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Foreword by Ms Audrey AZOULAY, Director-General of UNESCO

UNESCO's organization of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games in 2025 is meaningful for more reasons than one. Not only does this year mark the 50th edition of this competition, created at the initiative of UNESCO in 1968, but it is also the 80th anniversary of our organization.

There could be no better host city for this year's Games than Rennes. In addition to being the beating heart of Brittany and a metropolis of art and history, it is a city of sport. It has nearly 395 sport facilities, including Roazhon Park stadium and Glaz Arena, where the closing ceremony will take place.

In 2025, the Inter-Agency Games will bring together over 1,300 athletes from 138 countries and 64 United Nations organizations and agencies, reminding us once again how the values of sport underpin our daily work to build peace. Teamwork, integrity, respect, equity, inclusion - all these qualities are just as necessary on the sports field as they are in our initiatives around the world.

Because sport revolves around both individual and collective efforts, personal actions and social practices, it is a powerful vector for empowerment and inclusion. To celebrate this universal potential, UNESCO adopted the International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport in 1978, playing sports a fundamental right for all and a pillar of sustainable development.

This conviction is borne out in our actions, notably through our Conference of Ministers for physical education and sport, as well as through the message conveyed by the incredible athletes among our UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors—including the footballer Vinícius Junior, the volleyball player Jackie Silva, and the surfer Maya Gabeira, who has joined forces with us to protect the ocean.

May this festive competition be an opportunity for us to surpass ourselves, gather together and, above all, strengthen ties – a vibrant reflection of multilateralism in action.

Happy Inter-Agency Games to you all!



Audrey AZOULAY

Director-General of UNESCO

Foreword by Ms Nathalie APPERE, Mayor of Rennes, President of Rennes Metropolis

We are delighted to welcome, in Rennes and our metropolis, the 50th edition of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games, which are held each year in a different country. From 14 to 18 May 2025, more than 1,300 international civil servants, representing 64 UN agencies and nearly 138 nationalities, will be present on our territory.

The choice of location made by UNESCO, which is steering this fiftieth Edition, underlines the quality of life in Rennes: a green, sustainable city on a human scale, recognized for its voluntary policies in favor of the right to sport and inclusion.



A variety of sporting events will take place in Rennes, at Les Gayeulles, Bréquigny and Géniaux, as well as in Cesson-Sévigné and Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande.

Swimming, padel, badminton... We have made a certain number of our facilities and infrastructures available for the occasion, so that sport and international cooperation can flourish. And to celebrate Breton culture, the final of the soccer tournament will take place in the legendary Roazhon Park!

In line with the ecological transformations, we are implementing daily in Rennes, we have also made a point of ensuring that all travel is organized in close collaboration with Kéolis, our public transport operator.

In a turbulent and worrisome international context, this event will contribute above all to fostering exchange and encounters, to strengthening cooperation and human ties, which we probably never needed more. It will also showcase the rich diversity of our cultures.

I would like to warmly thank UNESCO, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, and its Director-General, Audrey Azoulay, who will be honoring us with her presence. Not forgetting, of course, all the partners and players involved: the Rennes sports clubs who will be supervising each of the disciplines, our local authority's sports educators and technical staff, and our Destination Rennes tourist office.

Excellent games to all!

Nathalie APPÉRÉ

Mayor of Rennes – President of Rennes Métropole

Foreword by the UNESCO Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games 2025 is delighted to welcome you to France for the first time since 2012 and more specifically to Rennes for this exceptional 50th edition!

This annual event is eagerly awaited by all of us. It's the perfect opportunity to get together for friendly competitions, to exchange ideas with colleagues from different agencies and countries, and to forge links regardless of grades or status.

Our small team of volunteers has been working tirelessly for several months to ensure that we can welcome you in the best possible conditions.

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the city of Rennes, Rennes Metropolis, the Sports Department, Destination Rennes tourist office, local sports clubs, and the towns of Cesson-Sévigné and Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande for their exceptional welcome.

Many thanks also to all our partners who have supported us and believed in us.

We know that many of you have traveled from afar, and we hope that you will feel all the warmth and hospitality of the beautiful city of Rennes. Make the most of every moment!



UNESCO Committee, organizer of the 50th UN IAG, from left to right: Cyrille LEROY - Paul FÉRARD - Florence CALVIAC (Treasurer) - Raphaël LEVY - Vincent VAURETTE - Anne HERMELIN LIZET (President) - Raphaël GÓMEZ DE CEDRÓN

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The United Nations Inter-Agency Games (UNIAG) will celebrate a major milestone this year with its 50th Edition.

Since its inception in 1968, the UNIAG has brought together UN personnel from across the globe in the spirit of sportsmanship, collaboration, and solidarity. These events playfully nicknamed the UN mini-Olympic Games, were deemed worthy to be established every year as they enabled a deeper sense of connection and even friendship between UN Agencies and civil servants from various backgrounds and countries. Each edition offered a chance for staff to connect beyond duty stations — whether through competition or shared experience.

After 57 years of sports challenges, the Games are proudly hosted this year by UNESCO from 14 to 18 May 2025, in Rennes, France. As is customary, an Opening Ceremony will be followed by two to three days of competitions, leading to the highlight of the event which is the Closing Ceremony and gala dinner where our best athletes will be rewarded with medals.

The 50th edition aims to highlight local partnerships and foster a memorable, community-centered experience.



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A CITY OF CHARACTER

Rennes is the capital of the Brittany region. It is filled with Art, Culture, History, and is of course infused with the Breton culture that can be seen at every corner of the city. To honor this heritage, we have chosen to have the Opening Ceremony at the heart of the city, in the 'Couvent des Jacobins', an ancient 14th century convent turned into a Congress center.

A SMALL AND FRIENDLY CITY

Rennes is nicknamed, rightfully, the « fifteen minutes » city, as everything is accessible on foot or by public transport in this time frame. As such, competitions will mostly be accessible by public transportation, with the exception of a few disciplines, for which shuttles will be organized (details in the Sports and Venues section). But, no worry, these are located at a maximum of 20 min from the city center.

A SPORTS CITY

Rennes has 395 sports facilities accessible to everyone and regularly hosts major sports events and competitions. Its inhabitants show strong enthusiasm for football games, and its Stade Rennais (Roazhon Park) is the place to be whenever a match is organized. Another major place for sports gatherings is the Glaz Arena, where we have decided to host you for the Closing ceremony.

A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CITY

Rennes is the second greenest city in France. The Breton capital is also one of the five French cities labeled Innovative and Sustainable Destination by Bureau Veritas, a national standard managed by the 'France Congress and Event network'.

Destination Rennes, its Tourist Office, is labeled ISO 20121. This international norm is a reference in terms of responsible management of events activities and recognizes the exemplary nature of the actions undertaken to welcome tourists and participants in professional events.



It is thanks to the precious help from the Rennes municipality, the Sports Directorate of Rennes City, and Destination Rennes (Tourist Office) that we are thrilled to be able to welcome you there for this 50th Edition.

ARRIVAL AT RENNES AIRPORT



Location : [1 Av. de l'Aéroport Joseph le Brix, 35136 Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande](#)

Please be aware, the Organizing Committee of the 50th UN IAG is not organizing bus shuttles to and from Rennes City Center.

Unlimited cards for public transportation for the whole duration of your stay until Sunday 18 May will be included in your welcome package.

- ➔ You can reach the city center by **bus** on **Line C6**. This line runs every day (Sundays and public holidays included). From Monday to Friday, with an average frequency of 10 to 12 minutes between 7 am and 7 pm This line is accessible to people with reduced mobility.

Ticket cost from the airport: €1.80 and can be purchased at the airport information desk.

All information can be found on [Star.fr](#)

- ➔ You can also reach the city center **by train**, but you will have to walk 15 min to reach the [train station](#). You will then have a 5 min train ride.

Ticket cost: 2€



An information desk will be available at the Destination Rennes stand in the arrivals area of the airport.



Volunteers will be present to welcome you and answer your first questions. They will help you buy your transportation ticket if needed.

- Tuesday 13 May from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 14 May from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

ARRIVAL AT RENNES TRAIN STATION



Location : [19 place de la Gare, 35000 Rennes](#)

Rennes train station is in the city center, and you can easily reach your hotels and the accreditation center on foot (25 min) or by metro (line  or  for a 6 min ride - you'll need to buy your first ticket).



Two information desks will be available, one on each floor (-1 and ground floor) of the station.

Volunteers will be present to welcome you and answer your first questions

- Tuesday 13 May from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday 14 May from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

This is general information on transportation.

For information regarding a specific sport, please refer to the individual sports pages.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (SUBWAY, BUS)

Cards for public transportation will be included in your welcome package to cover your stay from 14 to 18 May included.

- ➔ 1 Card – unlimited transportation – for 4 days (or 2 cards for 2 days each) +
- ➔ 1 Card – unlimited transportation – for 1 day only

All the cards handed to you will cover 5 days of FREE transportation

A map of Rennes will also be provided in your package to help you find your way more easily around the city.

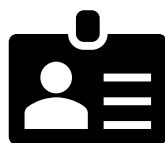
Kindly find more information about public transportation here: <https://www.star.fr/>



GET AROUND BY BIKE

[The STAR bike in Rennes](#), is a service provided by Rennes Metropolis to get around the city with inspiration. Nearly 650 bikes are available 24/7 at 55 bike stations.

They're easy to use: you can borrow a bike from the station of your choice, then drop it off at any other station, guided by the instructions on the information terminal.



Accreditation badges and welcome packages can be retrieved as follows:

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY	FRIDAY 16 MAY
11:00 am – 9:00 pm	7:00 am – 10:00 am	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Location : Couvent des Jacobins 20 Pl. Sainte-Anne, 35000 Rennes (metro line a or b - Stop “Sainte Anne”)	Location : La Fonderie 7 bis Boulevard Voltaire, 35000 Rennes (metro line b - Stop “Mabilais”)	Location : La Fonderie 7 bis Boulevard Voltaire, 35000 Rennes (metro line b - Stop “Mabilais”)

You must present your UN badge/UNLP or passport/ID card to collect your badge and package.

Please note that all badges are already printed, if you didn't provide a correct photo, please note that your passport will be needed to access all the venues (with your badge)

On the first day, Wednesday 14 May 2025, everything will happen at the same location (the Couvent des Jacobins) to facilitate your arrival:

- ⇒ Collection of accreditation badges and packages from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm
- ⇒ First meeting of the Control Commission at 2:30 pm
- ⇒ Captains' meeting at 4:00 pm **Only one Captain or Deputy will be allowed per discipline**
- ⇒ Second meeting of the Control Commission at 5:30 pm
- ⇒ Opening ceremony from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Kindly note that for logistical purposes, we are kindly asking those who will retrieve their welcome package **during the day to leave them at their accommodation before coming to the Opening Ceremony.**

For those going **directly in the evening to the Couvent des Jacobins for the Opening Ceremony, you can collect your badge at the entrance, and your welcome package will be handed out at the exit (a ticket will be provided).**

We would like to thank the sports clubs from Rennes and Cesson-Sévigné for all their help, hospitality and enthusiasm in accompanying us with the organization of these competitions.

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SPORTS LOCATION

You can find details for each sport on the following pages.

BREQUIGNY HUB	CESSON-SEVIGNE HUB	GAYEULLES HUB
<p>ATHLETICS (relay) BASKETBALL CHESS DARTS FOOTBALL PÉTANQUE SWIMMING</p> <p><i>BLIND PETANQUE</i> <i>(demonstration)</i></p>	<p>BADMINTON TABLE TENNIS TENNIS VOLLEYBALL</p> <p><i>PICKELBALL</i> <i>(demonstration)</i></p>	<p>ATHLETICS (10 K) PADEL TENNIS POOL BILLIARDS</p>
<p>Main Location: Complexe Sportif Bréquigny, 12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes</p>	<p>Main Location: Carré Sévigné 1 Rue du Bac, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné</p>	<p>Main Location: Le Garden Rennes, Base de loisirs des Gayeulles, 1 Rue Pierre Nougaro, 35700 Rennes</p>

CHARLES GENIAUX HUB	RENNES SAINT JACQUES HUB
<p>BEACH VOLLEYBALL CRICKET</p> <p>Main Location: Complexe Sportif Charles Géniaux, 30 Rue Charles Géniaux, 35000 Rennes</p>	<p>GOLF</p> <p>Main Location: Golf Bluegreen Rennes/Saint- Jacques, Le Temple du Cerisier, 35136 Saint- Jacques-de-la-Lande</p>



ATHLETICS (relay)

Location:

Complexe Sportif Bréquigny, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday 16 May
See *ATHLETICS (10k)* in
Gayeulles hub

Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Arnaud DEVILLIERS - devilliers@unicc.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Athletics Women rules](#) – [Athletics Men rules](#)



BASKETBALL

Location:

Salle Colette Besson, & Salles B1/B2 [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coordinators: Ernesto Calderon e.calderon@unesco.org and Joe Hironaka
j.hironoka@unesco.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Basketball rules](#)



CHESS

Location:

Salle Colette Besson, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 16 May
8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
Option Blitz
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Coordinator: Denis Pitzalis d.pitzalis@unesco.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Chess rules](#)



DARTS

Location:

Complexe Sportif Bréquigny, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
Fallen arrows
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Coordinator: Iacobescu Catalin iacobescuc@who.int

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Darts rules](#)



FOOTBALL

Location:

Complexe Sportif Bréquigny, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

FINALS: Roazhon Park, [111 Rue de Lorient, 35000 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
Finals at Roazhon Park
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Coordinator: Christophe Brossard c.brossard@unesco.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Football Women's rules](#) – [Football Men's rules](#)



PÉTANQUE

Location:

Piscine de Bréquigny, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 6:00 pm
after the semi-finals
Demonstration of Blind
Pétanque

Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Moussoulimou Karimou mkarimou_2017@yahoo.com

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Pétanque rules](#)



SWIMMING

Location:

Piscine de Bréquigny, [12 Boulevard Albert 1er, 35200 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May	Friday 16 May	Saturday 17 May
Official Training session 9:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>off-the-record training</i> 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	No competition

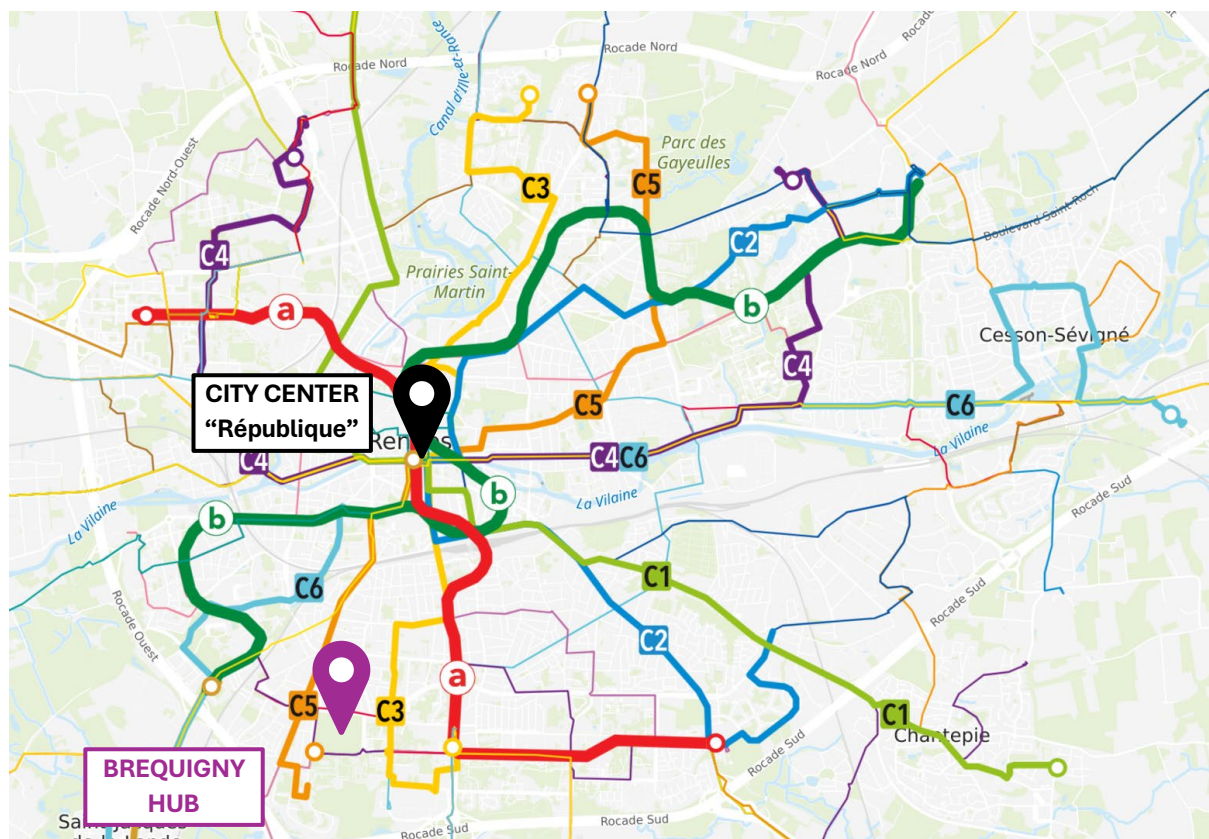
Coordinator: Emma CONNOLLY emma.connolly@wipo.int

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Swimming Women's rules](#) – [Swimming Men's rules](#)

HOW TO GET THERE?

You have 3 options for getting to the Bréquigny Hub from the stop “République” in the city center:

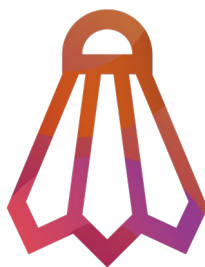
- ➔ Bus line **C5**, towards “Lycée Bréquigny” – stop at “Pigeon Blanc”
- ➔ Bus line **C3**, towards “Henri Fréville” – stop at « Suède », and then walk 10 minutes
- ➔ Subway line **a**, towards “La Poterie” – stop at “Henri Fréville”, and then walk 20 minutes



WHERE TO EAT?

Catering and refreshment points at the Brequigny Hub will be organized by the local darts, football and pétanque clubs. These meals are at your own expense.

You'll also find several restaurants close by.



BADMINTON

Location:

Halle des Sports de Cesson -Sevigné, [2 Rue de la Chalotais, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Demonstration of Pickle ball
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Coordinator: Pilar Chiang JOO pilarchiang@yahoo.com

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Badminton rules](#)



TABLE TENNIS

Location:

Salle Paul Janson, [35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Coordinators: Vida Habash v.habash@unesco.org and Tuyet-Mai Grabiél tm.grabiél@unesco.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Table Tennis Women's competition](#) – [Table Tennis Men's competition](#)



TENNIS

Location:

Cesson-Sévigné Tennis Club, [Bld De Dézerseul, Base De Loisirs, 1 Rue de la Chalotais, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Coordinator: Susana Sam Vargas ssamvargas@gmail.com

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Tennis rules](#)



VOLLEYBALL

Location:

Espace Sportif Bourgchevreuil, [Salle Bourgchevreuil, Bd de Dézerseul, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

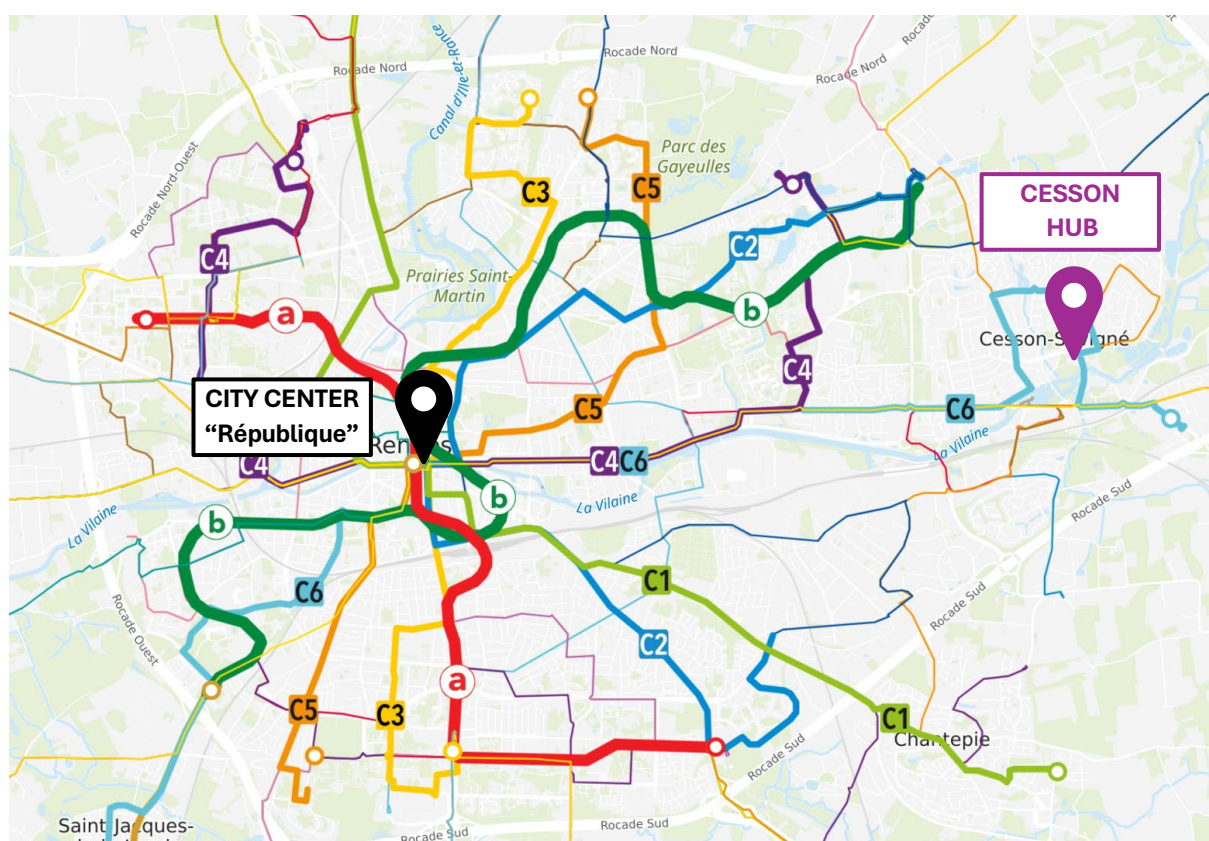
Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Nabil SAHAB, nms3000@gmail.com

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Volleyball rules](#)

HOW TO GET THERE?

- ➔ Bus line **C6**, towards “Rigourdière” – stop at “Cesson-Sévigné Collège” or “Chalotais”
- ➔ Bus line **67** from “République”, towards “Brécé” – stop “Rigourdière”.



WHERE TO EAT?

Catering options will be organized at the **Carré Sévigné** ([1 Rue du Bac, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)) by the local club. These meals will be at your charge.



ATHLETICS (10k race)

Location:

Stade Robert Launay, [2 Rue Pierre Nougaro, 35700 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
See *ATHLETICS (relay)* in
Brequigny hub

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
10k Race

Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Arnaud DEVILLIERS devilliers@unicc.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Athletics Women's rules](#) – [Athletics Men's rules](#)



PADEL TENNIS

Location:

Le Garden Rennes, [Base de loisirs des Gayeulles, 1 Rue Pierre Nougaro, 35700 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Karima Cherif karima.cherif@un.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Padel Tennis rules](#)



POOL BILLIARDS

Location:

Centre de loisirs Robert Launay, [6 Rue Pierre Nougaro, 35700 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm


Saturday 17 May
No competition

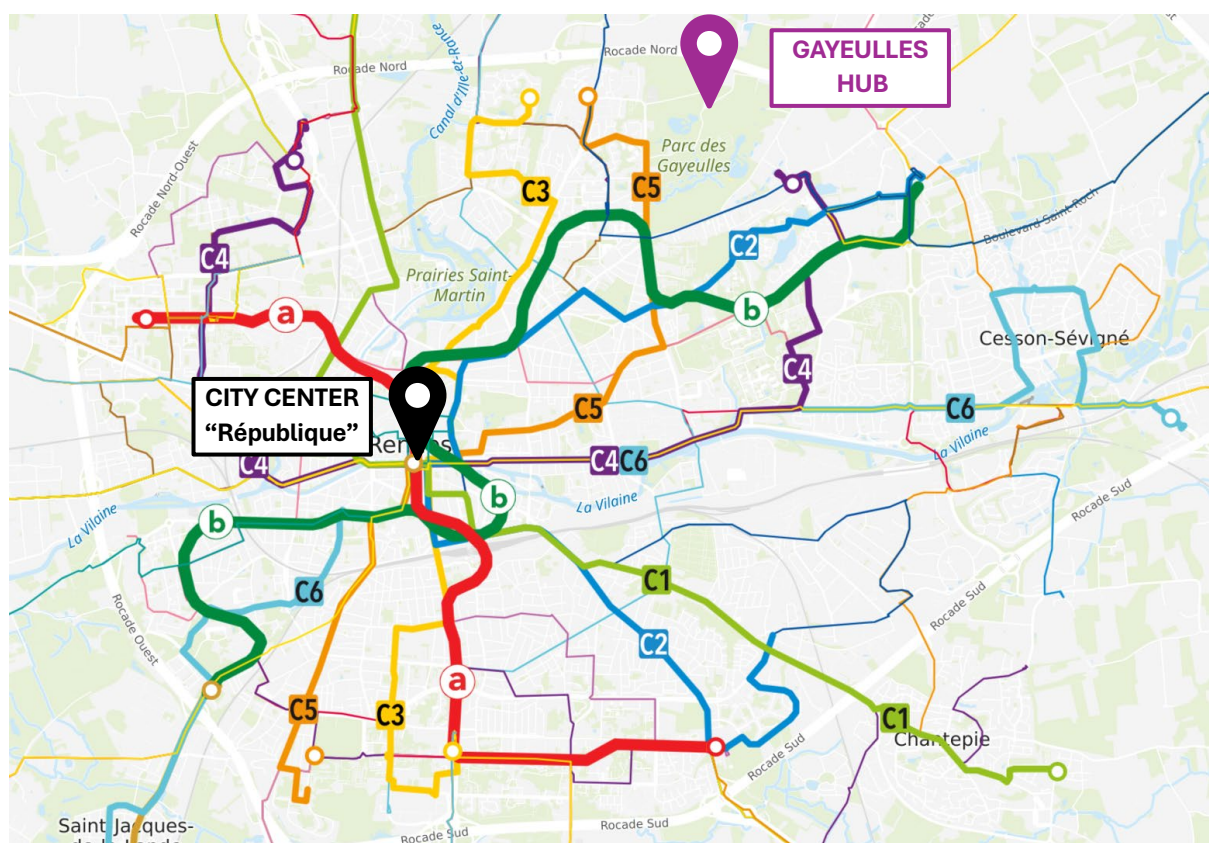
Coordinator: Moses King Ori mose.kingori@un.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Pool Billiards rules](#)

HOW TO GET THERE?

You have 3 options for getting to the Gayeulles Hub from in the city center:

- ➔ **Special Shuttles**  leaving at **7:30 am** on **Thursday 15 May** (for 100 participants maximum) and **Friday 16 May** (for 200 participants maximum):
Pick-up stop: “République”, quai M
Drop-off point: “Gayeulles piscine” and then a 14 minutes’ walk to the Stade Launay
- ➔ Bus line **C5**, towards “Saint-Laurent”. Stop at “Gayeulles Piscine”, and then walk 14 minutes to the Stade Launay
- ➔ Subway line **(b)**, towards “Via Silva”. Get off at “Les Gayeulles” and then walk 28 minutes to the Stade Launay.



WHERE TO EAT?

Catering services will be organized at the [Padel Garden](#) by the local club. Meals will be at your charge.



BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Location:

Complexe Sportif Charles Géniaux, [30 Rue Charles Géniaux, 35000 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Nabil SAHAB Sahab, nms3000@gmail.com

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Beach Volley rules](#)



CRICKET

Location: Complexe Sportif Charles Géniaux, [30 Rue Charles Géniaux, 35000 Rennes](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 16 May
9:00 am – 6:00 pm

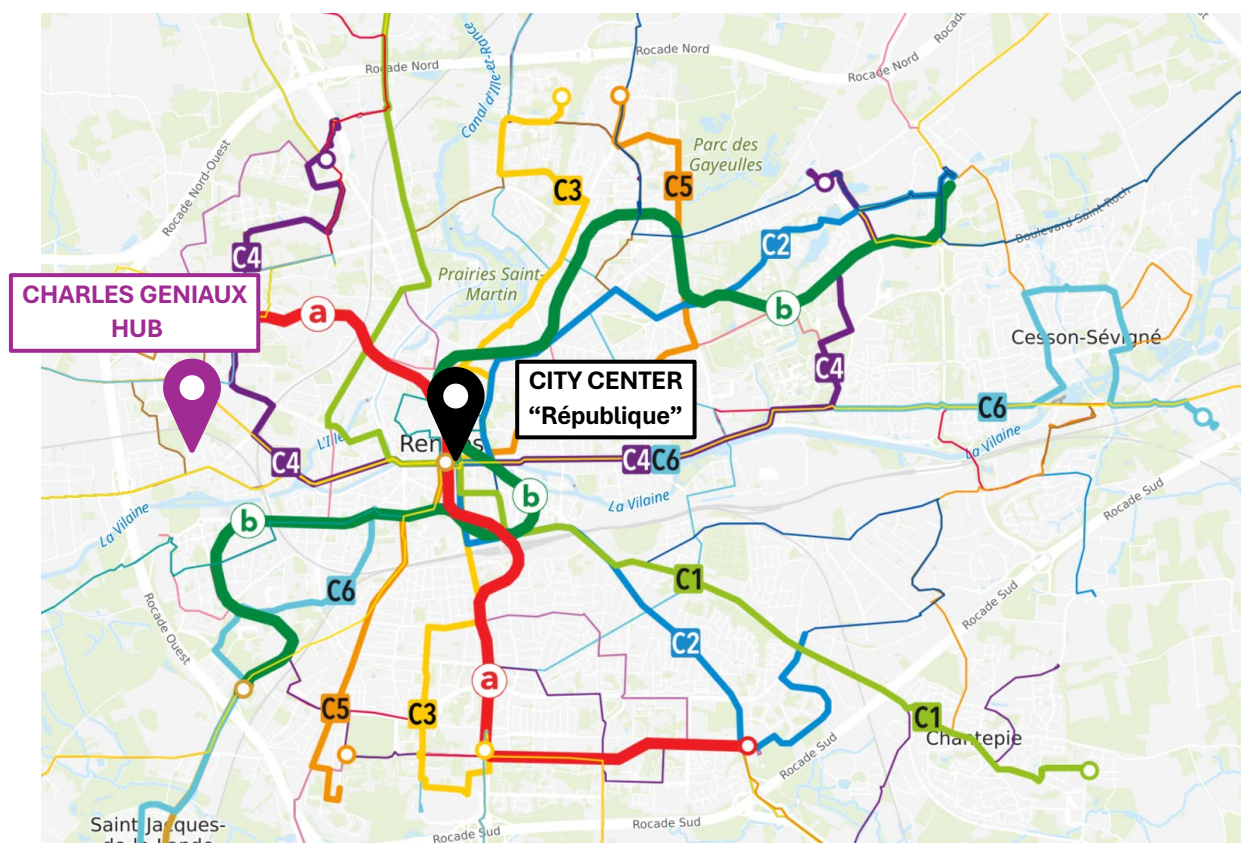
Saturday 17 May
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Coordinator: Wajira Ranasinghe wajira.ranasinghe@un.org

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Cricket rules](#)

HOW TO GET THERE?

- ➔ Bus line 11, towards “ZI Ouest”. Stop at “Géniaux”, and then walk 4 minutes to the Charles Géniaux Sports Complex
- ➔ Bus line C4, towards “Grand Quartier (Saint-Grégoire)”. Stop at “Marbeuf” and then walk 18 minutes.



WHERE TO EAT?

Catering services will be organized at the Beach volleyball venue by the local club. Meals will be at your charge.

GOLF BLUEGREEN RENNES / SAINT JACQUES



GOLF

Location:

Golf Bluegreen Rennes/Saint-Jacques, [Le Temple du Cerisier, Temple du Cerisier, 35136 Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande](#)

Competition schedule:

Thursday 15 May
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday 16 May
8:00 am – 4:00 pm



Saturday 17 May
No competition

Coordinator: Woodall Mark mark.woodall@itu.int

Sport rules: please consult on the IAG website here: [Golf rules](#)

RENNES / ST JACQUES HUB – additional information

HOW TO GET THERE?

- ➔ **Special Shuttles**  leaving at **7:00 am** on **Thursday 15 May** and **Friday 16 May** towards the Golf.
Pick-up stop: [rue Toullier](#), near the Place de la République (200 meters away)
Drop-off point: Golf Bluegreen Rennes/Saint-Jacques
- ➔ **RETURN Shuttles**  will leave from the Golf at 4:30 pm to bring you back to the city center.

WHERE TO EAT?

A restaurant is available on site. Meals are at your charge.

SNACKS AND WATER

Small snacks will be available, especially for the disciplines that require them.

Drinks and snacks will also be on sale at refreshment stands.

We recommend that you bring your own water bottle, which you can easily refill at the water points. In France, water is safe to drink from tap water (unless indicated otherwise).

CHANGING ROOMS

Sporting venues are equipped with changing rooms. The use of changing rooms will be free and open to all athletes, which means there is no designated changing room per discipline.

Toilets are on-site for men and women. Showers will also be available in the sports venues.

Kindly note that the organizers will take no responsibility for lost or stolen items. It shall be each person's and teams' responsibility to safeguard their belongings.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

It is recommended that, for their own safety, participants consult with their general practitioner before engaging in any sporting activity.

Please be mindful that competitions are held at the amateur level and span multiple days. **Participants and supporters are responsible for their own medical insurance. The host organization will not be held liable.**

MEDICAL SUPPORT

During the two and a half days of competition, we'll have **first-aid stations** set up in Brequigny, Cesson-Sévigné and Gayeulles hubs. A team of emergency doctors will also be available for the other venues

DATE

Wednesday 14 May 2025

LOCATION

Couvent des Jacobins
[20 Pl. Sainte-Anne, 35000 Rennes](#)

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Couvent des Jacobins, **in the city center**, right across the subway station “Sainte Anne” (metro line **a** or **b**).

The Ceremony will take place as follows:

6:30 pm

Greetings in front of the Couvent des Jacobins

7:30 pm

Official Opening

7:45 pm

Opening speeches

8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

A cocktail will be served all throughout the Ceremony.

Agencies group photos by alphabetic order starting by C

Please think about bringing your organization’s flag and wearing your organization’s team outfit for the occasion.

Regarding Flags, we remind you that it is forbidden to display and use national flags, we represent our various agencies and not our countries

Due to security level in France, a badge with photo is mandatory to access the venue. If you don’t have a photo on your badge, please present your badge and your passport (or equivalent).

Please also note that all bags will be opened by security, so please, try to leave all your bags in your accommodation.

DATE

Saturday 17 May 2025

LOCATION

Glaz Arena,
[Chemin du Bois de la Justice, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

The Closing Ceremony will be held at the Glaz Arena, [Chemin du Bois de la Justice, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#). For more information on how to get there, please see the next page.

The Ceremony will take place as follows:

6:30 pm

Welcome drink

7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Gala Diner

Medals and Trophies ceremony

Handover of the IAG flag to the 2026 host

10:30 pm to 1:30 am

Dance party

(last shuttle will leave at 2am)

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For dinner, and as customary, you will be seated by discipline. A seating plan will be available for reference at the entrance of the room


A special welcome desk will be available for participants who have declared some allergies or special diets.

For the party, bars will be available. You will be able to pay for your beverages by cash or credit cards.

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HOW TO GET THERE?

- ➔ Special Direct Shuttles  will leave from “Republique”, in front of quai A, at the taxis/Handistar quai, **from 6:00 pm to 7:40 pm.**
- ➔ Regular buses will also be available:


TIMETABLE OF THE BUSES LINE C6 AND 67

City center > Glaz Arena

- ↳ Bus line C6, from “Republique”, towards “Rigourdière” - stop “Rigourdière”.
- ↳ Bus line 67 from “Republique”, on quai L, towards “Brécé”, stop “Rigourdière”.

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République	18:10	18:12	18:18	18:24	18:30	18:36	18:40	18:41	18:48	18:52	18:59	19:05	19:10	19:10	19:16	19:22	19:28	19:34	19:40	19:40	19:46
Pont de Strasbourg		18:17		18:29		18:41			18:53		19:04			19:15		19:27		19:39		19:51	19:51
Tournebride	18:23	18:23		18:35		18:47	18:52		18:59		19:10		19:21	19:21		19:33		19:45		19:51	19:57
Rigourdière	18:34	18:40	18:40	18:52	18:52	19:04	19:03	19:03	19:16	19:14	19:27	19:27	19:32	19:38	19:38	19:49	19:50	20:01	20:02	20:02	20:13

RETURN

- ➔ Direct shuttles  will be available from the Glaz Arena to “Republique” in the city center. They will leave every 15 minutes, **from 10:15 pm to 2:00 am**
- ➔ Regular buses will also be available until 1:00 am:

TIMETABLE OF THE BUSES LINE C6

Glaz Arena > City center

- ↳ The Bus line C6 will have a last departure from the stop “Rigourdière” at 1:00 am.

Navettes RETOURS Glaz Arena > Glaz Arena

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Rigourdière	21:46	22:15	22:26	22:30	22:45	23:00	23:05	23:15	23:30	23:40	23:45	0:00	0:15	0:30	0:45	1:00	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45	2:00
Tournebride	22:03		22:43				23:22			23:57							1:17				
Pont de Strasbourg	22:07		22:47				23:26			0:01							1:21				
République	22:20	22:37	23:00	22:52	23:07	23:22	23:40	23:37	23:52	0:35	0:07	0:22	0:37	0:52	1:07	1:22	1:35	1:37	1:52	2:07	2:22

TAXIS

To go back to your accommodation from the Glaz Arena, you will find a number of taxis waiting for you outside.

You can also contact a recommended taxi company:

- Taxis GLR: [+33 6 01 02 77 34](tel:+33601027734)
- GIE Taxis Rennais: [+33 2 99 30 79 79](tel:+33299307979) or via the app “Taxi Club by Taxis Rennais” (We recommend booking in advance whenever possible, especially to avoid late-night waits.)
- You can also book a car through the Apps Uber or Bolt.

The meetings will be held as follows:

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

Location: Couvent des Jacobins, 20 Pl. Sainte-Anne, 35000 Rennes

CONTROL COMMISSION at 2:30 pm

CAPTAINS' MEETING at 4:00 pm (Only one Captain OR Deputy will be allowed per discipline)

CONTROL COMMISSION at 5:30 pm

THURSDAY 15 MAY

Location: Meeting room in the City Townhall (Hotel de Ville), Place de la Mairie, 35000 Rennes

CONTROL COMMISSION at 2:00 pm

FRIDAY 16 MAY

Location: Meeting room in the City Townhall (Hotel de Ville), Place de la Mairie, 35000 Rennes

CONTROL COMMISSION at 2:00 pm

SATURDAY 17 MAY

Location: Meeting room in the City Townhall (Hotel de Ville), Place de la Mairie, 35000 Rennes

CONTROL COMMISSION at 2:30 pm

Only officially approved members will be allowed to attend the CONTROL COMMISSION meetings.

Registration to the Control Commission is done in advance through an official form addressed to the IAG Secretariat who is then approving its members.

All participants coming to the meetings will be checked against the list of the IAG Secretariat.

With regard to safety/security rules for your participation in the IAG, we would like to remind you of the United Nations' recommendations.

First and foremost, we would like to remind you of the reflexes you should have for any trip, and which apply to your stay in Rennes.

While UNSMS staff continue to be victims of minor crime such as pickpocketing and apartment break-ins, the infrequency of attacks and random nature of locations do not indicate that UN staff are at an elevated risk in comparison to residents or tourists in France. However, just as in any other urban context, personnel are advised to take care of their belongings on public transport and in crowded areas in city centers. In addition, always lock your vehicle and never leave valuables in cars; avoid leaving luggage in cars for any length of time

We strongly recommend that you log on to the [UNSMS website](#) with your organization's login details and fill in your [security clearance](#) with the precise addresses of your accommodation in Rennes.

Do not hesitate also to download the security communication apps, depending on the one recommended by your agency <https://dss.un.org/Tools-Resources>

Here you will find travel recommendations specific to France <https://dss.un.org/Travel-Advisory> (select “France” in the dropdown menu).

THE ROAZHON PARK – FOOTBALL FINALS & GUIDED TOUR

Saturday 17 May

We are extremely fortunate to be hosting the final stages of the football competition in a legendary stadium. It will take place at the [Roazhon park, 111 Rue de Lorient, 35000 Rennes](#).

On **Saturday 17 May from 8.30 am to 12 pm**, this magnificent stadium (seating capacity of 30,000 people) will welcome us to our 2 football finals (Women's and Men's). The stadium will be open to all IAG participants.

The Roazhon Park is the legendary football stadium emblematic of the city of Rennes. The “Stade Rennais” is one of the leading teams in the French championship, as well as in the European Cup.

Not only will you be able to cheer on our colleagues who will be taking part in the final stages of the competition, but **you will also be able to visit the stadium behind the scenes**. You can take a tour of the stadium (changing rooms, trophy room, etc.) accompanied by a local guide (5€).

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accompanied by a local guide.

Please find here a [pre-registration form](#) for the Stadium visit (and on the IAG website)

The cost of the visit will be 5 euros per person.

(Payment modalities to be shared later)

DEMONSTRATION OF PICKLE-BALL

Friday 16 May

The Jeanne d'Arc Association will organize a demonstration of Pickle-ball on **Friday 16 May from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, at the Halle des Sports, Cesson-Sevigné (Badminton court), [2 Rue de la Chalotais, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)

DEMONSTRATION OF BLIND PETANQUE

Friday 16 May

This will be held at the Brequigny Hub, on the afternoon of **Friday 16 May**, just after the pétanque semi-finals.

... more in the next page

OPEN WATER RAFTING

Saturday 17 May

The Pôle France Canoé-Kayak ([1 Av. des Préales, 35510 Cesson-Sévigné](#)) will be delighted to welcome you on **Saturday 17 May from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm** to introduce you to a range of water sports: Stand-up Paddle, Canoeing and, for the brave, Rafting. For these activities, minors must be accompanied by adults (15€).

This site along the Vilaine river has been designed as a training center for our Paris 2024 Olympic Kayakers.

Please [find here a pre-registration form](#).

Please note that there is a charge for this activity.

The cost will be 15€ per person

(Payment modalities to be shared later)

The club does not rent wetsuits or other equipment, so participants are strongly advised to bring shorts or a swimsuit, a T-shirt (technical or cotton) and, of course, an old pair of sneakers or swimming shoes. The maximum number of participants will be around 40.

GUIDED TOURS OF RENNES (+OPTION TO VISIT THE PARLIAMENT)

Saturday 17 May

Participants can embark on guided tours of Rennes, delving into the city's historical and architectural treasures. An additional option includes a visit to the Parliament of Brittany. Places are still available.

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY 16 MAY

Book your visits on the IAG website

Here: https://www.interagencygames.org/newsite/?page_id=7342

MONT SAINT MICHEL DAY TRIP

Sunday 18 May

An exceptional day trip to the iconic Mont Saint-Michel is available, offering participants a chance to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its medieval architecture and stunning tidal landscapes. **This organized excursion was successful too quickly – no more spots left.** If you want to go there by yourself, please check the “WHAT TO DO IN & AROUND RENNES?” section.

CONCERT

The venue and the time are not confirmed yet. You will be informed about the event in due course.

IN RENNES

➔ Explore the *Marché des Lices*

One of France's biggest markets, ideal for discovering local produce and the Breton atmosphere every Saturday morning.

➔ Visit the *Parc du Thabor*

This magnificent 10-hectare park is perfect for a relaxing stroll, with its formal gardens, rose garden and aviaries.

➔ Discover the historical center

Stroll along the cobbled streets and admire the half-timbered houses, especially around Place Sainte-Anne.

➔ Take a look at the Fine Arts Museum

This museum houses a rich collection of works ranging from Antiquity to contemporary art.

➔ Taste the local cuisine

Don't miss out on Breton specialties such as galettes, crêpes and cider in the town's many restaurants and crêperies.



The “Destination Rennes” tourist office will be sharing a list of retailers offering discounts for IAG participants in the next few days.

You can also visit the Destination Rennes website for restaurant suggestions at <https://www.tourisme-rennes.com/restaurants/>

IN THE REGION

➔ Go visit the [Mont Saint Michel](#), UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Mont-Saint-Michel is a rocky island in Normandy, famous for its medieval abbey and spectacular tides. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a must-see tourist destination in France.

You can get there from Rennes by train and bus: Take a train from Rennes to Pontorson, then a bus from Pontorson to Mont-Saint-Michel. The total journey takes around 2 hours and 10 minutes.

If you prefer to go by car, it will take you about 1h15.

➔ Visit [Saint Malo](#) and its ramparts

Saint-Malo is a fortified port city in Brittany, known for its historic ramparts, beaches and rich maritime heritage. It's a popular destination for its coastal scenery and medieval atmosphere.

Enjoy a moment of relaxation at the [Aquatonic](#) or at the Saint Malo [thermal baths](#), both ideally located on the seafront.

A direct train from Rennes can take you there in 50 minutes. Trains depart regularly throughout the day.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

For this 50th Edition of the UN IAG, more than 60 UN Agencies are represented. To help you get to know each other better, here is a list of all the agencies and the description of their mandate in one paragraph. You can also find the information on the Inter-Agency Games website.

Check the details of each agency on the [IAG website](#).

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS			
BINUH	MINUSMA	UNECE	UNON
CTBTO	MONUSCO	UNEP	UNOPS
ESCAP	OCHA	UNESCO	UNOV
ESCWA	OECD	UNFPA	UNSCOL
FAO	OHCHR	UNHABITAT	UNSOS
IAEA	OOSA	UNHCR	UNTSO
ICAO	OPCW	UNICEF	UNWOMEN
ICC	OSCE	UNICRI	UN Tourism (UNWTO)
IDLO	RSCE	UNIDO	UPU
IFAD	SESG-GL	UNIFIL	WFP
ILO	UN	UNISFA	WHO
IMO	UN-SECR	UNLB	WIPO
IOM	UNAMA	UNMIK	WMO
ITC	UNAMI	UNMISS	WMU
ITU	UNCTAD	UNMOGIP	WTO
MINURSO	UNDP	UNODC	World Bank
MINUSCA	UNDSS	UNOG	

Participation in the event implies full acceptance of the Charter principles.



SPORT CHARTER **of the United Nations Inter-Agency Games 2025**

50th Edition – Rennes, 14 to 18 May 2025

Since 1968, the United Nations Inter-Agency Games have celebrated unity, diversity, and solidarity among staff members from UN agencies around the world. This 50th edition offers a unique opportunity to promote team spirit, cultural exchange, solidarity, and the universal values of sport.

PURPOSE OF THIS CHARTER

To ensure an atmosphere of fair play, mutual respect, and friendliness for all participants (athletes, supporters, volunteers, and organizers).

OUR SHARED VALUES

Respect for the game and the rules

All participants commit to respecting the rules specific to each sport and to accepting the decisions of referees, officials, and volunteers, in a spirit of fair play and collective responsibility.

Respect for individuals

Discriminatory, aggressive, intimidating, or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated—on or off the field.

Team spirit and solidarity

Each delegation and participant represent not only their organization but also the shared ideals of the United Nations system: peace, cooperation, diversity, inclusion, solidarity, and respect for human rights. As a reminder, the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service also apply during the Games.

Responsible supporters

Spectators are here to cheer, not to judge or provoke. Unsportsmanlike behavior in the stands or around the playing areas is prohibited.

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Diversity, inclusion, and equality

The richness of the Games lies in the diversity of backgrounds, cultures, and languages. Let us all be ambassadors of inclusion.

The Inter-Agency Games reaffirm their commitment to an environment that is accessible, inclusive, and respectful of everyone. The equitable participation of people with disabilities, whether as athletes, volunteers, or spectators, is strongly encouraged. The organizers commit to promoting accessibility and adapting facilities and arrangements whenever possible, in a spirit of respect, equality, and dignity.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHARTER

Any breach of this charter, by an athlete or a spectator, may result in:

- An official warning
- Exclusion from a match, race, or competition
- Disqualification of the team or individual by the Control Commission

DISTRIBUTION AND COMPLIANCE

This chart will be sent by email to all participants prior to the Games. Participation in the event implies full acceptance of these principles.

**TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE THIS 50TH EDITION
A CELEBRATION OF SPORT, JOY, AND FELLOWSHIP.**

*The UNESCO Committee for the
organization of the 2025 United Nations
Inter-Agency Games*



The organizations of the United Nations system are committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. UN system events are guided by the highest ethical and professional standards, and all participants are expected to behave with integrity and respect towards all participants attending or involved with any UN system event.

<https://www.un.org/en/content/codeofconduct>

Please be assured that the UNIAG Control Committee will take any report of misconduct seriously and deal with the incident in line with established UN principles and procedures.

By registering, you agree to abide by the UN code of conduct.

Please be aware that our primary goal is to deliver an enjoyable experience to everyone, so let's not forget that this event is first and foremost a moment of conviviality between colleagues and a unique occasion to get together for 4 days every year.

All of you are represented by one of your focal points on the Games' governing body, the "Control Commission". If you have any issue or grievance, please raise it to them and we can discuss it.

We will all do our best to ensure a great event.

Thank you all for your patience and kindness.

PREMIUM PARTNERS

CESSON-SÉVIGNÉ

Dear athletes,

Welcome to the City-garden.

Cesson-Sévigné is proud to welcome, alongside the City of Rennes, this 50^e edition of the United Nations Inter-Organization Games. As an ideal land for sport, our town is committed to making physical activity accessible to all, a real driving force behind its political action. Thanks to our sports facilities in the heart of the city, we encourage all forms of sporting activity, whether amateur, school or high-level. This dynamic is fully in line with the values embraced by UNESCO and this event: sport, inclusion, sharing and respect.

Beyond the competition, these Games embody the spirit of conviviality and solidarity that drives us. By bringing together participants from all over the world, this event perfectly illustrates the role of sport as a vector for peace and reconciliation between peoples. We are delighted to extend the Olympic spirit of Paris 2024 by welcoming athletes, volunteers and spectators to our city. I wish you all an unforgettable stay, filled with effort, fair play and exchange.

Jean-Pierre SAVIGNAC

Maire de Cesson-Sévigné

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WHERE TO FIND WIFI

- ⇒ All hotels have Wi-Fi, especially in common areas.
- ⇒ Opening and closing ceremonies
- ⇒ At certain locations on the sports venues
- ⇒ In most restaurants, just ask the waiters for the access code.

FEW WORDS TO KNOW IN FRENCH

GREETINGS AND POLITE PHRASES

Hello / Good morning: *Bonjour*
 Good evening: *Bonsoir*
 Hi: *Salut*
 Goodbye: *Au revoir*
 Thank you: *Merci*
 Please: *S'il vous plaît*
 Excuse me: *Excusez-moi*
 Sorry: *Pardon*

BASIC QUESTIONS

How are you?: *Comment ça va ?*
 I'm fine, thank you: *Ça va bien, merci*
 Do you speak English?: *Parlez-vous anglais ?*
 Where is...?: *Où est... ?*
 How much does it cost?: *Combien ça coûte ?*
 What time is it?: *Quelle heure est-il ?*

DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

To the left: *À gauche*
 To the right: *À droite*
 Straight ahead: *Tout droit*
 The train station: *La gare*
 The airport: *L'aéroport*
 The subway: *Le métro*

FOOD AND DRINKS

Water: *L'eau*
 Coffee: *Le café*
 Tea: *Le thé*
 Bread: *Le pain*
 Cheese: *Le fromage*
 Wine: *Le vin*

EMERGENCIES

Help me!: *Aidez-moi !*
 I need a doctor: *J'ai besoin d'un médecin*
 Where is the hospital?: *Où est l'hôpital ?*
 Call the police: *Appelez la police*

OTHER USEFUL PHRASES

I don't understand: *Je ne comprends pas*
 Can you repeat?: *Pouvez-vous répéter ?*
 I am lost: *Je suis perdu(e)*
 How much is it?: *C'est combien ?*

USEFUL CONTACTS

- SAMU (Medical Emergencies): 15
- Police Emergency: 17
- Fire Brigade: 18
- European emergency number: 112

EMERGENCY IAG 2025

- contact: +33 6 31 73 53 51 (only during competition days)

If you have specific questions,
you should contact the 2025 IAG Organizing Committee at:

iag2025@unesco.org

SOCIAL MEDIAS

Please also regularly check for news on:



UN-IAG website for news: www.interagencygames.org



UN-IAG Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UNInterAgencyGames>



UN-IAG Instagram page: [@uninteragencygames](https://www.instagram.com/uninteragencygames)

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