

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MADRID PRIDE GAMES 2017

- **9th edition of the Pride Games will take place June 23-25.**
- **For the first time, the event will include a Diving competition, organized by partner sports club Halegatos.**

Registration for the **9th edition** of the **Madrid World Pride Games (Juegos del Orgullo Mundial)** opens today. The multisport event will take place from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th in different venues across the Spanish capital. Athletes can benefit from an **earlybird rate** if they register before **April 30th**.

LGBTI+ sports club GMadrid Sports, organizers of the Pride Games, will once again include a wide range of tournaments in the various sports which are currently offered by the Club. Participants will be able to take part in a variety of sports including **Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Basket, Football-7 and Football-11, Paddle Tennis or Swimming**. Sunday morning will be dedicated to **Urban Hiking**, offering two guided tours within the most picturesque neighbourhoods of Madrid. Runners interested in taking part at the **Pride Race (Carrera del Orgullo)** will know further details about its itinerary and proceed with registration shortly.

For the first time ever, the World Pride Games welcomes the collaboration of **Halegatos** sports club, one of the most renowned LGBTI institutions in Madrid. Halegatos will take part as a partner organizer, exclusively planning a **Diving** competition. Its president Carlos Saborido, declares that "World Pride and the Pride Games have given us the opportunity to collaborate with GMadrid Sports in favour of the sports and the LGBTI visibility, which is something we've been willing to do since long time ago."

After last year's record-breaking edition, with nearly a thousand national and international athletes registered, organizers are confident to beat that figure since the Pride Games will coincide with **World Pride** festivities in Madrid. Daniele Vitturini, president at GMadrid Sports, emphasises the **inclusive** character of a "sports celebration where everybody is welcome, regardless of their sexual orientation, and whose main purposes are to **normalise** the sports practice among the LGBTI public and to **fight** against all kinds of **discrimination**."

Registration for the sports tournaments as well as the rest of the activities included in the Pride Games will be open until **June 15th** through its official **website**: www.pridegames.es. Further details on the competitions and their regulations can be found there as well.

About GMadrid Sports

GMadrid Sports is a non-for-profit LGBTI+ sports club founded in 2007 which aims at raising visibility of the LGBTI+ community in the world of sports. Our organization is

entirely run by volunteers and is made of up to 11 different sections/sports including: Swimming, Volleyball, Cycling, Basket, Paddle Tennis, Running, Hiking and Football (with its variations - F-11, F-7 and FutSal).

With more than 350 members at the moment, GMadrid Sports is not an exclusive-LGTBI-only club, what makes it an example of inclusion and integration. It actively fights against all forms of LGBTIphobia, inside and outside the sports field, by organizing or taking part at conferences, panels and specific sport activities.

About Halegatos

Swimming and diving team born in 2001 from a group of people who shared their passion about water sports. Nowadays it is one of the teams with more Master federated swimmers in the Madrid region, reaching the second place in the general ranking by clubs of the Open Master of Madrid and sixteenth in the Spain's Championship Open, beating two national records. It consolidated its sports offer in the 2013-2014 season by adding both triathlon and synchronized swimming.

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