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Some introductory notes to make YOUR
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SPORT GAMES
unforgettable
Catania 2024







Didier Besseyre

President of the European Federation of Corporate Sports

Dear friends,

From June 19th to June 23rd, 2024, the Italian Federation (CSAIn) and the World Federation of Corporate Sports (WFCS) will organize the 5th World Corporate Sports Games (WSCG) in Catania, Sicily. Just a few months before the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Catania Games will undoubtedly be the international event not to be missed.

By bringing together participants from many different nations competing in 36 sports, including 3 Paralympic sports, this festive and friendly event will celebrate diversity, cohesion, and performance—values internationally shared by both the sports and business worlds.

It is with the greatest enthusiasm that I invite you to participate in these 5th World Games in the beautiful Sicilian city, rich in history and culture, which will warmly welcome you to experience this unforgettable human and sporting adventure.

See you in Catania in June 2024!

Didier Besseyre





Enrico Trantino

Mayor of Catania

The city of Catania will host the fifth edition of the World Corporate Sports Games from June 19 to June 24, 2024. This is a significant event that adds to the visibility of our city and our splendid region. Sport is increasingly becoming a catalyst, an important driving force for people traveling between various countries on all five continents.

From a calendar of events limited to a select group of top athletes and professionals, sports have evolved into a cultural phenomenon that engages a broader audience. Individuals are no longer mere spectators but active participants, turning this phenomenon into a genuine social movement. Sport and tourism are increasingly intertwined, influencing travel decisions and preferences.

Our land, and in particular our city, has always been a destination for significant tourist flows. Our regions receive growing attention and professionalism to ensure a positive experience for all. The WCSG in Catania is an extraordinary example and, at the same time, a splendid opportunity to demonstrate that our beliefs are valid, and our commitment to developing the relationship between sport and tourism is not in vain.

I extend a warm welcome to the thousands of athlete-workers from all over the world who will arrive here in Catania and throughout the Etna province to compete in their favorite sports activities. The expectations of WFCS, the World Federation of Corporate Sports, from all nations, organizations, and sports societies under its umbrella, will not be disappointed. Welcome to Italy. Welcome to Sicily. Welcome to Catania! Enjoy your stay... and may the Gods of sports favor you.

Enrico Trantino





Umberto Ilardo

WCSG Vice President

In the General Assembly held in Athens in June 2019, the World Federation for Company Sport (WFCS) awarded the organization of the 5th edition of the World Corporate Sports Games to Catania, and thus to Italy and Sicily, under the auspices of CSAIn, the National Sports Promotion Authority.

As the Vice President of WFCS and as an Italian and Sicilian, I cannot help but feel proud of this opportunity. It will not only strengthen the image of our beautiful country and Sicily, with their unmatched natural beauty, historical and cultural traditions, enticing cuisine, and the generous hospitality that distinguishes Italians, including Sicilians, but it will also bring together athletes and non-athletes alike.

These Games will aim to create a fusion of Sport and Friendship among working athletes, who are already united in teams, fostering competition and fun, both with athletes and workers from other nations and companies. All of this will take place against the backdrop of the simply stunning natural scenery, where visits to Mount Etna and the city of Catania can alternate with relaxing beach days. The ideal June weather will provide the perfect setting for wholesome enjoyment.

Now more than ever, the Catania Games will be dedicated to promoting amateur and corporate sports to strengthen friendship not only among nations but also among athletes. Whether they simply want to "participate" in the spirit of Pierre de Coubertin or aspire to "win" in the spirit of healthy competition and as a culmination of their training, all participants will come together in the spirit of sportsmanship, shaking hands and enjoying various recreational, entertaining, tourist, and convivial activities.

With these hopes in mind, I extend my greetings to athletes and workers from all around the world, confident that they will join us in great numbers.

Umberto Ilardo





Luigi Fortuna

National President Csain

Dear Friends of WFCS,

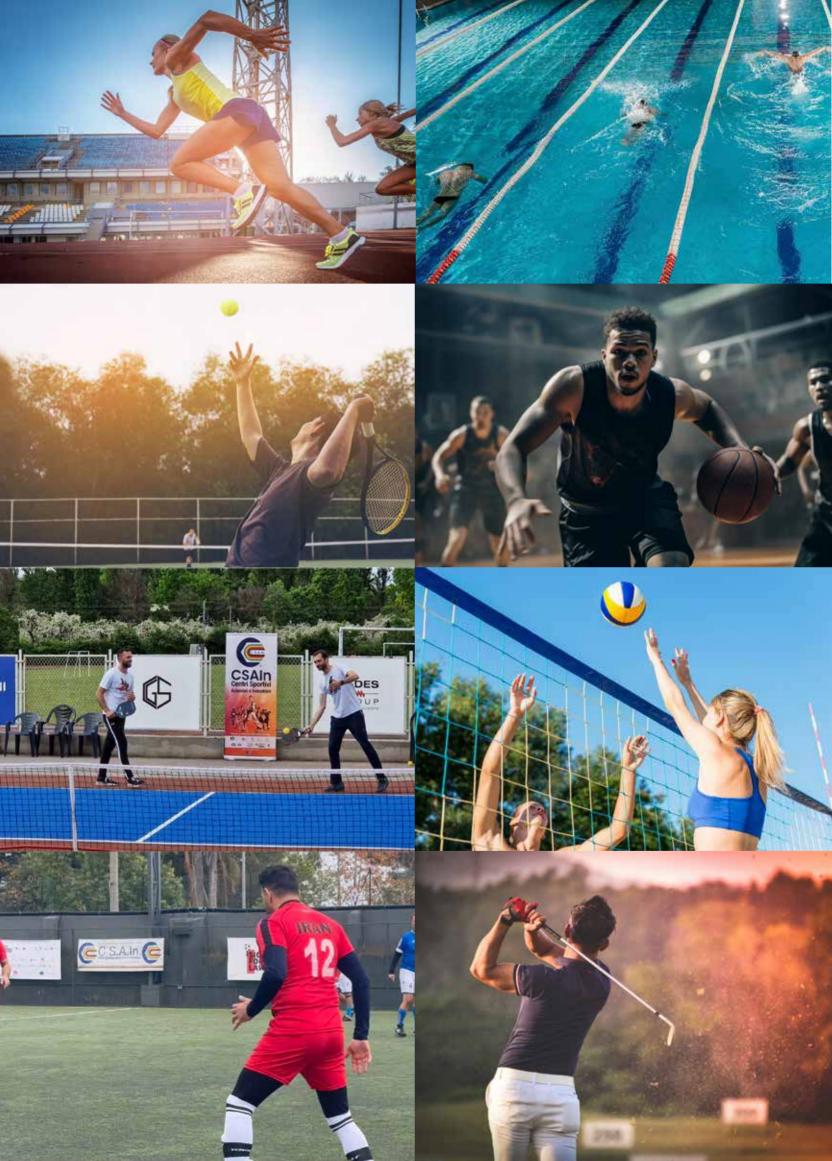
We are working diligently to be ready to welcome you to Catania in June 2024 with our smiles and a warm embrace of welcome. I take great pleasure in being an integral part of WFCS, a federation of which CSAIn is one of the founding members. It's a pleasure to once again meet the many, many friends of this organization that, on a global scale, brilliantly highlights the social and cultural values of sports in the unique realm of the workplace.

The generous heart of Sicily awaits you warmly. Its people are ready, Catania with its millennia-old history and unique geographical features nestled between Mount Etna and the Mediterranean Sea awaits you, as does CSAIn (Centri Sportivi Aziendali e Industriali), the organization I have the honor of presiding over, which will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2024.

Speaking with many friends from WFCS, I sense the great anticipation for the 5th edition of WCSG, which will bring athletes back to the old continent of Europe after the Mexican experience in Leon. This anticipation makes us even more responsible and prepared to welcome you with all the enthusiasm and professionalism that such an important event requires.

We have prepared to offer a land, Sicily, rich in culture, traditions, art, history, and natural beauty, as well as sporting traditions. We expect participation from multiple continents but especially from our "European brothers," to come together in a grand embrace of friendship, joy, and sports.

Luigi Fortuna





PROPOSED SPORTS

As per tradition, participants will have the opportunity to compete in various sports and disciplines. There are 29 proposed sports, along with 3 Paralympic events and the 5/10 km off stage race on Saturday. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to eliminate one or more sports disciplines if the required number of participants for

conducting the competitions and tournaments is not met. Detailed and specific regulations for each sport, pertaining to the conduct of competitions and tournaments, can be found on the website www.wcsgcatania2024.it. Here, only some basic information is provided

- Archery
- Atlethics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Basketball 3x3
- Beach Volley
- Bowling
- Bridge
- Chess
- Cycling
- Darts
- Football 5
- Football 7
- Football 11
- Golf
- Handball
- Mountainbike
- Orienteering

- Padel
- Pétanque
- Pickleball
- Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tabletop football
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Walking football
- Off stage race 5/10 km

Paralimpic sports

- Atlethics
- Swimming
- Archery

AGE CATEGORIES

Participants are divided into 5 age categories. The year of birth determines the age category (not the entire date of birth).

Category A: 18-30 years - (2006 - 1994)

Category B: 31-40 years - (1993 - 1984)

Category C: 41-50 years - (1983 - 1974)

Category D: 51-60 years - (1973 - 1964)

Category E: Over 60 – (born in 1963 and later)

The organization may decide to group certain categories based on the number of participants.





PROPOSED SPORTS

Archery

Individual and Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: The individual tournament consists of an Olympic-style target shooting competition with qualification and finals. The qualification phase involves two series of 72 arrows at a distance of 50 meters, using a 122 cm target. The team tournament ranking is determined by the sum of the scores of the team members (3 men, 3 women, or mixed) obtained in the individual tournament.

Athletics

Individual competitions: Men and Women; Categories: A; B; C; D; E; Specialties: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000 meters, 4x100, long jump, high jump, shot put, and javelin throw. The Saturday running event (5 or 10 km) will take place on unpaved terrain in the La Plaia forest. There are also three events for Paralympic Athletes: 100 m open (physical disability), 100 m open (visually impaired), and the Saturday running event (5 or 10 km).

Badminton

Team tournament (mixed); Mix Open; Mix over 40 (40+). Basic rules: Matches are played best of three sets. Each set is played to 21 points.

Basketball

Team tournament: Men and Women Open and Over 40 (40+). Basic rules: Matches consist of two halves of 10 actual minutes, with a 5-minute interval between the first and second half.

Basketball 3X3

Team tournament: Men Open and Over 40 (40+) and Women Open. Basic rules: A team consists of 3 or 4 players. The game time is 10 minutes of actual play. The clock stops during dead-ball situations and free throws. The clock restarts once the ball is in the possession of the attacking team. The first team to score 21 or more points wins the game if it happens before the end of the regulation time.

Beach Volleyball

Team tournament: Men, Women Open, Over 40 (40+), and Mix. Basic rules: Each team consists of 2 players: 2 men, 2 women, or a mixed pair. The tournament format will be determined based on the number of registered teams.

Bowling

The complete regulations for this sport will be available shortly. We are evaluating some possible solutions that will make the competitions or the tournament more accessible and straightforward for everyone. Please have a little patience, and you will soon have all the necessary information to participate.

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Bridge

Pairs tournament: Mix Open and Women Open. Basic rules: WBF Laws Edition 2017 system criteria officially in use. HUM declarations and Brown Stickers are not allowed. Psychic declarations are not allowed at any time during bidding. A single round-robin with separate rankings for Mix Open and Women Open categories.

Chess

Individual and Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: The event consists of three tournaments: rapid 30', rapid 15', blitz 3'+2". There is also a team ranking that will be compiled by summing the individual points. The pre-formed team consists of 3 players participating in the individual competition.

Cycling

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Darts

Individual and Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: Each team consists of 4 players (men and/or women). All matches are played as 501 with (straight in and double out). The tournament will be conducted using the ABC Pool/CUP system to equalize the differences in strength among participating players. Matches, based on the group system, will be played best of 3 legs, while final matches will be played best of 5 legs.



Football 11-a-side

Team tournament: Men Open and Over 40 (40+). Basic rules: Two halves of 20 minutes each will be played, with a 5-minute interval between the first and second half.

Football 7-a-side

Team tournament: Men Open, Over 40 (40+), and Over 50 (50+), and Open Women. Basic rules: Two halves of 20 minutes each will be played, with a 5-minute interval between the first and second half.

Football 5-a-side

Team tournament: Men Open. Basic rules: Two halves of 20 actual minutes will be played, with a 5-minute interval between the first and second half.

Golf

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Handball

Team tournament: Men Open and Over 40 (40+) and Women Open. Basic rules: There will be two halves of 15 minutes each, with a 5-minute break between the first and second half.

Mountain Biking

Individual competitions: Men and Women. Categories: A; B; C; D; E; Basic rules: The first day will feature a Hill Climb, and the second day will have an XC race. The cross-country (XC) features mixed terrain combining flat trails, obstacle sections, climbs, and descents.

Paddle Tennis

Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: Two separate draws: men and women, maximum 96 pairs (48 men's pairs plus 48 women's pairs). The final draws with starting times will be drawn after registration closes. June 20, 2024 - group stage (group of 3 pairs) June 21, 2024 - knockout stage (GOLD-SILVER-BRONZE) for men and women June 22, 2024 - semifinals and finals for 1st and 3rd place in Gold-Silver-Bronze brackets.

Petanque

Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: The doubles tournament with 2 players (each player has three balls) will take place on the first day. The triples tournament with 3 players (each player has two balls) will take place on the second day. The competition format will be determined based on the tournament registrations and will allow for a sufficient number of games for each player.

Pickleball

Team tournament: Open Mix (free pairs). Basic rules: A team consists of at least 2 players. On the first day, there will be group stage matches, and on the second day, there will be group stage matches followed by semifinals and finals. Game rackets, if not available, will be provided by the organizers.

Orienteering

Individual and Team tournament: Men and Women. Categories: A; B; C; D; E; with separate male and female rankings. Basic rules: Races on classic distance and sprint distance.

Shooting

The complete regulations for this sport will be available shortly. We are evaluating some possible solutions that will make the competitions or the tournament more accessible and straightforward for everyone. Please have a little patience, and you will soon have all the necessary information to participate.

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Swimming

Individual competitions: Men and Women. Categories: A; B; C; D; E; Specialties - Freestyle: 50; 100; 200; 4x100; Backstroke: 50; 100 Breaststroke: 50; 100 Butterfly: 50; 100 Individual Medley: 200 Mixed Relay: 4x50 Two events are also planned for Paralympic Athletes: Freestyle: 100 open (physical disability); Freestyle: 100 open (visually impaired).

Table Football

Individual and Team tournament: Men and Women Open. Basic rules: Open singles: All players compete in a single triple KO bracket but with separate awards divided into 3 categories: Men's singles, Women's singles, Over 60 singles. Open doubles: All players compete in a single triple KO bracket but with separate awards divided into 3 categories: Men's doubles, Women's doubles, Mixed doubles. Open team: Each team will consist of 3/4 or 5 players, including 1 mandatory woman. Single triple KO bracket with matches to 8 goals.

Tennis

Team tournament: Men, Women Open, Over 40 (40+), and Mix. Basic rules: Each team consists of 2 people (maximum 4 people). The match duration is 50 minutes, and the winner is determined by the points advantage at the end. The tournament takes place over three days, with the group stage on the first two days and the final bracket stage on the third day.

Table Tennis

Team tournament: Men and Women Open, Over 40 (40+), and Mix. Basic rules: Matches will be officiated by referees. Players will take turns officiating matches. Shirts must have the predominant color different from the ball's color. All matches are played best of 5 sets, with each set won at 11 points.

Volleyball

Team tournament: Men, Women Open, Over 40 (40+), and Mix. Basic rules: Each team consists of 6 players (at least 3 women for the mix). Matches are played in two sets. Each set is played to 25 points. In case of a tie, a third set to 15 points will be played.

Walking Football

Team tournament: Mix Open. Basic rules: Two halves of 20 actual minutes will be played, with a 5-minute interval between the first and second half. Please read the complete rules on the website www.wcsgcatania2024.it.



In the event that the number of registered players is insufficient to organize competitions or tournaments, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to cancel the sport or combine categories.

Please note that in order to compete in Italy, athletes must possess the mandatory medical certificate of fitness for the practiced sport, in accordance with the regulations established by the Italian State (D.M. February 18, 1982), or a self-certification of possession of the same medical certificate. The self-certification form can be downloaded from the Catania 2024 website.

Registration must be done online on the website www.wcsgcatania2024.it.

Additional information and the complete regulations for each discipline can be found on the website www.wcsgcatania2024.it.

The "Le Ciminiere" Exhibition Center at Viale Africa, 12 is the official center for accreditation and information for the WCSG in Catania. For all information related to participation in the Games, you can contact the secretariat office by sending an email to: info@wcsgcatania2024.it.





INSTALLATIONS



SPORTS	CATEGORY	FACILITY	ADDRESS
ARCHERY	Open M/F	Impianto Dusmet	Via Nuovalucello, 132 - Catania
ATHLETICS	5 Categorie	Campo Scuola	Piazza delle Universiadi - Catania
BADMINTON	Mix Open/Mix Over 40	PalaCatania	Corso Indipendenza, 227 - Catania
BASKETBALL	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalaGalermo	Viale Adriatico - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalaCus	Viale Andrea Doria, 6 - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalArcidiacono	Via Santa Sofia, 111 - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	Palestra Leonardo da Vinci	Via De La Salle, 12 - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalaZurria	Via Zurria, 67 - Catania
BASKETBALL 3x3	Open M/F - Over 40 M	Impianto Outdoor	Piazza F. Battiato Lungomare di Catania
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Le Capannine	Viale Kennedy, 93 - Catania
BOWLING	Open M/F/Misto	La Plaia	Viale Kennedy, 2 - Catania
BRIDGE	Open M/F	Le Ciminiere	Piazzale Asia - Catania
CHESS	Open M/F	Le Ciminiere	Piazzale Asia - Catania
CYCLING	5 Categorie	Circuito cittadino	
DARTS	Open M/F	Le Ciminiere	Piazzale Asia - Catania
FOOTBALL (11)	Open M - Over 40 M	Campo Seminara	Via Paratore, 61 - Catania
	Open M - Over 40 M	Campo Velletri	Via Velletri, 47 - Catania
FOOTBALL (5)	Open M	Stadio Aci e Galatea	Via dello Stadio, 32, - Acireale
FOOTBALL (7)	Open M/F - Over 40 M - Over 50 M	La Meridiana	Via Ugo La Malfa - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M - Over 50 M	Tennis Club Umberto	Via Mons. Domenico Orlando, 6 - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M - Over 50 M	Etna Soccer Stadium	Via Giovanni da Verrazzano - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M - Over 50 M	Duca D'Aosta	Via Duca D'Aosta, 33 - Catania
GOLF	3 Categoerie e Gara a squadre	Il Picciolo Golf Club	SS120 KM. 200 - Castiglione di Sicilia



SPORTS	CATEGORY	FACILITY	ADDRESS
HANDBALL	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	Palasport Mascalucia	Via R. Wagner - Mascalucia
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalaNitta	Viale Nitta, 2 - Catania
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	Palestra Ist. Polivalente	Via Giuseppe Motta, 87 - S. Giovanni la Punta
	Open M/F - Over 40 M/F	PalaVolcan	Corso Italia - Acireale
MOUNTAIN BIKE		Etna	Nicolosi - Monti rossi - Nicolosi
ORIENTEERING	Open M/F	Etna lato sud	Piano Vetore - Ragalna
	Open M/F	Taormina	Piazza 9 aprile - Taormina (ME)
PADEL	Open M/F	City Catania Sport Club	Via Santa Sofia, 2/B - Catania
PETANQUE	Open M/F	Villa Vincenzo Bellini	Via Etnea, 292 - Catania
PICKLEBALL	Open	Etna Padel	Via Alessandro Volta, 6 - S. Giovanni la Punta
SHOOTING	Open M/F	Tiro a segno Catania	Via S. Giuseppe alla Rena - Catania
SWIMMING	5 Categorie	Piscina Comunale di Nesima	Via Filippo Eredia - Catania
TABLE TENNIS	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	PalaSpedini	Piazza Spedini - Catania
TABLETOP FOOTBALL	Open Singolo/Doppio/Squadre	Le Ciminiere	Piazzale Asia - Catania
TENNIS	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Circolo Tennis Montekatira	Via Cantello, 2 - San Gregorio
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Tennis Club Umberto	Via Mons. Domenico Orlando, 6 - Catania
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Tennis Club Plaia	Viale Kennedy, 12 - Catania
VOLLEY BALL	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	PalaClan	Via Ravanusa, 16 - S. Giovanni la Punta
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Palazzetto Gravina	Via Don Bosco, 45 - Gravina di Catania
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Sporting Center	Via Vincenzo Bellini, 1 - S. Agata li Battiati
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	PalaBattiati	Via Sangiuliano, 40 - S. Agata li Battiati
	Open M/F/Misto - Over 40 M/F/Misto	Palestra Ist. De Amicis	Via Garro - Tremestieri Etneo
WALKING FOOTBALL	Over 50 M - Over 60 M - Over 40 F	La Meridiana	Via Ugo La Malfa - Catania
10К	Open	Boschetto Plaia	Strada Boschetto Plaia - Catania
5K	Open	Boschetto Plaia	Strada Boschetto Plaia - Catania





OUTLINE PROGRAM

JUNE 19

Participants' Arrival and Hotel Accommodation 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Registration at the Meeting Centre at "Le Ciminiere" 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Opening Ceremony and Show at Piazza Università

JUNE 20

7:00 AM - Breakfast at the hotels

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Sports Competitions

7:00 PM - 00:00 AM Dinner (only booked while places last) and Show at "Le Ciminiere"

JUNE 21

7:00 AM - Breakfast at the hotels

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM Sports Competitions

7:00 PM - 00:00 AM Dinner (only booked while places last) and Show at "Le Ciminiere"

JUNE 22

7:00 AM - Breakfast at the hotels

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Sports Competitions

4:00 PM - "Run Catania" Race 5 and 10 km at La Plaia Forest

7:00 PM - 00:00 AM - Dinner (only booked while places last), Closing Ceremony, and Show at "Le Ciminiere"

JUNE 23

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast at the hotels and Participant Departure



PARTICIPATION FEE FOR ATHLETES

ATHLETES

- Registration for a sport
- Opening and closing ceremony
- Free public transportation
- Welcome package
- Participation in special events and shows in the organizational center "Le Ciminiere"
- Membership and basic insurance CSAIN 2024 during WCSG events
- · Basic health assistance
- 5 km and 10 km run at the end of the Games

€ 185,00

Participation fee for Golf tournament **£ 225.00**

CSAIN 2024 basic membership and insurance during WCSG events

CHAPERONES

It is the lowest in the history of the WCSG. This is to extend the pleasure of a unique experience to the family and friends of the protagonists of the WCSG and includes:

- Opening and closing ceremony
- · Free public transportation
- Participation in special events and shows in the organizational center "Le Ciminiere"
- Basic insurance and basic health assistance CSAIN 2024 exclusively during WCSG events

€ 70,00

OPTION FOR ALL ONLY UPON RESERVATION (UNTIL PLACES LAST)

€ 80,00 4 high cuisine meals, including the Gala Dinner, in the restaurant of the WCSG (alcoholic beverages excluded) Organizing Center "Le Ciminiere"

€ 25,00 Option upon reservation only for the gala dinner on the evening of the 22nd 1 meal

Right of Withdrawal from Game Registration

The right of withdrawal can be exercised by contacting the organizer in writing and via email at info@wcsgcatania2024.it.

Refund of the registration fee in case of withdrawal:

Cancellation until March 31,: 100% refund.

Cancellation between April 1, and April 15: 50% refund.

Cancellation after April 15: no refund





HOSPITALITY

far as hotel accommodation concerned, there will be a wide range of free choices absolutely in accordance with the Italian tradition of hospitality and quality. The quality of hotels will comply with the international standards. The Organizing Committee has reached an agreement with the company Meeting Planner S.r.l to better support participants in the booking process for their stays. Together with the Hospitality Manager, Alessia Di Raimondo, they will be at the disposal of every company or person who will register to WCSG Catania 2024, in order to satisfy any particular need which may exceed standard offers, included the extension of period of stay beyond the event dates.

Meeting Planner S.r.l. has an experience of over 20 years in the meeting industry. Design, plan and execute any kind of event according to high quality standards in Italy. The company is PCO and Destination Management Company, ISO 9001:2015 certified.

For further information and hotel bookings, please visit the website:

www.wcsgcatania2024.it

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See the interactive map on the site

www.wcsgcatania2024.it

Hotels are divided into 6 categories with B/B treatment. Available options include DUS, DBL, Triple and Multiple Rooms. Prices listed below are per room, one night only, with VAT 10% included. Tourist tax is not included and it must be applied according to the provisions of each city.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DUS € 170,00
DBL € 190,00



DUS da € 70,00 a € 160,00 DBL da € 90,00 a € 190,00



DUS da € 50,00 a € 130,00 DBL da € 70,00 a € 110,00

★ ★

DUS € 50,00 DBL € 80,00

B&B e Villaggi

DUS da € 60,00 a € 80,00 DBL da € 80,00 a € 100,00

Ostelli

Da € 15,00 a € 25,00

Cancellation Policy for Hotel Reservations

Free cancellation until November 30 10% penalty until December 31

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20% penalty until January 31

30% penalty until February 29

40% penalty until March 31

50% penalty until April 15

From April 16 onwards, a 100% penalty applies



THE CITY

Sicily and Catania are wonders of the Mediterranean, Catania is the second largest and most important city in Sicily. It extends between the Ionian Sea and the active volcano Etna, the largest volcano in Europe. Catania was founded in 729 BC and was one of the first Greek colonies in Sicily. Romans, Arabs, Aragonese, Normans, and Spaniards brought their cultural contributions and innovations to the territory over the centuries. Today, its cultural nature, literature, music, theater, traditions, food, and surrounding nature are recognized worldwide. The center of Catania itself is a concentration of unique beauties. The characteristic baroque buildings stand out in the streets of lava stone.

The Elephant Fountain is the symbol of the city, in which the elephant carved in lava stone supports an Egyptian obelisk. The elephant faces the Cathedral, dedicated to Saint Agatha. One of the most relevant places in Baroque Catania is the "Via dei Crociferi," where magnificent Baroque churches and noble 18th-century palaces overlook the street.

In this street, you can admire the masterpiece of Vaccarini and the Church of San Giuliano. Among the architectural landmarks are also the Ursino Castle, the ancient ruins of the Roman Theater, and the Greek Amphitheater. The Pescheria, the colorful open-air fish market, is a must-see for its sounds and atmosphere. It cannot be forgotten that Catania is home to one of the oldest universities in the world: the Siculorum Gymnasium, founded in 1434.

Today, Catania is a treasure trove of history and modernity, more importantly, it is the starting point for a gran tour of Sicily that invites to immerse yourself in the beauty of the island: Taormina, Acitrezza, Acicastello, Caltagirone, Piazza Armerina, Syracuse (Ortigia), Agrigento, Noto, Modica, Palermo, Monreale, Scopello, Ragusa, Ibla, Aeolian Islands, Cefalù, San Vito Lo Capo, Selinunte, Trapani, Alcantara Gorges, Tindari, Castelmola, Marzamemi, Vendicari, Palazzolo Acreide, Favignana, Erice.

Coming to Catania means having the happiness and opportunity to extend your stay well beyond the five days of the WCSG.



HOW TO GET TO CATANIA

Catania is easily accessible by all means of transport. The "Vincenzo Bellini" International Airport is the terminal for many European and world routes. An alternative to air travel is the maritime connections that cross the entire Mediterranean, allowing for the car-

ship combination. Of course, Catania can be reached by train. While those who absolutely love their autonomy, can always rely on the car: the best way to enjoy the splendid landscapes and colors of Sicilian land and all of Italy.





They will be days "GREEN" and marked by:

AGONISM
SUSTAINABILITY
INTEGRATION
FRIENDSHIP
CULTURE
FUN







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