

## World Firefighters Games 2021 in Aalborg postponed to 2024

The City of Aalborg and World Firefighters Games Western Australia Inc. have made the decision to postpone the World Firefighters Games 2021 to 7 – 14 September 2024 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is an unfortunate situation, albeit a necessary decision to make as the health and safety of all competitors and all those involved in the World Firefighters Games 2021 is of the highest priority.

We know that many firefighters, volunteers, and personnel otherwise involved with the fire and rescue services around the world, have eagerly awaited the opportunity to get together in the spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition during the World Firefighters Games 2021 in Aalborg. And throughout the pandemic, we, as organizers, have had a belief that the COVID-19 situation would be under control this spring for which reason The World Firefighters Games 2020 was first postponed to 2021.

Unfortunately, we must acknowledge the fact that no one, not even the health authorities, have been able to predict or control how the COVID-19 pandemic would develop over time since March 2020, and many countries are currently experiencing the pandemic at its worst.

The good news is that a vaccine is now available and vaccination programmes are in place in many countries, but it will take some time before we will see the full effect of the vaccination programmes.

The past year has truly changed the way we live our lives, interact with other people and travel around the world. This is also reflected in the planning of The World Firefighters Games for which reason we believe that a postponement to 2024 is the best solution and in the best interest of the World Firefighters Games, and its competitors.

Competitors who have already registered and paid the registration fee will naturally be reimbursed. We will contact you by email as soon as possible with more information on how to proceed.

We hope that you will welcome this postponement and join us for the World Firefighters Games in Aalborg from 7 – 14 September 2024. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all next year at the World Firefighters Games in 2022.

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