2019 Military World Games

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The **2019 Military World Games** (Chinese: 2019年世界军人运动会; pinyin: *2019 Nián shìjiè jūnrén yùndònghuì*), officially known as the **7th CISM Military World Games** (Chinese: 第七届世界军人运动会; pinyin: *Dì qī jiè shìjiè jūnrén yùndònghuì*) and commonly known as **Wuhan 2019**, was held from October 18–27, 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei, China.[2][3]

The 7th Military World Games was the first international military multi-sport event to be held in China and also the largest military sports event ever to be held in China, with nearly 10,000 athletes from over 100 countries competing in 27 sports.[4][5] The multi-sport event included 25 official and 2 demonstrative sports. Six sport disciplines such as badminton, tennis, table tennis, women's boxing and men's gymnastics made their debuts in the event.[6]

It was also the second biggest international sport event to be held in the year 2019 in China after hosting the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup. The Games were organized by the Military Sports Commission of China, Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of China and the military commands (Army in accordance with CISM regulations and the rules of the International Sports Federations.[7] For the first time in the history of the Military World Games, an Olympic village was set up for the athletes prior to the commencement of the Games.[8] The village was officially opened for the athletes following the flag-raising ceremony.[9]

Host nation China sent a delegation consisting of 553 participants for the games, which marked the record number of participants to represent a nation at a single Military World Games.[10] Around 230,000 volunteers were recruited for the event to be staged in China.[11]

2019 Military World Games	
WUHAN 2019 7th CISM Military World Games	
Host city	Wuhan, Hubei, China
Motto	*Military Glory, World Peace* (Chinese: 创军人荣耀 筑世界和平; pinyin: *Chuàng jūnrén róngyào zhù shìjiè hépíng*)
Nations participating	>140
Athletes participating	9,308
Events	316 events in 27 sports
Opening ceremony	18 October 2019
Closing ceremony	27 October 2019
Officially opened by	CCP General Secretary and PRC President Xi Jinping[1]
Athlete's Oath	Yuan Xinyue
Judge's Oath	Wen Keming
Main venue	Wuhan Sports Center
Website	en.wuhan2019mwg.cn ⧉
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Bidding [edit]

Following the conclusion of the 2015 Military World Games, China won the bid to host the Games for the first time in 2015.[12]

Venues [edit]

The event was held in 35 venues.[12] Football stadium Wuhan Sports Center hosted the football competition for both men and women held from 16 to 27 October.[13]

Houhu block [edit]

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Venue	Sport	Capacity
Stadium	Athletics (Track and field)	30,000
Gymnasium	Table tennis	7,559
Natatorium	Lifesaving	1,090

Others [edit]

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Aeronautical Pentathlon Flying Contest Venue	Aeronautical Pentathlon (Flying Contest)	n/a
Mulan Lake Campus of PLA Naval University of Engineering	Naval Pentathlon (Lifesaving, Utility Swimming, Obstacle Race, Seamanship Race and Amphibious Cross-Country Race)	1,300
Air Force Early Warning Academy Venues	Aeronautical Pentathlon (Air Pistol Shooting, Swimming, Fencing, Basketball and Obstacle Race)	1,000
Wuhan National Fitness Center Football Field	Football	8,400

Hankou Culture and Sports Center	Football	8,756
Wuhan Gymnasium	Taekwondo	2,430

Zhuankou block [edit]

Wuhan Sports Center [edit]

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Stadium	Opening and closing ceremonies	58,000
Gymnasium	Women's Volleyball	12,000
Natatorium	Swimming, Diving	3,500

Others [edit]

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Jianghan University Gymnasium	Men's Volleyball	2,300
Hannan Municipal Airport	Parachuting	n/a
Tianwaitian Golf Course	Men's golf	n/a
Wuhan Business University Natatorium	Modern Pentathlon (Swimming)	514
Wuhan Business University Gymnasium	Modern Pentathlon (fencing)	2,185
Wuhan Business University Equestrian Venue	Equestrian, Modern pentathlon (Riding and Laser-Run)	2,120
Hanyang District Beach Volleyball Center	Women's Beach Volleyball	1,160
Caidian National Defense Park	Archery	2,110
	Shooting (25/ 50 m Pistol/ Rifle, Trap/ Skeet)	3,600
Main Media Center	Broadcast, Press	n/a

Guanggu block [edit]

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Wuhan Sports University Gymnasium	Boxing	3,800
Hongshan Gymnasium	Men's Basketball	8,000
Optics Valley International Tennis Center	Tennis (demonstration)	13,722
East Lake Greenway Marathon and Road Cycling Venues	Athletics (marathon) and Cycling (road)	n/a
Wuhan Vocational College of Software and Engineering Gymnasium	Wrestling	1,353
Huazhong University of Science and Technology Optics Valley Gymnasium	Women's Basketball	6,316
Yishan Golf Course	Women's Golf	n/a

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Wuhan University of Technology Gymnasium	Judo	5,212
Ordnance NCO Academy, Army Engineering University of PLA Venues	Cross-Country and Military Pentathlon (Obstacle swimming)	2,280
East Lake Sailing and Open Water Swimming Venues	Sailing and Open Water Swimming	n/a
East Lake Hi-Tech Development Zone	Shooting (300 m Rifle), Military Pentathlon (Shooting, Throwing, Obstacle Run)	n/a
Hubei Olympic Center Gymnasium	Men's Gymnastics (demonstration)	5,294
Wuhan University Student Sports Center	Badminton	8,031
Qingshan District Beach Volleyball Center	Men's Beach Volleyball	1,116

Huangjiahu block   [edit]

Venue	Sport	Capacity
Jiangxia District Liangzihu Lake Triathlon Venue	Triathlon	n/a
Jiangxia District Orienteering Venues: Bafenshan Dahuashan Qinglongshan Tianzishan	Orienteering, Aeronautical Pentathlon (Orienteering)	n/a
Wuhan City Polytechnic Gymnasium	Fencing	2,433
Athletes Village	Athletes Village	n/a

Opening ceremony   [edit]

The opening ceremony was held on 18 October 2019 and the event was officially opened by the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping.[14][15] An extravaganza titled "Torch of Peace" was performed during the opening ceremony highlighting the main motto of the event.[16]

Prior to the opening ceremony, a light show was set to be staged in the Yangtze River in Wuhan. It featured a screen made up of millions of small LED lights installed on bridges and buildings along the bank of the Yangtze River.[17] The torch relay for the event was held on 16 October 2019 with the participation of 100 torchbearers. Liao Hui, 2008 Olympic gold medalist in

General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC),President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping attends the opening ceremony

weightlifting began the torch rally while hammer thrower Zhang Wenxiu concluded the torch relay.[18] Flag raising ceremony was also held on 16 October 2019.[19]

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Mascot [edit]

The emblem and mascot along with the website were unveiled on 24 November 2017 by Ministry of National Defense of China. The mascot, named "Bingbing", was designed based on the Chinese sturgeon.[7]

Marketing [edit]

An online store and 21 franchised retail stores were newly opened in order to promote the sales of licensed items.[20]

Sports [edit]

The competition involved 28 sports.[21]

- Pentathlon
    - Aeronautical pentathlon (*details*) (5)
    - Military pentathlon (*details*) (6)
    - Modern pentathlon (*details*) (5)
    - Naval pentathlon (*details*) (6)
- Army Sports
    - Orienteering (*details*) (8)
    - Parachuting (*details*) (18)
    - Sailing (*details*) (2)
- Aquatics
    - Diving (*details*) (12)
    - Open water swimming (*details*) (5)
    - Swimming (*details*) (42)
    - Lifesaving (*details*) (18)
- Main Sports
- Athletics (*details*) (Athletics and Para Athletics) (45)+(29)
- Cycling (*details*) (Road Cycling) (6)
- Shooting (*details*) (25)
- Martial Arts
    - Boxing (*details*) (15)
    - Fencing (*details*) (12)
    - Judo (*details*) (16)
    - Taekwondo (*details*) (16)
    - Wrestling (*details*) (18)
- Team Sports
    - Basketball (*details*) (2)
    - Football (*details*) (2)
    - Volleyball (*details*) (Indoor and Beach Volleyball) (4)
- Other Sports
    - Archery (*details*) (Archery and Para Archery) (5)+(3)
    - Badminton (*details*) (6)
    - Equestrian (*details*) (2)
    - Golf (*details*) (4)
    - Table tennis (*details*) (6)
    - Triathlon (*details*) (Triathlon and Senior triathlon) (5)+(3)

Demonstration sports

- 🏃 Tennis (*details*) (5)
- Gymnastics
  - 🤸 Artistic gymnastics (*details*) (8)

Records   [edit]

On 20 October 2019, China's Lu Pinpin broke the world record in the women's 500m obstacle swimming course classified under the military pentathlon with a record timing of 2 minutes and 10.9 seconds.[22][23]

Overall, 82 records were broken during the nine day multi-sport event.[24]

Controversies   [edit]

In orienteering China's teams originally captured a gold and a silver medal in women as well as a silver in men, but were all disqualified by the International Orienteering Federation after it was found out that they had been cheating through access to secretly marked paths and received external assistance thus gaining major unfair advantage over other competitors.[25] A common protest was also held by the competitors from Russia, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Poland and Austria accusing the Chinese team for gaining major unfair advantage in the competition.[26]

During the COVID-19 pandemic, conspiracy theories emerged in China which attributed the virus' creation to the CIA.[27] Some articles on popular Chinese-language sites suggested that American athletes participating in the event deployed SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19, and suggested the source of SARS-CoV-2 to be from the US Army bio-weapons research facility at Fort Detrick.[28] They say the inattentive attitude and disproportionately below-average results of American athletes in the game indicate they might have been in for other purposes and they might actually be bio-warfare operatives, and that their place of residence during their stay in Wuhan was also close to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, where the virus was first identified.[29][30][*better source needed*] Élodie Clouvel speculated that an illness she and Valentin Belaud experienced may have been COVID-19.[31][32][33] The U.S. Department of Defense Rumor Control Website describes claims that COVID-19 outbreaks occurred as a result of U.S. service members visiting China as a myth, stating that *"senior U.S. Administration officials have repeatedly denounced the Chinese government's efforts to deflect responsibility for downplaying the threat early on"*, *"its lack of transparency during the early stages"* and *"being irresponsible and unhelpful with combating the pandemic the world is facing today"*.[34]

Controversy leading to conspiracy theories regarding "SARS-CoV-2 deployment" at the Wuhan Games had also lingered regarding a "coronavirus pandemic dress rehearsal" staged in New York City on 18 October 2019, the same day as the start of the **7th CISM Military World Games** in Wuhan, at an event called "***Event 201***", which was sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the CIA, among others, and simulated a novel zoonotic coronavirus that had been transmitted from bats, to pigs, onto humans, with no prospect of a vaccine within a year, and causing 65-million deaths worldwide at the 18-month point.[35][36][37]

Participating nations   [edit]

It was reported that 109 nations took part in the event including athletes from Russia. In September 2019, the International Association of Athletics Federation approved athletes from Russia with the Authorized National Athlete (ANA) status to take part at the event.[38] However the All Russia Athletics Federation remained silent on the participation of Russian athletes. The State of Palestine participated in

the event, however, Israel did not.

List of participating nations   [edit]

9,308 athletes from 110 countries participated in the games:[39][40][41]

- Algeria (56)
- Albania (5)
- Angola (2)
- Armenia (15)
- Argentina (2)
- Azerbaijan (20)
- Austria (37)
- Brazil (329)
- Guatemala (13)
- Bahrain (69)
- Barbados (2)
- Belarus (95)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (11)
- Belgium (51)
- Botswana (15)
- Bulgaria (21)
- Burkina Faso (3)
- Canada (104)
- Cameroon (55)
- Republic of the Congo (19)
- Cape Verde (4)
- Chile (32)
- Colombia (31)
- China (553)
- Croatia (11)
- Cyprus (8)
- Czech Republic (27)
- Chad (11)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (26)
- Denmark (61)
- Djibouti (3)
- Dominican Republic (31)
- Ecuador (74)
- Egypt (83)
- Eritrea (3)
- Estonia (27)
- Swaziland (2)
- Finland (53)
- France (273)
- Germany (243)
- Gabon (9)
- Gambia (3)
- Greece (46)
- Guinea (14)
- Guyana (4)
- Hungary (56)
- India (54)
- Iran (90)

- Indonesia (46)
- Ireland (32)
- Italy (139)
- Jordan (5)
- Kazakhstan (62)
- Kenya (14)
- Kuwait (35)
- Lesotho (3)
- Latvia (32)
- Lebanon (7)
- Lithuania (56)
- Luxembourg (18)
- Morocco (24)
- Monaco (2)
- Mongolia (75)
- Montenegro (2)
- Mozambique (3)
- Myanmar (44)
- Macedonia (4)
- Namibia (3)
- Netherlands (89)
- Nepal (40)
- Niger (3)
- Nigeria (12)
- North Korea (156)
- Norway (28)
- Oman (63)
- Pakistan (19)
- State of Palestine (9)
- Peru (15)
- Poland (193)
- Portugal (9)
- Qatar (99)
- Romania (77)
- Russia (243)
- Rwanda (41)
- Saudi Arabia (41)
- Senegal (3)
- Serbia (41)
- Slovakia (14)
- Slovenia (32)
- Korea (172)
- Spain (111)
- Sri Lanka (73)
- Sweden (72)
- Switzerland (67)
- Syria (15)
- Tanzania (22)
- Thailand (55)
- Togo (3)
- Tunisia (17)
- Turkmenistan (4)

- Turkey (20)
- United Arab Emirates (27)
- United States (172)
- Uganda (5)
- Uzbekistan (50)
- Ukraine (87)
- Uruguay (27)
- Venezuela (84)
- Vietnam (32)
- Zambia (13)
- Zimbabwe (28)

Calendar [edit]

| | OC | Opening ceremony | • | Event competitions | 1 | Gold medal events | CC | Closing ceremony |

October	16th Wed	17th Thu	18th Fri	19th Sat	20th Sun	21st Mon	22nd Tue	23rd Wed	24th Thu	25th Fri	26th Sat	27th Sun	Events
Ceremonies			OC									CC	N/A
Aeronautical pentathlon				1		•	•	•	4				5
Archery					•	•	•	3	2				5
Athletics							8	8	12	7	6	4	45
Badminton						•	•	1	•	•	5		6
Basketball				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2		2
Boxing				•	•	•	•	•		5	10		15
Cycling				2	2	2							6
Diving								3	3	4	2		12
Equestrian				•	•	2							2
Fencing				2	2	2	2	2	2				12
Football	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	1	1	2
Golf				•	•	•	2	2					4
Judo				7	7		2						16
Lifesaving					6	6	6						18
Military pentathlon				•	•	•	•	4	2				6
Modern pentathlon							•	•	2	2	1		5
Naval pentathlon								•	•	4	2		6
Open water swimming								2		2		1	5
Orienteering					2	2		4					8
Parachuting			•	•	•	•	1	2	6	5	4		18
Sailing					•	•	2						2
Shooting				1	2	7	3	2	4	6			25
Swimming				9	8	9	9	7					42
Table tennis				•	•	1	•	1	2	•	2		6
Taekwondo								4	4	4	4		16
Triathlon												5	5
Volleyball — Beach volleyball				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2		4
Volleyball — Indoor volleyball	•	•			•	•	1	•	•	•	1		
Wrestling							4	5	5	4			18
Daily medal events				22	29	36	42	51	46	37	40	13	316
Cumulative total				22	51	87	129	180	226	263	303	316	
Para archery					•	•		1	2				3
Para athletics							10	6	8	5			29
Gymnastics						1		1		3	3		8

		16th Wed	17th Thu	18th Fri	19th Sat	20th Sun	21st Mon	22nd Tue	23rd Wed	24th Thu	25th Fri	26th Sat	27th Sun	Events
🏃 Tennis								•	•	•	1	4		5
🚴 Senior triathlon													3	3
October		16th Wed	17th Thu	18th Fri	19th Sat	20th Sun	21st Mon	22nd Tue	23rd Wed	24th Thu	25th Fri	26th Sat	27th Sun	Events

Medal table [edit]

* Host nation (China)

Rank ⇕	Nation ⇕	Gold ⇕	Silver ⇕	Bronze ⇕	Total ⇕
1	China (CHN)*	133	64	42	239
2	Russia (RUS)	51	53	57	161
3	Brazil (BRA)	21	31	36	88
4	France (FRA)	13	20	24	57
5	Poland (POL)	11	15	34	60
6	Germany (GER)	10	15	20	45
7	North Korea (PRK)	9	8	15	32
8	Bahrain (BHR)	9	1	7	17
9	Uzbekistan (UZB)	8	7	5	20
10	Ukraine (UKR)	5	13	15	33
11	Italy (ITA)	4	12	12	28
12	Kazakhstan (KAZ)	4	3	5	12
13	Belarus (BLR)	4	2	8	14
14	Iran (IRI)	4	2	5	11
15	Switzerland (SUI)	4	1	8	13
16	South Korea (KOR)	3	10	11	24
17	Norway (NOR)	2	4	2	8
17	Slovenia (SLO)	2	4	2	8
19	Egypt (EGY)	2	2	5	9
20	Kenya (KEN)	2	1	2	5
20	Morocco (MAR)	2	1	2	5
22	Turkey (TUR)	2	0	3	5
23	Romania (ROU)	1	4	3	8
24	Mongolia (MGL)	1	3	5	9
25	Hungary (HUN)	1	3	1	5
26	Czech Republic (CZE)	1	2	5	8
27	India (IND)	1	1	2	4
28	Belgium (BEL)	1	1	1	3

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
29	Latvia (LAT)	1	1	0	2
30	Lithuania (LTU)	1	0	1	2
31	Bulgaria (BUL)	1	0	0	1
31	Namibia (NAM)	1	0	0	1
31	Tunisia (TUN)	1	0	0	1
34	Finland (FIN)	0	4	2	6
35	United States (USA)	0	3	5	8
36	Austria (AUT)	0	3	1	4
37	Algeria (ALG)	0	2	5	7
38	Azerbaijan (AZE)	0	2	4	6
39	Dominican Republic (DOM)	0	2	3	5
40	Slovakia (SVK)	0	2	1	3
41	Qatar (QAT)	0	2	0	2
42	Thailand (THA)	0	1	5	6
43	Canada (CAN)	0	1	2	3
43	Sri Lanka (SRI)	0	1	2	3
43	Sweden (SWE)	0	1	2	3
46	Oman (OMA)	0	1	1	2
46	Syria (SYR)	0	1	1	2
46	Vietnam (VIE)	0	1	1	2
49	Denmark (DEN)	0	1	0	1
49	Ecuador (ECU)	0	1	0	1
49	Estonia (EST)	0	1	0	1
49	Saudi Arabia (KSA)	0	1	0	1
49	Tanzania (TAN)	0	1	0	1
54	Serbia (SRB)	0	0	3	3
55	Venezuela (VEN)	0	0	2	2
56	Albania (ALB)	0	0	1	1
56	Armenia (ARM)	0	0	1	1
56	Barbados (BAR)	0	0	1	1
56	Greece (GRE)	0	0	1	1
56	Indonesia (INA)	0	0	1	1
56	Ireland (IRL)	0	0	1	1
56	Kuwait (KUW)	0	0	1	1
56	Luxembourg (LUX)	0	0	1	1
56	Pakistan (PAK)	0	0	1	1

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
	Rwanda (RWA)	0	0	1	1
	Spain (ESP)	0	0	1	1
Totals (66 nations)		**316**	**316**	**389**	**1021**

Source:[42][43]

Note: Para Athletics, Para Archery, Gymnastics, Tennis and 3 Senior Triathlon events not counted in medal table.[a]

a. ^ The United States won a gold medal in the women's senior division triathlon and a silver medal in the mixed senior team.[44] Since the two triathlon medals were awarded in the over 40 division, they were not counted in the official medal tally.[44]

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