

WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES ISMAILI GAMES



DALLAS TEXAS

AUGUST 31, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2023



His Highness Prince Aga Khan Shia Imami Ismaili
Council for the United States of America

August 22, 2023

Dear Athlete,

Warmest congratulations! On behalf of the Council for USA and the Aga Khan Youth & Sports Board, it is our utmost pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 United States Ismaili Games (USIG). This year's tournament is the largest tournament held in the US to date, boasting a participation of over 1,900 exceptional athletes representing the vibrant diversity of our jamat, accompanied by a dynamic assembly of enthusiastic spectators and dedicated volunteers. This tournament will also serve as a qualifier for the GE Festival - Jubilee Games, amplifying the significance of the talent that adorns Team USA.

This forthcoming weekend presents an invaluable platform for you to both showcase your skills and also to engage in spirited and healthy competition alongside athletes from various corners of the nation. As we prepare for the road to Dubai, we find comfort in the wisdom of Mawlana Hazar Imam, whose unwavering endorsement of sports and fitness as integral components of a holistic and healthy quality of life resonate within us. Your commitment to excellence, coupled with your values of teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, and grace under pressure, are a model for the rest of the Jamat and will hopefully encourage others to make competitive sports and fitness a part of their daily routines.

Lastly, we want to take a moment to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have selflessly dedicated their time, expertise, and boundless energy in this last year leading up to USIG to ensure the athlete and Jamati experience is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. We extend our gratitude to these volunteers who exemplify the best of our tradition and ethic of voluntary service.

May we also remember to thank our loved ones, whether they are able to join the tournament or not, for their ongoing support of you and your passion for sports.

We look forward to meeting you over the course of the tournament. Congratulations once again on making it to the 2023 United States Ismaili Games! #ItStartsHere

With warmest regards and Ya Ali Madad,

Al-Karim Alidina, President
His Highness Prince Aga Khan
Shia Imami Ismaili Council for USA

Asif Makhani, Chairman
Aga Khan Youth & Sports Board for USA



City of Carrollton – Steve Babick
Office of the Mayor
Carrollton, Texas

August 23, 2023

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Carrollton, Texas and the broader Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex for what promises to be an exhilarating Labor Day weekend filled with activities related to the United States Ismaili Games, a remarkable event organized by the American Shia Ismaili Muslim community.

I would also like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to all the Ismaili athletes from around the country participating in these games. The hard work, spirit or sportsmanship, and the ethic of volunteerism that permeates the Ismaili Muslim community is exceptional.

City of Carrollton, being an integral part of the diverse Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, is proud to be one of the host venues for the United States Ismaili Games. The rich tapestry of religious traditions, cultural and ethnic heritages, and our collective desire to celebrate this diversity are strong assets that bind our community together.

Once again, welcome to the City of Carrollton and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

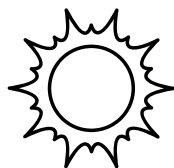
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Steve Babick
Mayor of Carrollton

PACKING LIST

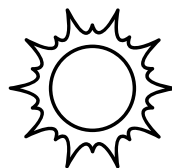
- **Government-issued photo ID**
(required for check in)
- **Health insurance card**
- **Sports gear and equipment**
(athlete jerseys will be provided)
- **Jacket and/or sweatshirt**
- **Toiletries**
(deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- **Clothes for Jamatkhana**
- **Chargers for electronics**
- **Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen**
- **Refillable water bottle**
- **Optional: Yoga mat**

WEATHER



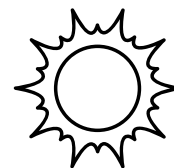
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Low: 74°



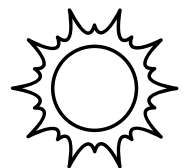
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High: 103°
Low: 76°



Saturday

High: 103°
Low: 78°



Sunday

High: 101°
Low: 76°

Note: The weather in Dallas tends to change rapidly and can become quite cool at night. Please pack accordingly!

KEEP IN TOUCH

For more information related to USIG events or inquiries, please contact the USIG Hotline number at 855-786-USIG(8744). For any medical and other emergencies, please dial 911.

The Safety team will be available to provide support to ensure the safety of all that are present and monitor any suspicious activity with respect to the location.

USIG Hotline Number: 855-786-USIG(8744)
Medical Emergencies - 911
ACCESS: 1-844-55-ACCESS (1-844-552-2237)

Stay up to date by visiting gefestival.usa.ismaili or visiting our social media sites! Submit photos, videos, & comments using #USIG2023, and #ItStartsHere

Instagram: @USIsmailiGames

Twitter: @USIsmailiGames

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USIsmailiGames/>

COVID UPDATE

A gentle reminder that if you're experiencing any COVID-19-related symptoms, please test yourselves to ensure your safe attendance at USIG. If you test positive within 5 days of USIG, please do not attend the event. Family members of a positive person are considered close contacts and should also not attend the event if it is within 5 days of USIG.

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL	DAYTIME	EVENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cricket Arrival/Check-in• Dinner at PSA 2• Athletes Lounge
THURSDAY DAY 1 GAMES	DAYTIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cricket Games• Athletes Lounge	EVENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival/Check-in• Dinner at PSA 2• Athletes Lounge• Escape Room & more
FRIDAY DAY 2 GAMES	DAYTIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games• Athletes Lounge	EVENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremonies & activities at PSA 2
SATURDAY DAY 3 GAMES	DAYTIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games• Athletes Lounge	EVENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games, Food and activities for all athletes to enjoy at Bob Jones
SUNDAY DAY 4 GAMES	DAYTIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games• Medal Ceremony at respective venues.	EVENING

ATHLETE CHECK IN

DATE AND TIME

For Cricket:

Wednesday, August 30th from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm ONLY

For all other games:

Thursday, August 31st from 2:00 pm-9:00 pm ONLY

LOCATION

Plano Sports Authority 2

601 Seabrook Drive 75023

Plano, TX

972-208-5437

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING

- Your government-issued photo ID will be required for identification during check-in. Acceptable forms of ID include driver's license, passport, or Green Card.
 - **Minor Athletes:** If you do not have a driver's license or government-issued ID, a combination of documents is acceptable to validate your Name, date of birth, and photo, including birth certificate, school issued ID, report cards, or transcripts.

WHAT WILL I RECEIVE AT CHECK IN

- **USIG Badge:** Keep this on you at all times. Badges will be required to participate in the games, enter the Athlete Lounge, receive meals, and attend the night events.
- **Memorabilia Package:** This will include your jerseys, which must be worn during games, as well as various other keepsakes to help you remember your experience at USIG 2023!

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Payment of the registration fee, completion of the orientation, and signing of the electronic waiver is required to compete. If you have not:
 - completed the mandatory orientation, please do so prior to check-in.
 - completed your payment, please contact your local RM to do so before check-in.
 - signed your Liability and Waiver forms, please check your email for a link and sign the forms electronically. If you cannot find your email, please notify your local RM or AKYSB Chair, and an email will be re-sent to you. (Contact information is available on page 11.)
- All athletes must wear jerseys provided by USIG during game time. No personalized or sponsored jerseys are allowed.

ATHLETE LOUNGE

Before and after games, we know you'll need to rest, recover, and relax, so we've established athlete lounges in some of our venues during USIG.

- The lounges will be an athlete-only space where you can socialize, decompress, strategize, and cool off between games.
- Professionals and volunteers will be available to provide athletes with tools and techniques to assist in recovery, stretching and mobility, massages, and injury prevention.
- We'll also have snacks, beverages, and fun activities for you to enjoy while you relax.
- On Thursday, August 31st the athlete lounge at PSA 2 will host a IPN mixer and networking opportunity from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

WEDNESDAY

PSA 2
8:00-10:00pm

THURSDAY

PSA 2
2:00-10:00pm

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

Bob Jones
Southwest Athletic Center
(SWAC)
PSA McKinney

SITES BREAKDOWN

PLANO SPORTS AUTHORITY 2

- Address: 601 Seabrook Drive, Plano, TX 75023
- Registration

LIFETIME (PLANO)

- Address: 7100 Preston Rd, Plano, TX 75024
- Lifetime (Plano) will host the following sports: Squash

BOB JONES

- Address: 3901 N. White Chapel Blvd. Southlake, TX 76092
- Bob Jones will host the following sports: Soccer, Flag Football, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Women's Cricket

SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CENTER (SWAC)

- Address: 2800 N Interstate 35E, Carrollton, TX 75007
- Southwest Athletic Center (SWAC) will host the following sports: Basketball, Table Tennis, eSports

PSA MCKINNEY

- Address: 7205 Eldorado Pkwy, McKinney, TX 75070
- PSA McKinney will host the following sports: Volleyball, Throwball, Badminton

LEWISVILLE ISD (LISD) WESTSIDE AQUATIC CENTER

- Address: 1750 Duncan Ln, Lewisville, TX 75067
- LISD Westside Aquatic Center will host the following sports: Swimming

UNITED CRICKET GROUND

- Address: Roadrunner Trail, Lewisville, TX 75057
- United Cricket Ground will host the following sports: Adult Men's Cricket

RIVERSIDE FIELDS #1 & #2

- Address: 5964 Riverside Drive, Irving, TX 75039
- Riverside Fields #1 & #2 will host the following sports: Adult Men's Cricket

CARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Address: 1800 Kirkwood Blvd, Southlake, TX 76092
- Carroll Middle School will host the following sports: Track

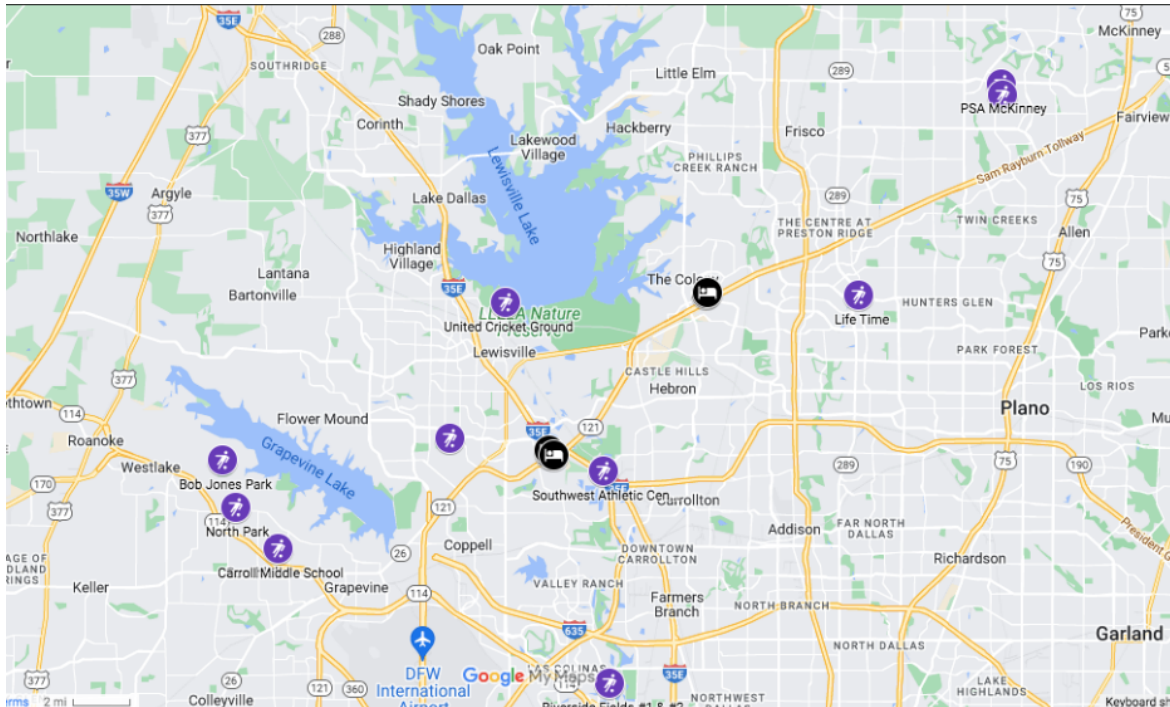
THE COURTS OF MCKINNEY

- Address: 3253 Alma Rd, McKinney, TX 75070
- The Courts of McKinney will host the following sports: Pickleball, Tennis, Chess

TEXAS RANGERS GOLF CLUB

- Address: 701 Brown Blvd, Arlington, TX. 76011
- Texas Rangers Golf Club will host the following sports: Golf

SITES BREAKDOWN



HOTEL INFO

CLUSTER 1

- Hilton Garden Inn- Lewisville- 785 SH-121 Bypass, Lewisville, TX 75067
- Town Place Inn-731 E Vista Ridge Mall Dr, Lewisville, TX 75067
- Hampton Inn-2650 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067
- Fairfield Inn-2697 Lake Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067

CLUSTER 2

- Holiday Inn- 5290 Memorial Drive, The Colony, TX 75056- Cluster 2
- Staybridge Suites- 5280 Memorial Drive, The Colony, TX 75056
- Hyatt Place Dallas/The Colony - 5200 Memorial Dr, The Colony, TX 75056

CLUSTER 3

- Sheraton McKinney Hotel - 1900 Gateway Blvd, McKinney, TX 75070

PLACES TO VISIT

- **Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) & Klyde Warren Park**: Come explore this free museum in the heart of Dallas along with beautiful breezy weather and famous food trucks outside at Klyde Warren Park! It's fun for the whole family to learn about different and new exhibits!
- **Arbor Hills Nature Preserve**: A 200-acre park featuring vast areas of natural beauty for walking, jogging, hiking, and biking with friends, family, and loved ones! The Preserve also has many pavilions for picnics and gatherings and provides a beautiful view of the preserve and all its bounty.
- **George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum**: Home to many artifacts from the presidency of George W. Bush on the campus of Southern Methodist University.
- **Fort Worth Water Gardens**: A beautiful and refreshing oasis that can be enjoyed year-round in a relaxing urban park adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center.
- **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**: Everything from dinosaurs to DNA to diamonds is packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Prepare to amaze your brain.
- **Dallas Zoo**: The largest zoological experience in Texas, the 106-acre Dallas Zoo offers fun, educational and entertaining experiences for the whole family. The Zoo's mission is to inspire a passion for nature and conserve wildlife. Guests can see several endangered species and learn about various conservation projects the Dallas Zoo supports.

PLACES TO EAT

- **Legacy Hall**: A family-friendly area with many different types of food, beverages, and desserts the whole family can enjoy! The vendors are constantly changing and there is always live entertainment present.
- **Al Markaz**: Enjoy a classic meal of your favorite desi foods at the famous restaurant located in Carrollton!
- **Mai Colachi**: Visit this casual dining restaurant with an upscale setting to get a taste of your favorite Pakistani meals inspired by the culture of the Mughal Dynasty!
- **Pecan Lodge**: Dallas' most award-winning BBQ, featuring a variety of smoked meats, sides, and desserts! A must-visit for those looking for a good BBQ fix!
- **Desi District**: Looking to try your favorite desserts but with a twist? Visit Desi District featuring Asian fusion desserts! Their wonderful concoctions include items such as gulab jamun cupcakes, rabdi tres leches, chikoo shakes, and more!
- **Agha Juice**: Enjoy tasty and authentic Pakistani desserts at Agha Juice. Their menu includes a massive variety of items from ice cream and faloodas, to a juice bar and shakes! With three locations throughout the DFW area, you can't miss it!
- **BK Khan**: Khan BBQ focuses on the quality and flavor that defines Pakistani BBQ cuisine. Feeling homesick or just adventurous to try new food? Come over to BK Khan's and let them take care of you!

FAQ

WILL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED?

- Transportation will be provided between sites and designated cluster hotels.
 - Cluster 1 - Lewisville - direct to all venues
 - Cluster 2 - Colony - direct to all venues
 - Cluster 3 - to PSA MCKINNEY only
- Transportation schedule will be available on the website during the weekend.

WHAT IF I HAVE NOT SUBMITTED MY PAYMENT?

- Please make immediate arrangements with your RM or local AKYSB Chair to submit payment

WHAT IF I HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION?

- You will not be permitted to compete until you have completed the orientation.

WHAT IF I HAVE NOT SIGNED THE ELECTRONIC WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORMS?

- You will not be permitted to compete until you sign the forms. If you cannot locate these forms in your email, please contact your RM or local YSB

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE USIG ID BADGE?

- Your ID badge provides access to the athlete lounge and meals and should be worn at all times. Your ID badge will be temporarily surrendered during your time of play to ensure all players are accounted for.

WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE OUR JERSEYS?

- Two jerseys will be provided at the Registration desk during check-in. You are required to wear those jerseys while playing your games.

CONTACT INFO

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JAMATKHANAS

An additional prayer gathering will be held at PSA 2 Plano on Thursday and Friday at 7:30PM

- **PLANO JAMATKHANA**
 - 6704 Alma Drive, Plano, Texas, 75023
- **DALLAS HEADQUARTERS JAMATKHANA**
 - 2500 Dickerson Pkwy, Carrollton, Texas 75006
- **TRICITIES JAMATKHANA**
 - 6219 Colleyville Boulevard, Colleyville, Texas 76034
- **MIDCITIES JAMATKHANA**
 - 700 E. Harwood Road, Euless, Texas 76039

Monday to Friday: 7:30 PM CT

Saturday to Sunday: 7:00 PM CT