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100 days until Invictus Games The Hague 2020



To mark 100 days to go until the kick-off of the Invictus Games The Hague 2020 presented by Jaguar Land Rover, the international sporting event (9-16 May) for wounded, injured or sick Servicemen and women, Johan Remkes, Mayor of The Hague and Chef de Mission of the Dutch Team Stefan Nommensen, revealed a mega-campaign image in the atrium of the City Hall.

Mega image in City Hall

The compact multi-sport event is being organized in the Zuiderpark in The Hague from 9-16 May 2020. The unveiling concerns a 3 by 6 metre image of the plan for the Invictus Games Park in The Hague that will remain in the city hall up to and including the event.

“It borders on Superhuman”

Mayor Johan Remkes said: “No one comes out of a war intact. Even though they are still trained for it. The power that wounded and sick soldiers bring in and then use to recover is enormous. That they are also able to exercise at a high level borders on the superhuman. I am therefore very happy and grateful that The Hague can offer a stage to these men and women who are admired by so many. We will receive them with open arms.”

“We are well on schedule”

Boardmember of the Invictus Games The Hague 2020, Angélien Eijsink, gave a short update about the preparations. “With 100 days to go, we are well on schedule. For the 500 participants from 20 countries, the Zuiderpark will be transformed from beginning of April into the Invictus Games Park for the most compact and sustainable Games ever. We are building a festival site with 22,500 m² of temporary stadiums for sports, venues for performances, spaces for guest receptions and experience elements for the Ministry of Defence.”

“For clarity's sake, the entry to the Invictus Games Park will be free to everyone from the 9th to 16th May. To support and encourage those participating in their sporting competition(s) you can purchase tickets online for the various sports events taking place in the Park, including in the Sports Campus, the athletics complex, the temporary main stadium as well as for Swimming, which is taking place in the Hofbad.”

New Ambassador

Eijsink then also presented former top athlete now employed by the police, Gregory Sedoc as an Invictus Games The Hague 2020 Ambassador and Board Member. Sedoc is looking forward to being an Ambassador for the international multi-sport event highlighting the power of sport in recovery. Sedoc said:

“When Mart de Kruif called me to join the board, I didn't have to think long. Firstly because I am an ex-military and secondly because of my background as former top athlete. The objective of Invictus to use sport for mental and physical recovery is something I firmly believe in. I very much look forward to the event and in the coming days 100 days we are going to create something that will be unforgettable.”

Stefan Nommensen, Chef de Mission of the Dutch Invictus Games Team, gave the following update about the preparations for the Games:

“The competitors are working hard to take the first steps towards achieving their personal goals. We also see that the team members share their experiences with each other and find support from each other. It is becoming a real team. Next week we will also be together with the Friends & Family. They form an inseparable support for our competitors.”

“We are very much looking forward to the Invictus Games The Hague 2020. We are delighted and proud that the Games are being held in the Netherlands and that the participants, although wounded physically or mentally, are certainly not defeated!”

About the Invictus Games The Hague 2020...

The Invictus Games The Hague 2020 will honour the soldiers and their loved-ones. With an expected 100,000 visitors, journalists from all over the world, and thousands of fans, the Invictus Games The Hague 2020 are a major event in the Zuiderpark. The Invictus Games are held from the 9th May until the 16th of May 2020 and will be a celebration for young and old. The Zuiderpark will be transformed into an event area with a large variety of activities that will attract thousands of visitors. The event terrain is freely accessible on all days.

ABOUT INVICTUS GAMES THE HAGUE 2020

‘ The Invictus Games is the story of life beyond disability, of overcoming fear and trauma, of redefining ambitions. It is the story of rediscovering what it is to be a serviceman, with all the grit and discipline, confidence and spirit that this brings’.

In September 2014, London hosted 4 days of inspirational sport. The inaugural Invictus Games saw 413 men and women from 13 nations come together for a unique event that celebrated their indefatigable courage, determination and fighting spirit. The vision for the Invictus Games was to use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect of those who serve their country. Through the inaugural Games good progress has been made in achieving this vision. The ambition now is to see the Invictus Games become a regular event for as long as is necessary, to continue to inspire and motivate servicemen and women from all nations on their journey to recovery.



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