

Team Manager Report

17th World Transplant Games, Gold Coast, Australia: Aug. 22-30, 2009

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Registration:

In total 158 people registered for these Games: 8 people withdrew prior to the final deadline (3 for health reasons and 5 others for personal reasons)

150 people participated: 45 athletes (23 adults, 22 juniors), 100 accompanying (included a team manager, three faculty from SickKids and 5 media representatives). Our athletes were from the following age levels:

6-8 years (1 male/1 female)
9-11 years (3 male/1 female)
12-14 years (4 male/5 female)
15-17 years (4 male/3 female)
18-29 years (5 male/1 female)
30-39 years (1 male/1 female)
40-49 years (3 male/3 female)
50-59 years (2 male/2 female)
60-69 years (2 male/1 female)
70 and over- (2 males)

Athletes per province:

Ontario:	29	(11 adults, 18 juniors)
British Columbia:	6	(5 adults, 1 junior)
Quebec:	3	(3 adults)
Alberta:	3	(3 adults)
Nova Scotia:	2	(2 juniors)
Manitoba:	2	(1 adult, 1 junior)

Registration generally went very smoothly. This was the first time that the WTGF had initiated an on line registration. The team manager was able to input registrations if necessary but all the Canadian participants were able to register on their own. The team manager was able to go back into the site to make alterations/editing events etc if necessary. Participants were also given a code to edit their info as well, prior to the registration deadline. There was a very good communication system set up with the LOC where registrants received confirmation of their registration and verification of their events. All but one athlete had e-mail access but as his accompanying person was computer literate, he was kept informed of updates.

All registration payments were accepted in the form of an international bank draft in Australian funds. This eliminated issues with variable exchange rates. All drafts were collected and then mailed to the LOC in Australia by the deadlines given. The local LOC did accept the late registrations of our media team. They were unable to be housed with the team but were placed in close proximity. (The media team from Sick Kids Hospital in

Toronto was following the Games for preparation of a documentary for the SickKids Foundation.)

Athletes were provided with the rules and links to the WTGF and the Australian Games website to keep informed. Contact was made by e-mail on a regular basis.

Team Uniforms:

Positive Identity provided the uniforms for all athletes and shirts and caps for accompanying persons. All participants were given the opportunity to purchase other pieces if so desired. We received sponsorship for the uniforms from Astellas and Roche pharmaceuticals and Positive Identity provided a discounted price. Positive Identity also packaged and mailed out the uniforms to all participants prior to their departure.

The athlete's uniform consisted of a red and white jacket, white golf shirt, red sleeveless, red and grey short sleeved wick shirt, a slouch bag and white reflective cap. Each athlete's uniform costs approximately \$200. The accompanying person's apparel (reflective cap and t-shirt) cost approximately \$25 each.

Games Results:

The Canadian team did very well at the Games: Our adult athletes placed 10th out of the 36 countries represented. We were awarded 10 gold, 10 silver and 7 bronze medals for a total of 27 medals. Our junior competitors placed third, winning a total of 47 medals (15 Gold, 18 silver and 14 bronze). They were the third largest contingency of junior competitors at these Games. Ten world records were set by the team. A complete list of winners can be found in Appendix 1. Official Games results can be found on the WTGF website.

Health Issues:

As Australia was at the height of flu season and concerns were felt regarding the H1N1 pandemic, the LOC initiated a flu screening for all participants to the Games. No Canadians (or any other participant), were found to have the flu virus. Over the course of the week we did have three athletes hospitalized. One junior athlete with a pre-existing condition was flown home for treatment on day 3; an adult athlete developed cellulitis and was hospitalized overnight for IV treatment; a second junior developed pneumonia and had to remain in hospital for four days delaying their return to Canada. The WTGF had initiated Repatriation Insurance with the registration this year- these funds could be used in these situations. Unfortunately as the later junior recipient did not report to the LOC or the WTGF that they were going to the hospital, or go through them, there was no record for the insurance company and hence were unable to access the extra support. The WTGF is looking at extending their insurance to some days prior and after the Games (it only covered the 8 days of the Games this year)

Data Base Program:

At these Games we utilized our database to record information and generate lists for each event. These lists proved extremely helpful to Team assistants who were asked to accompany athletes to their events. It was also useful in providing result lists after the Games.

Observations/Recommendations:

Prior to the Games:

- Prepare a daily list of events and persons competing (with age categories) often necessary for confirmation at Team Manager meetings
- Prepare a list of each athlete with age level, events and competition days
- A binder for information would be helpful in keeping all the information organized and readily accessible
- Establish a means of communication among the key players/assistants during the Games. Three extra cell phones were ordered with the team manager's which is provided by the LOC. These proved invaluable in keeping in contact with the "assistants" at each of the day's events.
- Be informed of any specific protocol for the Games
- Remind athletes of the need for training and knowledge of the rules for their events. It was stressed at the Team Managers meeting that scratches for events should only occur due to health reasons.
- Decide on who will be the Flag Bearer at the Opening Ceremony. A list of Flag Bearers should be developed to enable a variety of persons to have this honour. As Dave Smith was unable to fulfill his role at the last Games in Thailand (as there wasn't a teams procession in the Opening Ceremonies), he was asked to be flag bearer at these Games.
- Designate a person to be responsible for getting information to the webmaster to be posted on line during the Games. We worked closely with our partners from SickKids developing a "blog" each evening that was sent to Dick Winters (our webmaster) with pictures to be posted on the CTA homepage.
- If there is a large junior contingency assign a Junior Co-coordinator to assist with the team. They should then accompany the Team Manager to the Team Manager meetings to ensure all the needs of the team are met (both with the juniors and adults)
- Need to compile a list of assistants who could help.
- Appoint a team physician/physiotherapist- there were a number of opportunities where a physiotherapist would have been very helpful to our athletes. (Aubrey Goldstein has expressed interest in attending as a team physician)
- Distribute subsidy forms to all eligible athletes.

During the Games:

- Provide a time and place for pre-game meeting with all participants to meet each other and explain the process for the week (i.e. Opening Ceremonies, communication board/meetings etc)
- Attend the Team Manger meetings each night- need to be aware of any issues re events or changes in events and then pass on the information to the appropriate people
- Set up an area for team meetings/gatherings and set up a notice board- ensure that all are aware of this location.
- Utilize communication between assistants and Team Manager- CTA now owns three cell phones- may be able to purchase syn cards for future Games.
- Assign persons to take photos for the newsletter/ website to update
- Need to establish internet access- purchased a “stick” for \$120 to enable internet access in the room during the Games. This was necessary for communication with the LOC and access to CTA members back home (to maintain the blog)
- Team Manager would accompany the athletes to the events where the majority of athletes were competing. Assign assistants to all other events where Canadian athletes were competing.

Following the Games:

- Send thank you cards/letters to all supporters of the Games –Cards were sent to Positive Identity, Roche and Astellas
- Collect and assess subsidy forms for number of eligible recipients. Present to the Executive for confirmation of amount and confirm that all have met the criteria listed- forward names to the treasurer for distribution of cheques.
- Complete Team Manager’s Report

Subsidy:

Once again this year we were able to provide a subsidy to athletes who met the requirements as developed by the CTA. Eight athletes applied for this subsidy: seven were eligible for the full subsidy of \$580 and one was eligible for a partial amount of \$483 as he had only completed five of the six requirements. (It is the hope of the CTA that athletes would only have to pay a maximum of \$500 for their registration.) The names and amount of the subsidy was forwarded to the CTA treasurer on November 17th for distribution to the appropriate athletes.

Flag Bearers:

In choosing a flag bearer, the criteria would include continued support and participation in the CTA, promotion of organ donor awareness, and participation in the World Transplant Games: Having consulted the executive and other CTA members, this is the information received to date:

1987: (Austria):	
1989:(Singapore):	
1991: (Hungary):	
1993: (Vancouver, Canada):	
1995: (Manchester, UK):	Gloria Santini's Mother????
1997: (Sydney, Australia):	Heather Fisher
1999: (Hungary):	
2001: (Kobe, Japan):	Janet Brady
2003: (Nancy, France)	Linda Rowe
2005: (London, Canada):	Dick Winters
2007: (Bangkok, Thailand):	Dave Smith (deferred- no team procession)
2009:(Gold Coast, Australia):	Dave Smith

Appendix 1
Adult Medals

* World record *

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ivo Babic	Table Tennis single Table Tennis double		
Margaret Benson	3Km Race Walk * 200m*	1500m 800m 3Km Road Race	
RJ Brack	50m Butterfly		50 m Backstroke
Angela Burghard		10 Pin bowling	
Mervin Chen	Table Tennis double		Table tennis single
Aron Cleugh		5Km Time Trials 20Km Cycling	
Aubrey Goldstein		Golf	
Joe Gallo			10 pin Bowling
Shilanne Labbett			Lawn Bowls
Marvin Meisner		Ball Throw	
Leslie Petter	800m * Golf		Tennis single
Lyne Pelletier			3Km Race Walk
Dave Smith	Rowing 1000 m		
Michael Strilchuk	50m Butterfly *	200m Individual Medley	50m Backstroke
Cliff Tam	5Km Road Race	5Km Time Trials	
Total	10 Gold	10 Silver	7 bronze

Junior Medals

*** World record ***

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ronnie Antonroy		Badminton	10 pin Bowling
Ayden Bredin	Badminton	50m	Ball Throw 10 Pin Bowling
Kailyn Bredin		Badminton	
Devan Cruickshank	10 Pin Bowling	Table Tennis	
Seth Delguidice	50m* Ball Throw Badminton	Long Jump 25m Freestyle	
Jessica Dorcich	Badminton Ball Throw* 50m Backstroke	Long Jump	
Samantha Eastop	Ball Throw*		Long Jump
John Michael Frias	10 Pin Bowling	Ball Throw 100m	Tennis
Laura Gaudet			Ball throw
David Maggiori			Ball Throw
Chris Milliard	100m*		Ball Throw Long Jump Badminton Table Tennis
Dylan Pake		Shot Put	
Mackenzie Queen	5Km Time Trials	Ball Throw 20Km Cycling	
Rebecca Samuel		10 Pin Bowling	
Matthew Sikorski	High Jump*	100m Ball Throw Long Jump	Badminton
Katie Sutherland		100m Table Tennis	
Robbie Thompson	1Km Time Trials		25m Backstroke 25m Freestyle
Erin Vaters	Badminton		
Total	13 Gold	18 Silver	14 Bronze

Team Canada 2009

Antonroy, Beaula	Supporter	Markam, ON
Antonroy, Brian	Supporter (6)	Markam, ON
Antonroy, Ronnie	9-11yrs	Markam, ON
Antonroy, Rosheen	Supporter (4)	Markam, ON
Babic, Ivo	70&over	Kitchener, ON
Babic, Susi	Supporter	Kitchener, ON
Benson, Margaret	50-59 yrs	North Vancouver, BC
Brack, Russel (RJ)	18-29 yrs	Vaudreuil, QC
Bredin, Ayden	6-8 yrs	Ajax, ON
Bredin, Debbie	Supporter	Ajax, ON
Bredin, Kailyn	12-14 yrs	Ajax, ON
Bredin, Ryley	Supporter (14)	Ajax, ON
Burghard, Angela	60-69 yrs	Vancouver, BC
Chen, Mervin	70 &over	Toronto, ON
Cleugh, Aron	30-39 yrs	Vancouver, BC
Cruickshanks, Brody	Supporter(10)	Dundas, ON
Cruickshanks, Devan	12-14 yrs	Dundas, ON
Cruickshanks, Heather	Supporter	Dundas, ON
Cruickshanks, Kathleen	Supporter	Dundas, ON
Cruickshanks, Tim	Supporter	Dundas, ON
Cruickshanks, Robert	Supporter	Dundas, ON
De Waele, Tina	Supporter	Courtland, ON
Delguidice, Christine	Supporter	Shanty Bay, ON
Delguidice, Rick	Supporter	Shanty Bay, ON
Delguidice, Seth	9-11 yrs	Shanty Bay, ON
Deliva, Robin	Supporter	Toronto, ON
Dorcich, Georgette	Supporter	Oakville, ON
Dorcich, Jessica	9-11 yrs	Oakville, ON
Dorcich, Lee Anne	Supporter	Oakville, ON
Dorcich, Megan	Supporter (8)	Oakville, ON
Dorcich, Scott	Supporter	Oakville, ON
Drabble, Ali	Supporter	Toronto, ON
Earl Earl	Supporter	RR#5 Huntsville, ON
Eastop, Carol	Supporter	Stittsville, ON
Eastop, Clint	Supporter	Stittsville, ON
Eastop, Samantha	12-14 yrs	Stittsville, ON
Folkins, Neil	50-59 yrs	Edmonton, AB
Forte Monika	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Fox-Gibson, Muriel	Supporter	Scarborough, ON
Frias, Catherine	Supporter	Brampton, ON
Frias, Emilia	Supporter (6)	Brampton, ON
Frias, Jacob	Supporter	Brampton, ON
Frias, Joel	Supporter	Brampton, ON
Frias, John	Supporter	Brampton, ON
Frias, John Michael	12-14 yrs	Brampton, ON
Frias, Matthew	Supporter (15)	Caledon, ON
Gallo, Donatella	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Gallo, Joseph	18-29 yrs	Woodbridge, ON
Gallo, Mario	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Gaudet, Adam	Supporter (10)	RR#6 Amhurst, NS
Gaudet, Carrie	Supporter (5)	RR#6 Amhurst, NS
Gaudet, Laura	6-8 yrs	RR#6 Amhurst, NS
Gaudet, Sherry Lynn	Supporter	RR#6 Amhurst, NS
Gaudt, Claude	Supporter	RR#6 Amhurst, NS
Gibson, Brandon	15-17 yrs	Scarborough, ON

Gibson, David	Supporter	Scarborough, ON
Gibson, Emiliy	Supporter (8)	Scarborough, ON
Gibson, Krystyna	Supporter	Scarborough, ON
Goldstein, Aubrey	50-59 yrs	Ottawa, ON
Greenberg, Marion	Supporter	Toronto, ON
Holdsworth, Sandra	40-49 yrs	Blackstock, ON
Jenah, John	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Jenah, Jordan	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Jenah, Susan	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Johnstone, Michael	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Joly, Chantal	Supporter	St Alexisdes Monts, QC
Kingdon Kramer, Jacob	12-14 yrs	Vineland, ON
Kingdon, Jennifer	Supporter	Vineland, ON
Kramer, Boris	Supporter	Vineland, ON
Labbett, Shillane	30-39 yrs	Kingston, ON
Labbett, Simon	Supporter	Kingston, ON
Lamiot, Eric	Supporter	Quebec, QC
Lamy, Gillies	40-49 yrs	St Alexisdes Monts, QC
Laviolette, Christine	Supporter	Hamilton, ON
Laviolette, Gord	Supporter	Hamilton, ON
Lawson, Sasha	Supporter	Vaudreuil, QC
Lee-Meissner, Audrey	Supporter	Langley, BC
Lingham, Denice	Supporter	Coquitlam, BC
Lingham, Richard	60-69 yrs	Coquitlam, BC
Luft, Kristen	Supporter	Calgary, AB
Mackinnon, Alexander	Supporter	Brampton, ON
Maggiori, Andrea	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Maggiori, Dan	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Maggiori, David	12-14 yrs	Woodbridge, ON
Maggiori, Patricia	Supporter	Woodbridge, ON
Malfara, Justin	Supporter	Kleinburg, ON
Martin, Dustin	15-17 yrs	Hamilton, ON
Martine, Nicole	Supporter	Winnipeg MB
Mazzuocco, Jeannie	Supporter	St. Catherine, ON
Mazzuocco, Leno	Supporter	St. Catherine, ON
Mazzuocco, Michael	18-29 yrs	St. Catherine, ON
Mazzuocco, Victor	Supporter (17)	St. Catherine, ON
McHugh, Cecilia	Supporter	Maple, ON
McHugh, Maureen	Supporter	Maple, ON
McHugh, Rosie	Team Manager	London, ON
Meissner, Marvin	60-69 yrs	Langley, BC
Michielsen, John	Supporter	London, ON
Milliard, Andree	Supporter	Hilliardton, ON
Milliard, Christopher	12-14 yrs	Hilliardton, ON
Murray, Helen	Supporter	Fenelon ON
Murray, Ken	Supporter	Fenelon ON
Oldnall, Dawn	18-29 yrs	Fenelon ON
Oldnall, June	Supporter	Fenelon ON
Pake, Dylen	15-17 yrs	Courtland, ON
Pelletier, Lyne	40-49 yrs	Quebec, QC
Pellow, Nick	Supporter	Caledon, ON
Pellow, Vanessa	Supporter	Toronto, ON
Petter, Leslie	40-49 yrs	London, ON
Queen, Alison	Supporter	Guelph, ON
Queen, Dustin	Supporter (13)	Guelph, ON
Queen, Kennedy	Supporter	Guelph, ON
Queen, Mackenzie	15-17 yrs	Guelph, ON

Queen, Robert	Supporter	Guelph, ON
Rowe, Linda	50-59 yrs	RR#5 Huntsville, ON
Samuel Taia	Supporter (14)	Toronto, ON
Samuel, Rebecca	15-17 yrs	Toronto, ON
Samuel, Richard	Supporter	Toronto, ON
Samuel,Riley	Supporter (12)	Toronto, ON
Selvadurai, Antonroy	Supporter	Markam,ON
Sikorski, Kathryn	Supporter	Whitby, ON
Sikorski, Lynne	Supporter	Whitby, ON
Sikorski, Matthew	15-17 yrs	Whitby, ON
Sikorski,Ted	Supporter	Whitby, ON
Sinclair, Dale	12-14 yrs	Portage La Prairie,MB
Sinclair, Greg	Supporter (14)	Portage La Prairie,MB
Sinclair, Sandy	Supporter	Portage La Prairie,MB
Sinclair,Rob	Supporter	Portage La Prairie,MB
Smith, Dave	40-49 yrs	Edmonton, AB
Snell, James	Supporter	Chilliwack, BC
Strilchuk, Michael	40-49 yrs	Calgary AB
Sutherland, Heather	Supporter	Whitby, ON
Sutherland, Jeanne	Supporter	Whitby, ON
Sutherland, Katie	15-17 yrs	Whitby, ON
Tam, Cliff	18-29 years	Mississauga, ON
Thompson, Luke	Supporter (8)	Courtney, BC
Thompson, Robert	9-11 yrs	Courtney, BC
Thompson, Ron	Supporter	Courtney, BC
Thompson, Susan	Supporter	Courtney, BC
Vanneste, Caroline	Supporter	Ottawa, ON
Vaters, Erin	12-14 yrs	Lower Sackville, NS
Vaters, Paul	Supporter	Lower Sackville, NS
White, Kristina	Supporter	Hamilton, ON
White, Philip	Supporter	Hamilton, ON
Wilson, Cody	Supporter (11)	Hamilton, ON
Wladyka, David	18-29 yrs	Winnipeg MB

Media

Adamcryck, Steve	Media	Grimsby, ON
Bacon, Sandra	Media	Grimsby, ON
Charendoff, Lisa	SickKids Foundation	Toronto,ON
Quinlan, Richard	Media	Toronto, ON
(Fay, Martin	Media	QLD Australia)