



The Games of Heroes™
JUNE 27 - JULY 6, 2025

Hello and welcome to the 2025 World Police and Fire Games!

This is your official letter of confirmation. Below you will find the information that will help guide you through this year's Games.

Sport Specific Information for Cross Country

Please review the [Cross Country](#) for competition format and sport specific details.

Contact information

If you have any questions regarding, Cross Country please contact your Sport Coordinator(s):
Michael Zelwak at crosscountry@bhm2025.com

Or

WPFG Federation Director: Chuck Foote at cfoote@cpaf.org

Weigh-In

Date: The day before or when you pick up your credential

Time: See Registration in Birmingham section below

Practice

Veterans Park is open to public and accessible during the days leading up to the meet

Competition Schedule and Course Description

July 1st (Tuesday)

- Both 5K and 10K Race will start together at 8am
- One loop is a 5K
- This is a technical course. 400m grass straight away start then through the tunnel and onto a 10' wide trail. When it enters the wooded area, short hills and down hills with quick turns.

Sport Equipment

The course is such that you can wear Cross Country spikes or racing shoes. Where you cross cement drive ways the course will have material laid down.

Equipment Storage

Athlete sport bags can be checked in at athlete check in during the race. Please ensure your bag has a tag with your name and identification number.



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Additional Sport Information

Bib pick up will be on site the morning of the race at athlete check-in.

Athlete check-in opens at 6:30am

Race start time 8:00am

Water stations will be available for runners on the course.

The course path contains: Grass, dirt, gravel, hills, and hazards

Example: Crossing Asphalt Path

COURSE MAP AVAILABLE ON SPORT PAGE

Venue

Veterans Park
4800 Valleydale Rd,
Hoover, AL 35242

Food and beverage food trucks will be available at all competition venues. There are also restaurants close to the venue.

Transportation

As part of your Accreditation, you will be granted free access to [Birmingham Transit](#) services, which is perfect for getting around to different attractions throughout the city as well as the majority of our competition venues. For more details on routes and schedules please visit the [Birmingham 2025 World Police & Fire Games Website](#).

Please utilize Birmingham Transit for your arrival and departure. Your Accreditation will allow you to ride Birmingham Transit for free.

Parking

There is free parking at Veterans Park and Spain Park High School

Regarding Teams: Teams are only available in the 10k event. It takes a minimum of (3) and maximum of (4) to create a Team. This event is available in 10-year age groups: 18+; 30+; 40+; 50+; 60+; both genders set by the youngest runner of the team. If you are interested in joining a team or creating a team, go back online and ADD the event as the cost is \$16.00 per athlete. The team event has no effect on your individual entry.



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Registration in Birmingham

All competitors are **REQUIRED** to register at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Accreditation Center and receive their credentials no later than the day before their competition begins.

You must bring your department / agency identification when checking in at the accreditation center.

Location:

**BJCC North Exhibit Hall
2100 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N
Birmingham, AL, 35203**

Hours of Operation:

Monday June 23: 0900 – 1900

Tuesday June 24: 0900 – 1900

Wednesday June 25: 0700 – 1900

Thursday June 26: 0700 – 1900

Local Athletes, come early and beat the rush!

Friday June 27: 0700 – 1630

*****Early Closure for Opening Ceremonies. You must have accreditation to gain entry to the Marshalling area for the Athletes Parade*****

Saturday June 28: 0700 – 1900

Sunday June 29: 0700 – 1900

Monday June 30: 0900 – 1900

Tuesday July 1 – Thursday July 3: 0900 – 1700

Friday July 4 – Saturday July 5: 0900 – 1530

Sunday July 6: 0900 – 1200

*Note: Hours are subject to change based on needs



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Additional Games Information

Security of Personal Items

Please note that security for your personal items is your responsibility while competing. WPFG2025 is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.

Opening Ceremony

Credentialed athletes & team coaches are encouraged to participate. Parade Marshaling Area will be in the BJCC North Hall. Athletes will need to go through a magnetometer & once inside you will move from the BJCC to enter Legacy Arena. The parade marshaling area will open at 1400. Concessions and games will be available. All participants must report to the designated Parade Marshaling Area no later than 1630 to participate. All friends & families will be asked to head to their seats at 1745.

Date: Friday, June 27, 2025

Parade Marshalling Location:

**BJCC North Hall
2100 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N
Birmingham, AL, 35203**

Spectator Location:

**Legacy Arena
1898 9th Ave. N.
Birmingham, AL, 35203**

Event Schedule:

- Parade Marshalling Area Opens at BJCC: 1430
- Parade Marshalling Starts: 1630
- Parade Start: 1700
- Main Show Begins: 1800
- End of Show: 2000



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***Things to Note:**

- Only Athlete credentials will be permitted into the marshalling area or into the Athlete Parade at any point.
- The Accreditation Centre closes at 1630 on June 28.
- Please do not bring bags to the Opening Ceremony or Athlete Marshalling Area.

The opening ceremony is the official kick off to the 2025 World Police and Fire Games and will welcome athletes to Birmingham with an exciting event in BJCC. Please ensure you RSVP attendance through your registration profile on [Fuse Sport](#). Please note, your plus ones will not be seated with parade and ceremony participants.

Athletes' Village

Location:

**Birmingham CityWalk
2200 9th Ave N
Birmingham, AL, 35203**

Dates: Friday June 27 - Sunday July 6

Hours of Operation:

1800 to 2330

***Last call will be at 2300**

The Athletes' Village is themed Birmingham's backyard and is the perfect place to unwind after a day of competition. We will be featuring local breweries nightly at our craft beer corner and our bars will be serving beer and premixed drinks. There will also be food available for purchase in the form of food trucks with a variety of options. Each night is a different theme where you can dance the night away to live music, play games, and socialize with athletes from across the world. A detailed schedule will be released on the [WPFG2025 website](#) closer to the games.

On July 3, 2025, Athletes' Village will host Wrist Wrestling. Competition commences at 1630.



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Closing Ceremonies

Location:

City Walk BHAM

2200 9th Ave N.

Birmingham, AL 35203

Date: Sunday July 6th

Time: Gates opens at 1630

Celebrate the conclusion of the Birmingham 2025 World Police & Fire Games at the Closing Ceremonies, hosted at City Walk—the heart of Athletes Village. The evening will feature the ceremonial Passing of the Flag to the next host city, Perth 2027. Engage in the camaraderie of pin, patch, & challenge coin trading as we commemorate the incredible memories made in Birmingham. Enjoy local entertainment, a recap video highlighting the best moments of the Games, & a final celebration.

Merchandise

Fans and athletes of the Games can now purchase official merchandise, featuring both affordable and premium options. Keep an eye out for additional products as we continue to expand our selection closer to the Games. To explore and shop for your merchandise, visit [BHM2025.com/shop](https://www.bhm2025.com/shop). We also encourage you to take pictures of yourself wearing our gear and tag us on social media for a chance to be featured!

It is the responsibility of the competitor to regularly check the website for all updated information: www.bhm2025.com