

The Arafura Games is a week long, International, multi-sport competition held biennially in Darwin, NT Australia. The Games are a major sporting event managed by the Northern Territory Government.

History

The Arafura Games began in 1991 as the Arafura Sports Festival with 1,500 athletes from 7 countries competing in 13 sports. In 2009, over 2,500 athletes represented more than 40 countries, with competition in 27 sports.

Member Countries

Brunei Darussalam, China, Fiji, French Polynesia, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Macau (China), Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Chinese Taipei (China), Vietnam

Logo and Name

The Arafura Games logo, with its flag motifs, was developed to represent the coming together of competitors throughout the Asia Pacific region, centering on the Arafura Sea. The four vibrant colours used in the Arafura Games' logo combine the cool turquoise of the Arafura Sea, the glowing sun, the strong ochre's of the Northern Territory's earth and the welcoming blue of the skies.

Games Mascot

'Rocky' the rock wallaby first bounded onto the scene at the very first Arafura Sports Festival in 1991. Rocky is a member of the greater wallaby clan that lives throughout the Northern Territory.

Eligibility

To be eligible for participation a competitor must comply with the Arafura Games' Charter as well as with the rules of the sport, including endorsement by their state/national sporting body.

Sports

Athletics and Paralympic Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, International Lifesaving, Muay Thai, Sepak Takraw, Shooting-Clay Target, Shooting-IPSC, Shooting-ISSF, Squash, Swimming and Paralympic Swimming, Table Tennis and Paralympic Table Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Paralympic Powerlifting.

Oceania Paralympic Championships

The 2011 Arafura Games will incorporate the Oceania Paralympic Championships in four sports – Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting and Table Tennis.

Volunteers and Officials

Our volunteer workforce is divided into two broad categories – the sport workforce and the games workforce. Sport workers will help deliver an international standard sporting competition in their preferred sport. Games workers will deliver the Games services roles that ensure the smooth operation of the event.

Sports Seminars

The Arafura Games will feature a series of seminars held concurrently with the sports fixtures. The seminars are developed to appropriately cater to the information sharing requirements of the coaches, sports administrators, officials and other support staff attending the Games.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Saturday 7th May 2011 at TIO Stadium, Marrara. It will feature a Parade of Athletes, formal welcomes and oaths, the lighting of the Flame, an array of entertainment and a dynamic fireworks display. The Closing Ceremony will be held on Saturday 14th May 2011. It will be a celebration to mark the end of a busy week and highlight sporting achievements

Registration and Attendance

The Games are a free event for athletes to compete in and spectators to view. Registrations close 8 April, 2010.