

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

The United World Games are a unique example of an international sporting event. Every year, thousands of young athletes from all over the world gather in Carinthia to participate in one of Europe's largest youth multi-sport events.

At the heart of the UWG lies international friendship and cultural exchange through sports. All our participants – whether past or future, whether players, coaches, volunteers, or referees – are part of the UWG family.

In addition to athletic excellence, economic, social, and tourism-related aspects also play a central role. Particularly noteworthy is the involvement of regional businesses, clubs, and associations, which contribute significantly to the success of the event.

Long-standing partners highlight the respect for the scale that the United World Games have now achieved, as well as the immense value this unparalleled event generates for Austria's southernmost province. The UWG are much more than a sports event – they are a unifying experience for people from all over the world.

### **Facts & Figures:**

- Dates: 2025: June 19 – 22, 2025  
2026: June 18 – 21, 2026
- More than 8,000 participants from 30 Nations
- 700 teams
- 12 sports
- 2,500 competitions at more than 25 different sports venues
- 40,000 meals at the food court
- Over 3.5 million euros in added value

### 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.