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## Starting Easter weekend Invictus Games in The Hague



*Briefing of volunteers (picture Eventmakers.nl)*

For seven days, the Zuiderpark will be the centre of the Invictus Games The Hague, presented by Jaguar Landrover. From 16 to 22 April 2022, there is a lot to do in the park that has been renamed the Invictus Games Park for these days, of which the entry is free. In recent weeks, a temporary compact stadium for 5,000 spectators has been built. The sporting event for wounded, injured and sick Service personnel and veterans had to be postponed twice due to the corona pandemic, but after London (2014), Orlando (2016), Toronto (2017) and Sydney (2018), it will finally have its fifth edition starting this Easter weekend.

### 500 participants

The Invictus Games were created by Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, to encourage recovery through sport, support rehabilitation and generate wider understanding and respect for wounded soldiers and veterans. The Invictus Games The Hague were originally scheduled to take place in Spring 2020. So, it should come as no surprise that the 500 participants from 20 countries are eager to meet up in the Netherlands. They will take part in 10 sports. The Games will also bring together family members and friends of the participants. Their role in the recovery after injury or illness of the community is of immense importance.



*Archive picture Invictus Games Sydney 2018*

**Free admission for a large part of the park**

A large part of the event is free of charge. The Fanzone can be entered without tickets. However, all visitors must be able to identify themselves and must take into account a security check on arrival. In the park, you can listen to daily performances by military orchestras, go swinging and abseiling on a climbing wall, do archery, BMX on a pumptrack, sing along with Dutch rock artists or participate in adaptive sports. Anyone wishing to attend one of the sports events can purchase tickets for it via [invictusgames2020.com](https://invictusgames2020.com). A total of 60,000 seats have already been reserved for the various parts of the seven-day event, including the opening and closing ceremonies.

### **Invictus Games Park**

In recent weeks, Zuiderpark, which has three playing fields with a total surface area of 14 hectares, has been transformed into the Invictus Games Park. These days, the final touches are being made. At the moment, the ultimate decoration of the event is being worked on. A stadium with five thousand seats has been built to host the opening and closing ceremonies. In a number of existing venues, such as the Hofbad, the Sportcampus and the athletics track of AV Sparta, plus a number of temporary venues, the 500 participants in the Invictus Games will take part in ten different sports, including wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, wheelchair tennis, cycling, indoor rowing and wheelchair rugby. All venues are in close proximity to each other, making the Invictus Games compact and sustainable.

A fan zone has been set up near the sports venues, and various lounges have been built for the participants, their Family & Friends, sponsors and visitors. On the freely accessible site, various sports associations will give you the opportunity to get to know their sports, the Ministry of Defence will bring along equipment and give a glimpse of the future through Virtual Reality, while various performances will take place in the Entertainment Pavilion.

### **Ticket sales**

As mentioned above, access to the park is free of charge for everyone. Those who wish to attend matches can purchase tickets for each event. To date, some 60,000 tickets have been sold for the various sports and the opening and closing ceremonies. Last week, the last tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies went on sale.

### **Opening and Closing Ceremony live on BBC and NOS**

The opening ceremony, which includes a flag parade, the entrance of the participants, speeches and contributions by DI-RECT and the Kaiser Chiefs, can also be seen live on British (BBC) and Dutch (NOS) television.

The 1.5-hour show is full of musical surprises and dance. Naturally, and characteristic of the Invictus Games, the participants and their families and friends will take centre stage during the ceremony. Tickets are available via the website [invictusgames2020.com](http://invictusgames2020.com). Tickets for the games are also still available on the website.

### **Presence of King Willem-Alexander and Princess Margriet**

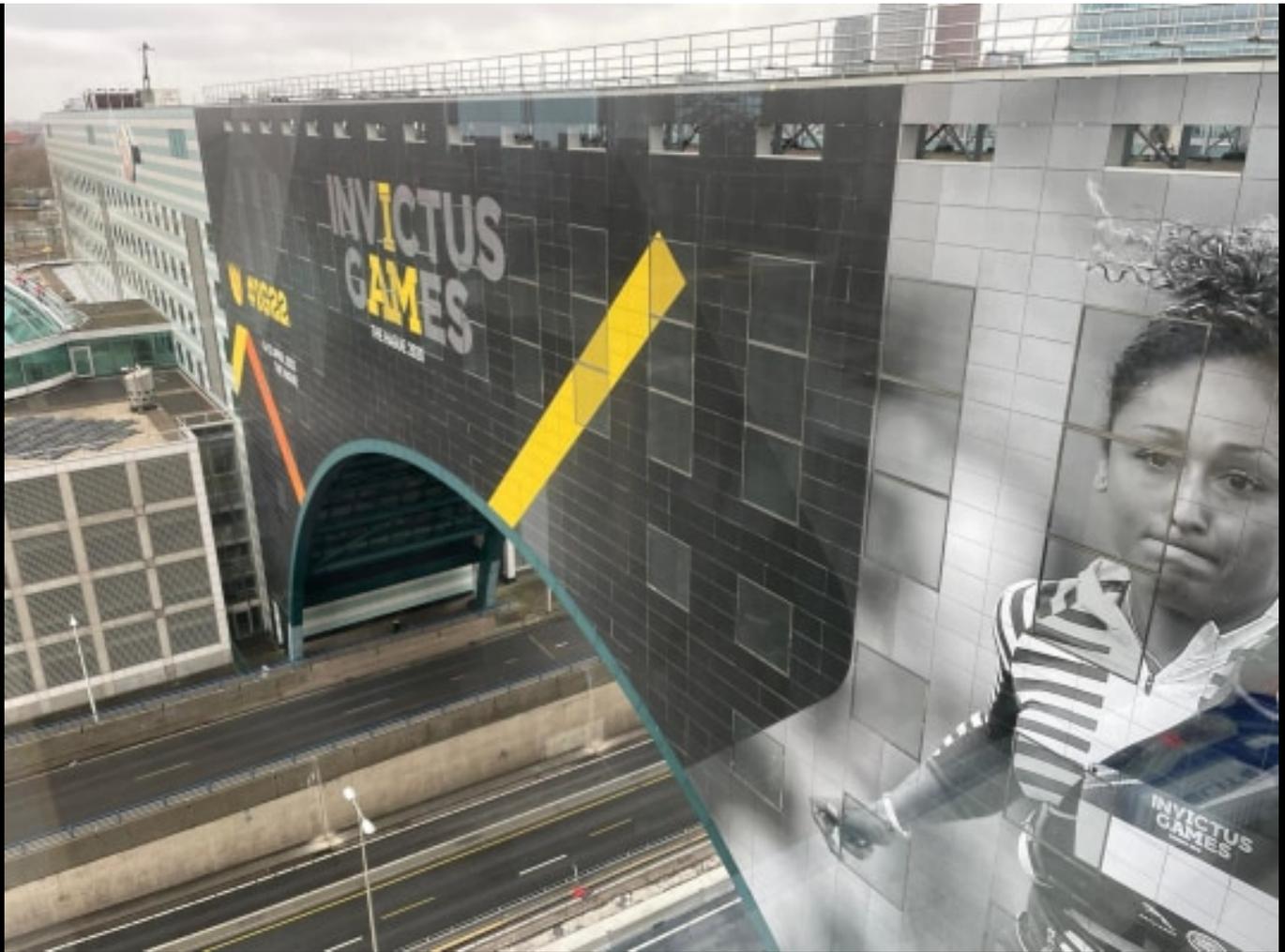
Princess Margriet is honorary chairman of the Committee of Recommendation of the Invictus Games The Hague 2020 and will be present at the opening ceremony of the Invictus Games. King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands will attend the closing ceremony.

### **Media**

The Invictus Games are enjoying great interest from the media. Some three hundred journalists, reporters, cameramen and presenters from all over the world have been accredited for the event. The NOS is sending a large crew that will make a daily programme full of 'impressions of the sports of the day, but also of meetings between veterans'. The event will be covered every evening on NPO2. In addition, the opening and closing ceremonies will be broadcast live.

### **Volunteers**

Last week, a group of no less than 700 volunteers was trained and dressed in striking yellow. The large group gathered in the Zuiderpark. In the days before the Invictus Games, another 300 volunteers from abroad will join them. The volunteers played an important role at previous editions of the Invictus Games. Not only visitors, but also participants and their Family & Friends can rely on the helpers.



*Wrapping of office building over A12 entering The Hague*

### **Arch over A12**

Those who drove the past few days on the A12 towards The Hague, could not fail to notice that the Invictus Games are held from 16 to 22 April in and around the Hague Zuiderpark. Above the approach road to the city, the Haagse Poort, with the cooperation of tenant Nationale Nederlanden and the owner of the building, has been covered with a life-size sticker announcing the Invictus Games. Image Building took on the challenge of covering the arch, which measures more than 1300 m<sup>2</sup>, despite the winter and wet conditions. In addition, a large number of flags were hung at prominent locations throughout the city. No less than 50 buses and 3 trams were also stickered. While driving, residents of The Hague are invited to come to the Zuiderpark.

### **Tattoo-talks**

At six locations in the city, several striking billboards with life-size portraits of Invictus Games competitors will be placed. These competitors have one thing in common: they have a tattoo that tells the story of what they went through in the past, or that proved to be an important support on their way to recovery. Via a QR code, passers-by are invited to listen to their stories. See videos <https://invictusgames2020.com/tattoo-talk/>

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## **History**

The Invictus Games have so far taken place in London (2014), Orlando (2016), Toronto (2017) and Sydney (2018). The Invictus Games Düsseldorf 2023 will take place in Germany from 9 to 16 September 2023. The Invictus Games Foundation will soon be announcing the 2025 Host City. For more information, visit [www.invictusgamesfoundation.org](http://www.invictusgamesfoundation.org)

## **About the Invictus Games Foundation**

The Invictus Games Foundation is the charity behind the Invictus Games. Established in 2014 following the Invictus Games London 2014, the Foundation oversees the Invictus Games and supports the international community with opportunities to use sport, esports and adventure challenges for recovery, including after the Games. The Duke of Sussex is patron of the Invictus Games Foundation. He will attend the event in The Hague.

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De Invictus Games is een internationaal sportevenement voor fysiek en/of mentaal gewonde militairen. De Invictus Games gebruikt de kracht van sport om herstel te stimuleren, revalidatie te ondersteunen en breder begrip en respect te genereren voor hen die hun land dienen of gediend hebben.

'Invictus' staat voor 'onoverwonnen'. Het symboliseert de vechtlustige geest, van fysiek en/of mentaal gewonde militairen. Het laat zien wat je, ondanks je verwondingen, kunt bereiken.

Aan de Invictus Games, die in het voorjaar van 2022 in Den Haag worden gehouden, doen 500 deelnemers mee, uit 20 verschillende landen. Zij zullen actief zijn in tien verschillende sporten.

Alle deelnemers mogen, op uitnodiging en kosten van de organisatie, twee vrienden of familieleden die hebben geholpen tijdens het revalidatieproces meenemen naar het evenement.

Iedere deelnemer aan de Invictus Games heeft zijn eigen verhaal, maar allen hebben ze de innerlijke kracht gevonden om door te gaan en zichzelf op te richten. Alleen, met hulp van familie en vrienden, maar altijd mede dankzij de kracht van sport.

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The Invictus Games is an international adaptive sporting event for Wounded, Injured and Sick Servicemen and women, both serving and veteran. The Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation

and generate a wider understanding and respect of all those who serve their country.

The word 'Invictus' means 'unconquered'. It embodies the fighting spirit of wounded, injured and sick Service personnel and personifies what these tenacious men and women can achieve post injury.

The Invictus Games is about much more than just sport – it captures hearts, challenges minds and changes lives.

The Invictus Games 2020 will be held in The Hague in the spring of 2022 and invites 500 competitors, from 19 different countries. They will participate in 10 different sports.

All competitors may bring two friends or family members who have helped during the rehabilitation process, at the invitation and expense of the organization.

The participants all have their own story of physical and/or psychological injury or illness. But all of them have found the inner strength to go on and reinvent themselves. Sometimes alone, often with the help of family and friends, but always through the power of sport. The Invictus Games The Hague 2020 is *the* platform to share their stories and add another chapter to their book of life.

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