

# INVICTUS GAMES

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His Majesty the King, Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, His Highness Prince Pieter-Christiaan and Prime Minister Rutte will attend the Invictus Games. The international sports event for physically and mentally wounded soldiers will take place from 16 to 22 April in the Zuiderpark in The Hague.

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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. Princess Margriet, Honorary Chair of the Committee of Recommendation for the Invictus Games The Hague 2020, Prince Pieter-Christiaan and Prime Minister Rutte will attend the opening ceremony, as will Minister Helder for Long-Term Care and Sport and Commander of the Armed Forces General Eichelsheim. The Prime Minister and the Duke of Sussex give speeches on the importance of the Invictus Games.

The opening ceremony will focus on the five hundred participating athletes from twenty countries and their families and friends. After the taptoe and a minute of silence for fallen soldiers worldwide, a flag parade will follow during which athletes will present the flags of the participating countries. In addition, there are various performances. Prior to the opening ceremony, Princess Margriet, Prince Pieter-Christiaan and Prime Minister Rutte briefly meet the Dutch team to wish them success.

On Wednesday morning, April 20, the Prime Minister will attend the finals of the indoor rowing event and present the medals. On Friday afternoon, April 22, King Willem-Alexander will attend the finals of wheelchair basketball. In the evening the King will meet the Dutch athletes of the Invictus team and talk with them about their experiences of the past week. Afterwards, he will attend the closing ceremony, which is also attended by Minister Ollongren of Defense. Both the Duke of Sussex and the Commander of the Armed Forces will give speeches during the closing ceremony.

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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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