



 **ISLE OF MAN 2011**
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COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

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NEWSLETTER**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN

As I sit looking at our beautiful Island, its hills with an icing of snow my thoughts look to the warmer days next September when we welcome the youth of the Commonwealth to celebrate the 4th Commonwealth Youth Games. The Organising Committee are well advanced in their planning of the event and all of the detailed work is now coming together. I am confident that not only will we provide a top quality sports event which is genuinely focussed on the athletes, but we will live up to the promise that we will greet the teams as our guests and ensure that they leave as our friends.

I wish everyone involved in the Commonwealth Games movement a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. May 2011 bring you success and for your young athletes the qualification which will enable them to wear their national colours with pride at our Games.

Hon. D Cretney, MHK
Minister for Community, Culture
and Leisure



*Hon D Cretney MHK, Minister for
Community Culture and Leisure*



VISA REQUIREMENTS

Despite high level talks between the Isle of Man Passport and Immigration Office and their UK counterparts, it has not been possible to secure entry to the UK for the countries listed below using the system of accreditation as an entry Visa. The CYG2011 OC would therefore advise CGA's to ensure that the proper Visa documentation is in place.

In line with current United Kingdom Border Agency policy regarding sporting events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games,

all Visa nationals will require entry clearance to attend or participate in CYG2011. A Visa will be issued for six months so you should time your application to make sure your visa will still be valid at least until the day after the final day of CYG2011. Visas issued from the end of March 2011 will still be valid at the end of September. Please therefore ensure you make application to your British High Commission, as detailed below, allowing plenty time for paperwork to be progressed.

Bangladesh BHC Dhaka http://ukinbangladesh.fco.gov.uk/en	Cameroon BHC Yaoundé http://ukincameroon.fco.gov.uk/en/	Ghana BHC Accra http://ukinghana.fco.gov.uk/en/
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The Gambia BHC Banjul http://ukingambia.fco.gov.uk/en/	Uganda BHC Kampala http://ukinuganda.fco.gov.uk/en/	Zambia BHC Lusaka http://ukinzambia.fco.gov.uk/en/

Although your Visa application will be made to the UK, nations should be aware that the Isle of Man Passport and Immigration Office is consulted and responsible for authorising each request.

To assist the IoM Passport and Immigration Office in dealing efficiently with Visa applications they have suggested that nations make 'team' applications to the relevant British High Commission as opposed to individual applications. This will immediately identify Visa application

specifically for CYG2011 and ensure requests are dealt with promptly. The CYG2011 OC understands that there may be late applications and the Immigration Office has been made aware of this and will work with the OC to approve these as quickly as possible.

Please continue to visit our website www.cyg2011.com for updated information.

MEDICAL UPDATE

Following concerns raised by the CGF Executive Board regarding costs to CGA's during CYG2011 if admission to a hospital ward were required for athletes or officials, the CYG2011 Chairman and Games Director, Geoff Karran, initiated discussions with the Isle of Man Department of Health and it has now been agreed that a concession be granted during the Games period. Arrangements have therefore been put in place to provide athletes and officials free of charge in patient hospital treatment.

In-patient treatment will only cover injuries sustained or illness contracted during the period of the Games and will not be available for pre-existing medical conditions. Please note this does not cover the cost of repatriation to your country. CGA's should therefore ensure that the necessary insurance cover is in place to cover that eventuality.

As previously advised, any immediate and necessary medical treatment will be provided by any Isle of Man General Practitioner free of

charge, as will treatment at the Accident & Emergency Department at the General Hospital and transport to the hospital by ambulance (if needed).

Nearer to the event CGA's will be asked to provide details of team doctors assigned to their team during the Games. On collection of their accreditation, team doctors will also be issued with a prescription pad for use during their time on the Island. Unused prescription forms must be returned to the OC prior to departure from the Island.

Due to a separate issue linked with their medical insurance cover some Doctors will only be able to treat members of their particular team and cover will not extend to other residents of that country, such as parents. The Isle of Man's Department of Health will circulate details of all visiting team doctors to Isle of Man GP's and chemists located in the Douglas area prior to commencement of the Games.



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FOCUS ON...CYCLING

TT Grandstand



Douglas Promenade



Villa Marina



We will be offering a road programme of three events; a Time Trial, Road Race and Criterium. This should prove to be an exciting spectator friendly programme with plans to stage the Time Trial on Douglas Promenade; to utilise part of the famous TT Road Racing circuit and Grandstand for the Road Race and having a high speed Criterium race around the centre of Douglas on the final day of competition. The Time Trial and Criterium will start and finish outside the Villa Marina complex which is the venue for the Boxing and the Closing Ceremony and the social centre of the Games village. The routes are almost finalised following discussions with the local police and appropriate Government departments and will be circulated to the CGA's soon.

The UCI through British Cycling has appointed Ivor Armstrong as the Technical Delegate who has visited the Island and continues to assist with our preparations. A small number of senior officials will be provided by British Cycling plus vehicles and equipment. The Island has a fine heritage of organising International Cycling Events and has many officials with the necessary qualifications and experience.

Max athletes per CGA: 4 men & 4 women.

Note: A team competition for each event, with three to count and an all around competition (based on all three events) will be considered if entries are sufficient.

Age groups: UCI'S regulation for Junior competition:

- Men & Women: 17 – 18 years of age (athletes born in 1993 and 1994)



SPOTLIGHT ON... BETH TWEDDLE

At the young age of 7 years old, Beth started on her road to gymnastic stardom. A very hyperactive child who loved being on the go, Beth tried both sport and dance, including swimming, horse riding and ballet before settling on the one she enjoyed most, gymnastics.

At 8, Beth competed in her first schools competition, doing 2 floor pieces and the vault and 'absolutely loved it'.

Fast forward to the inaugural Commonwealth Youth Games in 2000 held in Scotland, 15 year old Beth took part in her first multi sport event, previously having only competed in gymnastic only events. Being part of a national team and supporting her fellow competitors, not to mention a rather large haul of medals, made this a Games to remember.

Having been at the top of her sport for many years Beth still considers the 2002 Commonwealth Games held in Manchester as one of her favourite competitions. The opportunity to perform in front of family and school friends provided Beth with an ideal platform to shine, winning the uneven bars and finishing second in the all-around and team events.

As with all young sports people Beth's family have played a significant part in her career, providing financial support and a taxi service in the early days and more recently travelling throughout the world to watch their daughter compete so successfully in major titles.

A typical day for Beth includes 3 to 4 hours of training (which increases to 5 to 6 leading up to major championships), catching up with friends, visiting her family and shopping. Although 'down time' is a very important factor in her schedule Beth would never-the-less make sure any free days were 'jam packed' and would include a visit to a theme park and a night out 'dancing the night away'.

With sporting icons Paula Radcliffe and Kelly Holmes as her heroes Beth has followed their lead and her own advice to young people: 'never give up on your dream and achieve your goals through hard work and determination'.



Christmas this year will be spent relaxing with her parents and brother at the family home before serious training starts for the European and World Championships next year.

We wish you well Beth.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In 2007 we launched the Adopt a Nation project with the 35 Primary Schools on the Island to enable our young people to find out more about their counterparts in their adopted country.

The CYG2011 OC has held competitions each year and in this the final year in the build up to the Games each school has been asked to produce within their school a display linking their Island with their adopted nation. To promote this scheme Tosha, the Games Mascot, will be paying a visit to one school in each of the 6 education areas within the Island. Representatives of Britannia International, one of our Games Partners, actively involved in this education project drew out the following lucky schools:

SCHOOL	ADOPTED NATION
Rushen Primary	Malaysia
St Thomas' School	Barbados
Dhoon Primary	Cyprus
Peel Clothworkers'	Pakistan
Cronk-y-Berry School	New Zealand
Ballaquayle Infants	The Gambia

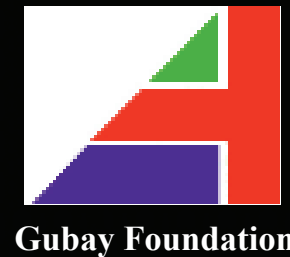
At the time of print the first visit had already taken place. Tosha and a member of the CYG2011 OC visited Dhoon Primary school where the children and teachers gave them a very warm welcome.

It is hoped that a small party of competitors and officials from each of the Nations linked to a school will be able to pay their school a visit on the Thursday the 8th September next year to cement their relationship.

The CYG2011 Organising Committee is also arranging to attend Assemblies in our 6 Secondary Schools in January 2011 to encourage those pupils who will be in the 6th Forms next year to volunteer to assist during the Games, and be part of the Family putting on these Games for the Isle of Man.



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