast is grab and go continental style, buffet evening meals served in a nearby\* communal venue (\*could be 15 minute walk away maximum). Bed linen and towels will be provided - there will be no change during your stay but self-service laundry facilities on-site.

University accommodation is all single occupancy and only available to people aged 15 or over.



### STANDARD REGISTRATION

Quality hotel accommodation located in the heart of the city, easy walking distance to shops, attractions and the metro light railway public transport system. Full service hotels with daily cleaning, linen and towel changes during your stay, breakfast and buffet evening meal served either onsite or in a very close by function suite.



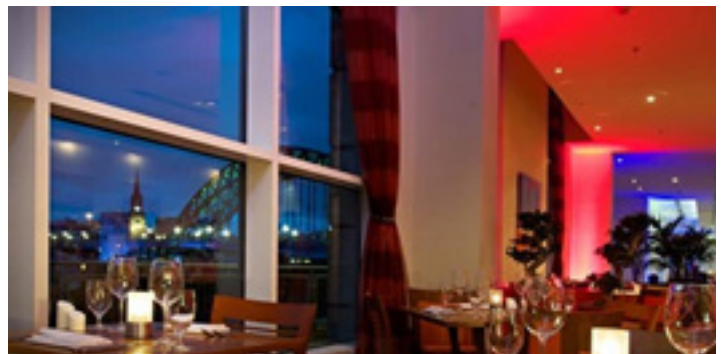
Please note photographs are examples of accommodation and facilities. Not an exact representation of what you will receive in your chosen package.

## 4 STAR – UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Ensure you're on top form by using their state of the art gym facilities, and then relax and unwind after you've competed in the games in a swimming pool, sauna and whirlpool bath.

The 4-star upgrade registration package ensures you are staying in superior hotel accommodation with larger bedrooms and enhanced amenities, service and standards. More choice at breakfast and evening buffet meals served in 4-star hotel restaurant settings.

Limited availability.



## FAMILY SELF-CATERING OPTION

Strictly only available for families with juniors aged 12 or below. A very limited number of self-catering 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments have been secured in central locations across Newcastle. Designed for families who prefer to look after their own catering requirements and may be travelling with relatives or friends.

Apartments can hold up to 7 people maximum (mixture of adults and juniors).

Limited availability.



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Package Comparison					
	Accreditation only	Family self-catered	University (Single room)	Standard	4 Star
Adult – Early bird	£523	£573	£623	£793	£923
Adult – Normal	£573	£623	£673	£843	£973
Single Supplement	N/A	N/A	N/A	£200	£300
Junior – Early bird	£323	£373	Age 15+ only	£423	£523
Junior – Normal	£373	£423	Age 15+ only	£473	£573
Games participation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health/repatriation insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Events and ceremonies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cleaning, linen, towels		Once	Once	Daily	Daily
Packed lunch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continental breakfast			✓	✓	✓
Buffet evening meal			✓	✓	✓ (superior)
Cooked breakfast				✓	✓
Leisure Club (Pool, sauna, gym)					✓

All prices are per person and are based on two people sharing a room (with the exception of the university accommodation). Single supplements apply for standard and 4 star accommodation.

#### Extra nights accommodation

	Self-Catering	University	Standard	4 Star
Based on two adults per person per night cost	£50.00	N/A	£50.00	£65.00
Junior per person per night cost	£25.00	N/A	£25.00	£25.00
Single-occupancy rates	N/A	£55.00	£105.00	£125.00

Above rates are bed and breakfast, excluding self-catering.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Registration enquiries contact: [wtg2019@mlsgb.co](mailto:wtg2019@mlsgb.co)

General enquiries about the Games and visiting NewcastleGateshead contact:  
[info@worldtransplantgames.org](mailto:info@worldtransplantgames.org)

International Team Manager Liaison contact: [teamliaison@worldtransplantgames.org](mailto:teamliaison@worldtransplantgames.org)

## Website

Please visit our website at [www.worldtransplantgames.org](http://www.worldtransplantgames.org)

## E-newsletter

Stay up to date with all the news from the Games by signing up to our newsletter at.  
[www.worldtransplantgames.org](http://www.worldtransplantgames.org)

## Social Media

Help us spread the word about the Games, the benefits of sports for post-transplant patients, organ donation and the need for people to share their wishes by following us and sharing content:

Twitter: [@WTGF\\_Games](https://twitter.com/WTGF_Games)

Facebook: [@officialworldtransplantgames](https://www.facebook.com/officialworldtransplantgames)

Instagram: [@worldtransplantgames](https://www.instagram.com/worldtransplantgames)

[#YesIDonate](#)

[#PoweredbytheGiftOfLife](#)

## VISAS

It is the responsibility of the teams to obtain any necessary visas to enter the UK. Please advise your team members to apply in good time to obtain visas – the earliest you can apply for a visa is 3 months before travel. Visa support letters to be requested via [wtg2019@mlsgb.co](mailto:wtg2019@mlsgb.co)

The link below will help athletes and family members to check if they need a visa to travel to the United Kingdom, with a helpful step by step procedure.  
[www.gov.uk/apply-standard-visitor-visa](http://www.gov.uk/apply-standard-visitor-visa)

The standard visit visa rules allow visitors to participate in sport events. This Home Office web page explains what a visitor can and cannot do.  
[www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa](http://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa)

## MEDICAL

Before the competition, participants must complete a medical report/certificate signed by the specialist in charge of their transplant follow-up, including the details of the illness, transplanted organ, relevant tests, blood pressure, medication and any other information regarding chronic problems, including those derived from the transplant or immunosuppressive drugs.

It is very important to note that no competitor will be permitted to enter their chosen event without a fully completed and signed form. All fully completed forms must be submitted no earlier than mid-February and not later than the end of June. Forms not satisfying medical criteria or with missing data will be returned. Further information on the medical forms and how to complete them will be available soon.

## MEDICAL CARE IN NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD

A medical provider company will cover both training days and competition days. Appropriate physio/sport therapy, first aid and paramedical support will be available at all games venues and events. The games will be supported by local transplant medics and UK infectious diseases and public health specialists to ensure that any communicable disease issues potentially arising within the venues will be dealt with in expert fashion and according to best practice.

Any recipient who develops an acute medical problem directly referable to his or her transplanted organ will be assessed and treated at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital Institute of Transplantation. There will be two well located "drop in" centres staffed by both medical practitioners and physio/sport therapists for registered participants who develop less serious problems. These centres will be open from 07.00 to 10.00 and 14.00 to 19.00 for physio/sport therapy and 10.00 to 14.00 for medical consultations including issuing of prescriptions for medications.

## TEAM HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ATTENDING THE GAMES

Please advise who is accompanying your team. A list of all attending health professionals and their contact details will be maintained by the local games medical committee and such individuals will be informed of any medical matters arising in team members.

## SPORTS – ADULTS

- Archery
- Athletics – track and field  
100m; 200m; 400m; 800m; 1500m; 5000m; racewalk; 4x100 relay;  
4 x400 relay; shot put; ball throw; long jump; high jump; discus; javelin.
- Badminton
- Basketball (3-on-3)
- Cycling  
10km closed course time trial  
30km road race  
20km team event
- Darts
- Football
- Golf
- Petanque
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Ten pin Bowling
- Squash
- Swimming  
Freestyle (50m, 100m, 200m, 400m); breaststroke (50m, 100m);  
backstroke (50m, 100m); butterfly (50m); 200m individual medley;  
4x50m freestyle relay; 4x50m medley relay, 200+ relay.
- Volleyball
- Virtual Triathlon

## SPORTS – CHILDREN

- Archery (15-17)
- Athletics:  
25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, ball throw, high jump, long jump, shot putt)
- Badminton (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)
- Cycling 5km time trial (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)
- Darts (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)
- Squash (15-17)
- Swimming:  
Freestyle (25m, 50m, 100m, 200m); breaststroke (25m, 50m, 100m);  
backstroke (25m, 50m, 100m); butterfly (25m, 50m).
- Table Tennis (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)
- Ten Pin Bowling (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)
- Tennis (9-11, 12-14, 15-17)



## SPORTS – DONORS

(including deceased donor families and living donors)

- Road Race
- 50m Freestyle
- Athletics  
100m sprint, ball throw, long jump

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD 2019				WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES - DRAFT SCHEDULE @ 16/10/18			
DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8
SAT 17TH AUG	SUN 18TH AUG	MON 19TH AUG	TUE 20TH AUG	WED 21ST AUG	THURS 22ND AUG	FRI 23RD AUG	SAT 24TH AUG
ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION	ROAD RACE	GOLF	SWIMMING	GOLF TEAM	ATHLETICS	ATHLETICS	DEPARTURES
	VOLLEYBALL	SQUASH	CYCLING 30K	SWIMMING	TABLE TENNIS SINGLES	TABLE TENNIS DOUBLES	
	ARCHERY INDIVIDUAL	CYCLING SKTT CYCLING TEAM	BADMINTON SINGLES	TENNIS SINGLES	TENNIS DOUBLES		
	PETANQUE SINGLES	PETANQUE DOUBLES	TEN PIN BOWLING PAIRS	BADMINTON DOUBLES			
		FOOTBALL		BASKETBALL			
		TEN PIN BOWLING INDIVIDUAL		DARTS			
		ARCHERY TEAM					
						CLOSING CEREMONY / CIRCLE OF LIFE	
OPENING CEREMONY	DONOR RUN / WALK		CULTURAL EVENING	GENERAL ASSEMBLY		GALA DINNER	

## SPORTS VENUES

### EAGLES COMMUNITY ARENA

New purpose-built, state-of-the-art venue, home to Esh Group Eagles Newcastle. Sport - Basketball. [www.newcastle-eagles.com](http://www.newcastle-eagles.com)

### GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

The North East's only IAAF-standard athletics stadium. The stadium is home to Gateshead Football Club, Gateshead Harriers Athletics Club, Gateshead Storm Rugby Club and Gateshead Angels Netball Club. The venue has hosted Olympians and seen five world records broken in track and field. Sports - track and field, archery, volleyball and football. [www.gogateshead.com](http://www.gogateshead.com)

### PERFORMANCE SQUARE AT SAGE GATESHEAD

On the south bank of the Tyne with views of the city this International music venue has excellent on-site facilities – toilets, café, viewing galleries. Sport - petanque. [www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com)

### SPORT CENTRAL

This stunning £30m state of the art sports facility is located in the heart of Newcastle city centre on the Northumbria University campus. Sports - badminton and table tennis. [www.northumbriasport.com](http://www.northumbriasport.com)

### SUNDERLAND AQUATIC CENTRE

Opened in 2008, the centre has the only full Olympic-standard pool in North East England. The 50m main swimming pool can be split into two 25m pools. Sports - swimming. [www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)

### THE NORTHUMBERLAND CLUB

Recently refurbished, the club is the premier racket sports venue in the region. Sports - tennis and squash. [www.northumberlandclub.org](http://www.northumberlandclub.org)

### AMF BOWLING WASHINGTON (TBC)

Premier bowling centre with 26 hi-tech lanes. Sport - ten pin bowling. [www.amf-bowling.co.uk](http://www.amf-bowling.co.uk)

### NAMCO FUNSCAPE (TBC)

Located at Intu Metro Centre. Sport - ten pin bowling. [www.namcofunscape.com](http://www.namcofunscape.com)

### CLOSE HOUSE GOLF RESORT

The official venue of the 2017 British Masters on the European Tour, Close House is the home of the world's only 2 Lee Westwood 18-hole golf courses. Set in the beautiful and serene Tyne Valley yet minutes from Newcastle. Sport - golf. [www.closehouse.com](http://www.closehouse.com)

## SOCIAL AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

Details for the opening and closing ceremonies, cultural evening and children's programme will be available soon.

## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

The official points of entry are:

Air - Newcastle International Airport has over 80 direct flights from 240 worldwide destinations including daily services to London airports. (8 miles from Newcastle City Centre, 25 mins transfer time).

Rail - Newcastle Central Station is under three hours by rail from London.

Sea – the International Ferry terminal at North Shields connects to Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

On arrival at the airport, railway station and ferry terminal, teams will be met by an event representative who will assist with transfer to the registration point and accommodation (transfer on official arrival days 16 & 17 August 2019).

## TRAVELLING AROUND NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD

The compact centre makes travelling around simple. Tyne and Wear Metro connects the airport and railway station with Newcastle City Centre and the wider Tyne and Wear area. Metro trains run daily from 5.30am to midnight. Metro travel passes will be provided for the duration of the Games. The city centre is easy to navigate on foot.

## VISITING NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD

NewcastleGateshead is a must-see chic destination and home to a host of iconic and cultural landmarks including the Angel of the North and Hadrian's Wall, inspiring heritage, acclaimed architecture, award-winning dining and fantastic shopping. The stunning Quayside at its heart is a bustle of cultural venues including BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and Sage Gateshead. Coast and countryside are just a short distance away and the region is packed with experiences for athletes and supporters to explore, before, during or after the Games.

[www.newcastlegateshead.com](http://www.newcastlegateshead.com)

## EXTENDED STAYS

Use the games registration system to book accommodation before or after the games period in NewcastleGateshead. For extended stays elsewhere in the UK, Travel Bureau Destinations can create tailor-made excursions to locations including London, Edinburgh, the Lake District and more. Email: [wtg2019@travelb.co.uk](mailto:wtg2019@travelb.co.uk)

## TEAM TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE UK

North East of England based sports travel and equipment transportation specialists Nirvana Europe Ltd. can assist with arrangements for teams wishing to travel together to NewcastleGateshead. Email: [nirvanaeurope.com](http://nirvanaeurope.com)

## WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES SYMPOSIUM 2019

Newcastle University, Saturday 17 August 2019.

The Symposium examines the contribution of Newcastle Hospitals and University to the field of transplantation medicine and the use of exercise and health promotion as part of a healthy lifestyle following organ transplantation. Presentations and workshop leaders include clinicians, academics and World Transplant Games athletes. The symposium will appeal to clinicians, academics, sports scientists, physiotherapists and anyone interested in organ donation and transplantation. Registration will open soon.

Find out more at: [www.worldtransplantgames.org/symposium/](http://www.worldtransplantgames.org/symposium/)

## SPORT SCIENCE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Newcastle University, Saturday 17 August 2019.

A free engagement event for participants to learn about how fitness is measured and optimised. See how exercise can assist in recovery after surgery. Participants can get hands on with interactive stations focused on health, performance and psychology. [www.worldtransplantgames.org/symposium/](http://www.worldtransplantgames.org/symposium/)