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Cultural Programme

- The 'Games Cultural Programme' led by the Cultural Services Unit will include:
 - Calentita Food Festival on Friday 5th July
 - Summer Nights entertainment programme every night during the Games in Casemates (Games Square) from Sat 6th to Sat 13th July.
 - Tree Planting Ceremony at the Alameda Gardens.
 - Illuminating the Moorish Castle during the Games.
 - Organising an Art Residency
 - An Island Games Exhibition on the history of the Games will be held over a two-week period, during and prior to the Games at the art galleries in Casemates Square.
 - Gibraltar 2019 stamps have been designed and are in the process of production.
 - We are hoping to get permission from the Royal Mint to produce some coins for the games.

Travel

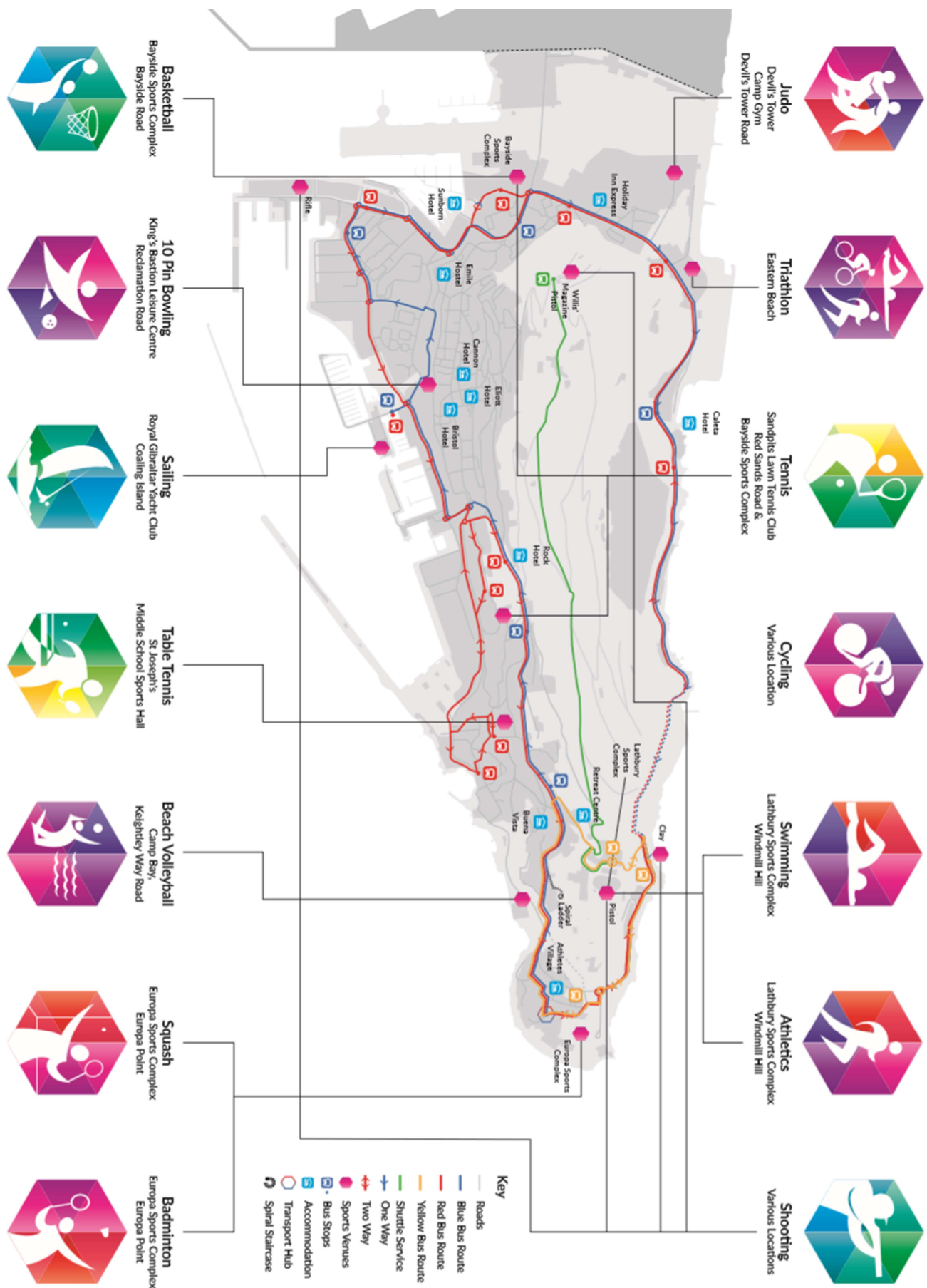
The Games Transport Plan

- The Organising Committee has introduced a partnership amongst various working groups. Key stakeholders from Police, Airport Terminal Management, Technical Services and Service providers partake in strategic meetings, developing the Games Transport Plan.

Games Transportation

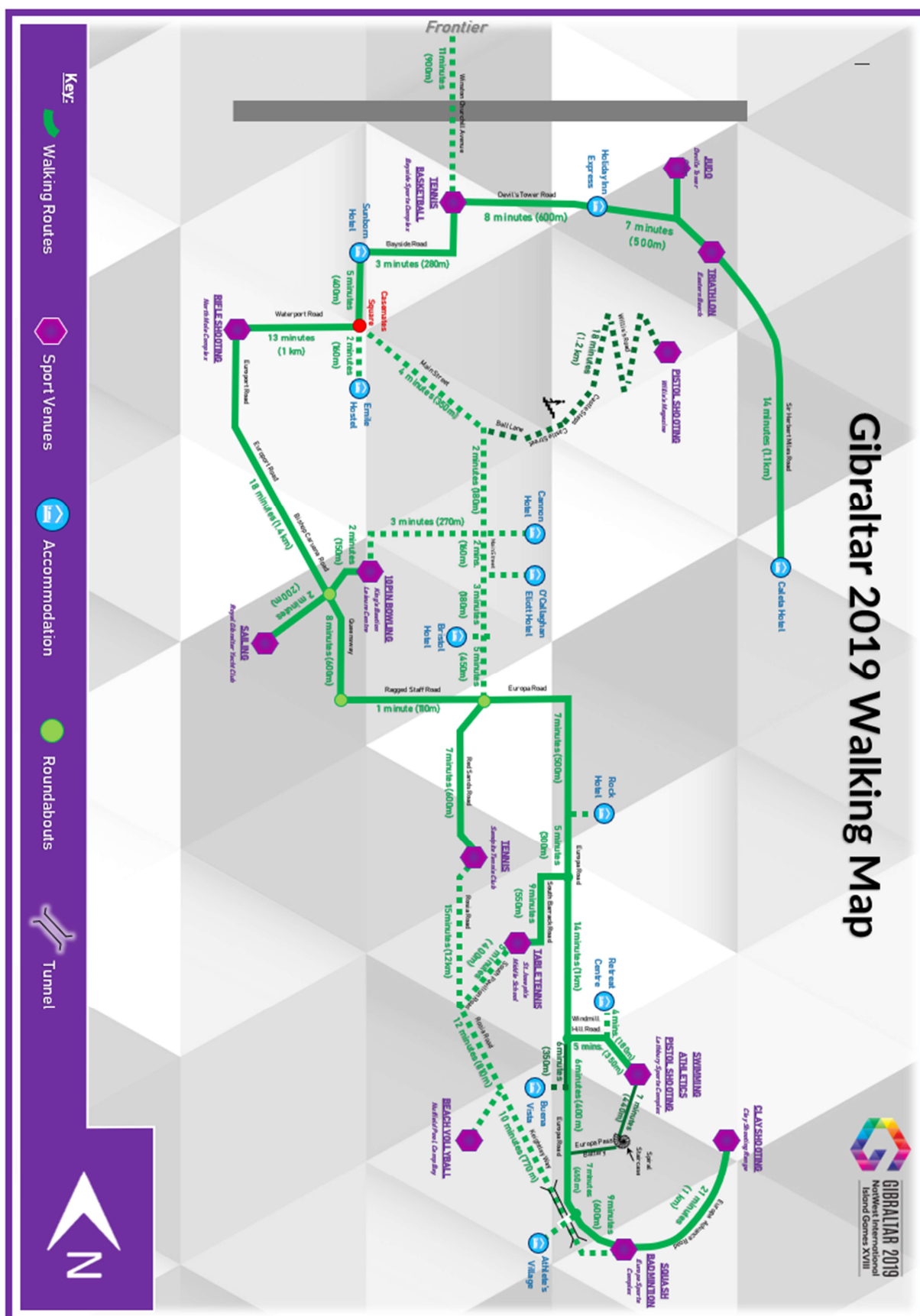
- There will be three dedicated Games Transport bus routes (**Blue**, **Red** and **Yellow**) to support the Transport Plan (*see Transport Map on page 4*).
- Only Games Family (who have Gibraltar 2019 Accreditation) will be allowed on the dedicated Games Transport buses (ie: Athletes, Team Officials, Technical Officials, Umpires, Referees, Volunteers and Media).
- Loop routes covering all sports venues and accommodation with the exception of Lathbury Sports Complex which will be covered by dedicated routes from the Europa Athletes Village to the complex.
- Games Transportation will be supported by the Transport Hub, located at the Athletes Village (Europa Point). Early morning peak times will see an increase in vehicles operating from Games accommodation to sporting venues. Once the morning peak times are over a continual 'loop service' will commence with buses available every 20 mins from the pre-identified Games bus stops.

Games Transportation Map



Walking Routes

- The majority of sport venues and accommodation are within a 20 min walk from each other and walking is encouraged as preferred mode of transport, which aligns with the Gibraltar 2019 Sustainability Scheme.



Team Managers Dedicated Transport

- A Team Managers dedicated transportation system will be implemented to transfer Team Management during the Games, similar to a taxi service (ie: drop and go). Through our sponsorship programme we have secured 12 people carriers that can transport up to 8 passengers.

Public Bus Transport

- We are in talks with the Gibraltar Bus Company for the extension of the Night Bus Service during Games week at cost of £2 per trip. Alternatively, the option of privately engaging the services of taxis is recommended outside the Games transport operating times or for all day private fares.

Accommodation

- We continue to focus on meeting the needs of Athletes and Officials accommodation. After the Sport Entry by Numbers (6th Jan) were received there are now 1819 x Athletes and 299 x Team Officials, 100 x Sport Technical Officials for a total of 2218 beds required. Above the numbers stated, we also have to accommodate the University of Louisville and the University of Central Lancashire who are sending student volunteers and staff for the Games.
- A total of 1896 beds have been sourced in the Athletes Village and a further 716 beds in Hotels with a total of 2612 beds available.
- The tender to manage the Athletes Village was awarded to Soho and TCA, a partnership between two local companies.
- The procuring of beds, fittings and fixtures has finalised by the Accommodation Team.

University Accommodation

- The new University of Gibraltar Student Accommodation is almost complete with a total of 450 beds.





Catering (Athletes Village)

- The tender to manage the catering at the Athletes Village in St Christopher's School (Europa Point) was awarded to the Hunter Group.
- The Hunter Group also plan to provide affordable packed lunches and evening meals (at Europa Point) on a user pay system. Breakfast is included within the accommodation fee.
- A menu and price brochure will be sent out by the Hunter Group to all islands in April.

Athlete Recreation Area

- An Athlete recreation and lounge area will be set up in the Athletes Village.



Athlete Recreation Area

Medical

- The Medical Team is now headed up by 2 x Chief Medical Advisors (Dr Elaine Flores and Dr Ricardo Pinto) from the Gibraltar Health Authority.
- All accredited Athletes and Officials will have access (at no charge) to the Athletes Polyclinic and St Bernard's Hospital.
- The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and the Gibraltar 2019 NatWest International Island Games Organising Committee signed a memorandum of understanding whereby UCLan Sports Therapy and MSc Sports Medicine staff and students from the School of Health Sciences and the School of Medicine will offer a range of medical services.
- UCLan will provide pitch-side care as well as staff the Athletes Polyclinic.
- In the lead up to the Games, students will be undertaking a series of training workshops which will focus on managing injuries within this environment specifically exertional heat illness. They will also be designing a range of emergency action plans for each of the venues to assist medical services on site.
- UCLan in consultation with the Games Medical Team are developing a Medical Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines for the Games.

Athletes Polyclinic

- The Athletes Polyclinic will be located at the University of Gibraltar (Europa Point Campus) and will be open from 08:00 to 20:00 during each day of the Games. The Polyclinic will treat minor injuries and also be able to directly arrange blood tests or x-rays from St Bernard's Hospital via a GHA intranet portal being set up at the Polyclinic.
- Only accredited Athletes & Officials will have access to the Polyclinic.
- The Polyclinic will be staffed by:
 - Gibraltar Health Authority doctor and nurses
 - UCLan sport therapy staff and students.



Medical Seminar

- The Medical Team will host the Medical Seminar at the University of Gibraltar, (Europa Point Campus). The suggested topic for the seminar is Heat Policy and Hydration in Sport.
- The Medical Seminar is scheduled for Monday 8th July (time TBC).



Venue for Medical Seminar (University of Gibraltar)

Sports Entries

- Most islands entered their entries on time. There were only a couple that were a week late. However, that was after a lot of emails and reminders before the closing date.
- We were very strict following up on the islands that had over 20% VIPs and officials. In consultation with the IGA, islands were asked to give further information regarding the excess numbers. We had to explain to a couple of islands that these were final numbers for accreditation purposes.
- We have not accredited any spectators. It was decided that spectator accreditation was not needed as its free to entry to venues is free and for Gibraltar 2019 spectators would not use the Games specific transport for the athletes. Spectators can access the Gibraltar public bus system.

Security

- The Gibraltar 2019 NatWest International Island Games Safety and Security strategy sets out the vision, aims and objectives for the Safety and Security strategy for HM Government of Gibraltar, the Gibraltar 2019 Organising Committee (GIGOC), the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) and other key delivery agencies.
- The Games Security Planning Guidance has been developed after taking into consideration the aim and objectives set out in the Safety and Security Strategy. It is intended to provide direction for those involved in the delivery of Games security, with counter terrorism strategies across sporting events and Games related activities.
- It is also acknowledged that there is a need to make organised events as accessible as possible to ensure there is a welcoming atmosphere within event and venues, however a balance is to be achieved and with this in mind the GIGOC has worked closely with the RGP and other key delivery agencies in providing a level of security commensurate to the threat and challenges identified, for each venue and event.

Facility Update

Whilst much of the focus is on the new developments other existing facilities have received or will be benefitting from minor refurbishments or elements of civil works to provide the best sporting experience possible for those participating at the Games with the “legacy” ethos always at the forefront of planning and delivery.

Timeframes particularly those for the new developments mirror those on the official site calendars. As of the compilation of this report all facilities are to be completed well in time for the Games giving all local stakeholders the opportunity to train and plan in their new surroundings. In general, the contractor will try and offer progressive access to sites whilst entire sections are completed and they have moved away from the area in question.

Where relevant, details will also be provided of the equipment purchased which is not considered a consumable item i.e. ammunition is considered a consumable item for the purposes of this report and will not be included.

Photographs of the progress to date of the new facilities can be seen on www.gsla.gi. The website also includes a short press release of the visit to Myrtha Pools Headquarters in Castiglione della Stiviere, Mantova, Italy led by the Hon Steven Linares, Minister for Sport.

Europa Sports Complex

Island Games Sports: Badminton and Squash.

- The project is 65% complete overall and should be finished by the end of May 2019.
- The concrete superstructure is 95% complete.
- Roof steel for the sports hall been erected.



Europa Sports Complex – Indoor Sports Hall

- Finishing activities are well underway including internal walls, cladding system, windows, waterproofing, HVAC installation, etc..
- Externally, grading has started in preparation for the rugby/cricket pitch and J2F, the sports infrastructure consultancy have been engaged to design,

specify and oversee the installation of the Polytan playing surface which has already been ordered. The whole kitting out process is underway with orders already placed for generic sports equipment and delivery expected in the next few weeks.

- All Victor Badminton courts are already in storage in Gibraltar and have been used for local events. The remaining posts are en route.

Lathbury Sports Complex

Island Games Sports: Athletics and Swimming

- The whole project is now 50% complete by value - 65% of the concrete structure (mainly car park) is complete.
- Removal of rock (and storage for future re-use) is a significant part of this project and about 50,000m³ (85% of the total) has already been removed.
- Excavation for the pool is now virtually complete and the pool supplier, Myrtha will arrive in March and will take 6 weeks to erect and install.

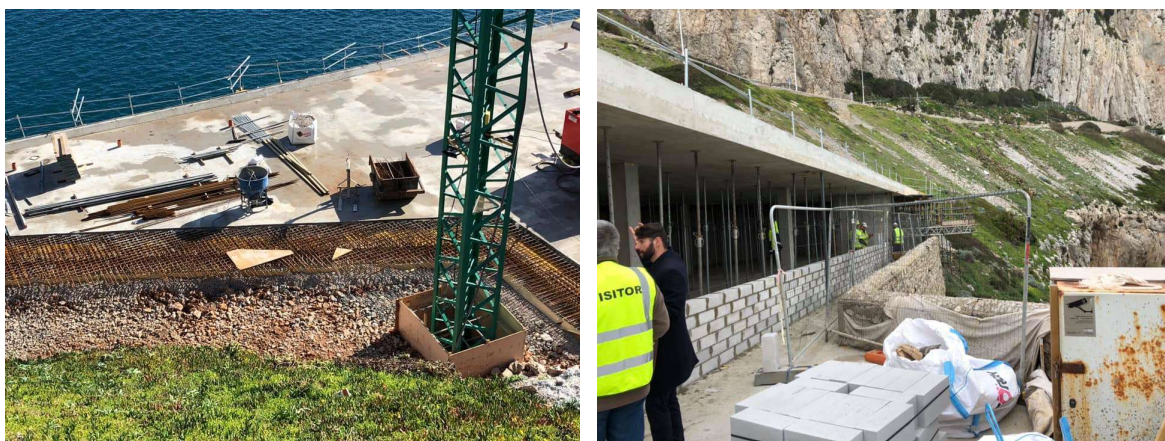


- The track and the pool are scheduled to complete mid-June in time for the Island Games. The pool will be handed over by Myrtha with relevant equipment (i.e. competition blocks/backstroke flags) already installed as part of the contract. In addition, a brand new timing system inclusive of updated software including the Meet Manager has already been purchased and delivery is expected by the end of February.
- J2F, the sports infrastructure consultancy have been engaged to design, specify and oversee the installation of the track and pitch.

Clay Target Range

Island Games Sports: Clay Target Shooting

- The concrete structure will be completed this week and finishing activities can begin.
- The project is on course for completion end of March /beginning of April 2019.

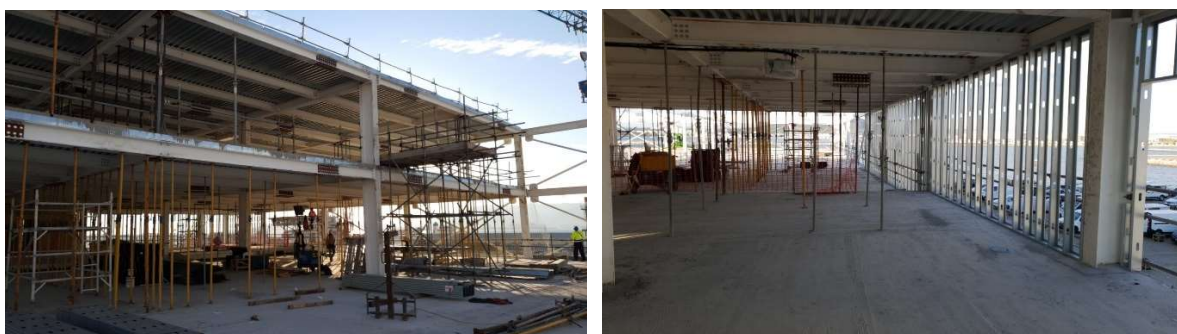


Clay Target Range

Rifle Range

Island Games Sports: Rifle Shooting

- Phase-1, the Rifle Range and mezzanine for shooting will be ready end March 2019, the remainder including Phase-2 will be completed in May/June. Phase 2 is irrelevant to the Games as it will consist of commercial units and parking and will not interfere with training or set up. Priority has been given to the Rifle Range
- Steel frame and concrete floors (Phase-1 only) are complete. Finishing activities are continuing in the cores and the lift is delivered and ready for installation.
- Installation of cladding is well underway and the shooting level perimeter will be complete in 2 weeks.
- All the new Meyton electronic targets are in storage and awaiting installation once the range is completed in late March.



Rifle Range

Pistol Range

Island Games Sports: Pistol Shooting

The Pistol Range was inaugurated only a couple of years ago so has not really needed much work in order to be able to host the Games. Irrespective of this investment has been made in terms of turning targets, target enclosures and other peripheral additions. As far as IPSC events are concerned and as informed in the July visit by delegates from the visiting islands Willis's Magazine in the Upper Rock will be the venue for this

element of pistol shooting. The area does not need major work but given that the magazine chambers are sensitive in terms of Heritage value the lighting and set up proposals have had to be submitted to the Gibraltar Heritage Trust. All meetings have been positive with no major concerns raised so the facility should be ready within 8-10 weeks.

Tercentenary Sports Hall (Bayside Sports Complex)

Island Games Sports: Basketball

The TSH is a FIBA Approved venue for C Division Championships. As such no work is required to host the event in July. Notwithstanding, the current scoreboards will be replaced with LED screens (tender issued) and the red metal beams in the spectator stands will be replaced with tempered glass panels to improve the spectator experience. The quotes have been approved and contracts signed with Building Control approval the only pending item. Works are envisaged to take 4-5 weeks and will not disrupt normal use of the facility.

Cycling (various locations)

The actual locations vary and stretches of road that require attention have been identified with the resurfacing programme starting once the movement of heavy goods lorries from the construction sites has diminished to a point where this can be done with minimum disruption. Irrespective of this, temporary road resurfacing will be undertaken in “hot spots” for the test events that are scheduled for the 18th/19th May. All safety barriers have been purchased and are already in storage as are other items like timing equipment, gazebos etc.

It is envisaged that the routes for the 3 x Cycling events will be finalised by the end of March. As you can appreciate Gibraltar's road network are not extensive within a 6.7 km² expanse and the logistics of holding 3 x Cycling Races is an immense challenge with multiple stakeholders to satisfy from the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Government, Tourism operators, Dept of Environment, Residents and the Business sector. We do not have the luxury of being able to hold the cycling events on open roads in the countryside as all our roads are in Town and are predominantly single lane roads.

Triathlon: East side (Eastern Beach)

As with cycling there is little that has to be done in terms of location and the road resurfacing programme will address the tri-athletes concerns. A successful test event on the proposed route (shorter version) was successfully held in late June 2018. The same safety and timing equipment that will be used for the cycling events will be utilised for triathlon and is already held locally in storage.

Devil's Tower Camp

Island Games Sports: Judo

The Devil's Tower Camp Sports hall requires no infrastructure work. The Judo mats have been purchased and are en route.

Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club

Island Games Sports: Sailing

Construction for the slipway that will facilitate the launching of the vessels has already started with adjacent facilities such as offices and changing rooms coming on line in the very near future. Payment for the sailing vessels has been effected and delivery of these is expected in the next 8 weeks. Radios, buoys and other peripheral equipment has already been purchased.

A test event is scheduled for the 15th or 16th April, 2019

St Joseph's First and Middle Schools

Island Games Sports: Table Tennis

All works to improve lighting in the sports halls have been completed. Tables have already been delivered to Gibraltar.

The Bump In Schedule is as follows:

- 1st June - access to venue allowed to build 4 x tables
- 17th June - school starts on half days with use school use of sports halls stopping (access allowed to build remaining 12 x tables)
- 1st July - full access to sports halls allowed

Sandpits Tennis Club/Bayside Sports Complex

Island Games Sports: Tennis

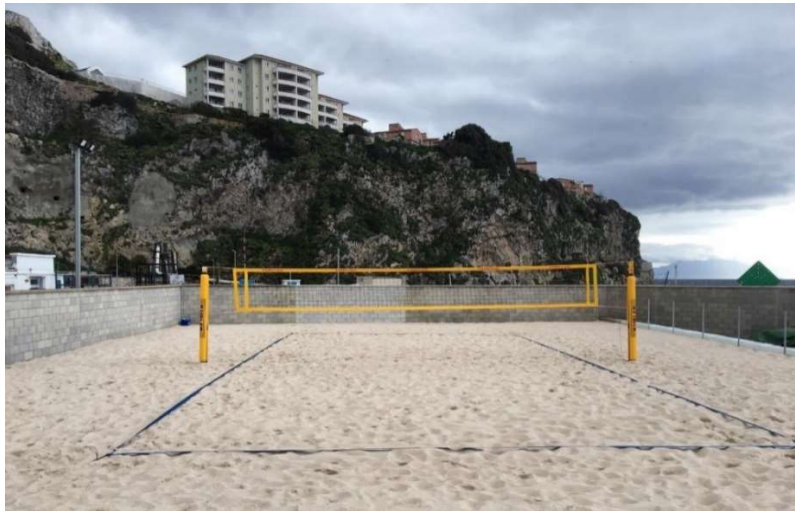
The resurfacing works at Sandpits Tennis Club were completed in October 2018. A plexi-pave layer was installed with the same surface to be installed at the MUGA area at the Bayside Sports Complex in the next couple of months.

All associated equipment such as nets, post and new umpires chairs are already on order and delivery is expected shortly.

Nuffield Pool Outdoor Area: Camp Bay

Island Games Sports: Beach Volleyball

The relocation of the Beach Volleyball venue away from the Bayside Sports Complex has inadvertently accelerated the construction of the temporary courts given that the Nuffield Pool site was available at short notice. Court 1 has been built with Team Gibraltar transferring their preparations to the event venue. Court 2 as well as minor works to the Changing areas will start shortly thereafter. The venue will be ready well in time for the Games with the Gibraltar Volleyball Association planning to "host" a test tournament after the winter.



Beach Volleyball - Court 1

King's Bastion Leisure Centre

Island Games Sports: Ten Pin Bowling

The re-fit of the entire bowling has been approved with a 60% deposit already paid to the supplier. The works will see a complete relaying of lanes and the procurement and installation of a brand-new Competition pin and ball return system.

Kings Bastion Refurbishment Schedule

- Mon 18th Feb to Fri 8th Mar 2019 - Removal of ice from the ice rink; Application of water sealing compound; Testing and re-freezing (during the first week that this is carried out, there may be some disruption to the bowling lanes below as the ice starts to melt)
- Mon 25th Feb to Fri 15th Mar 2019 – Bowling ceiling will be replaced with new ceiling and lighting (will be done in stages to avoid having to close all the lanes whilst this is carried out)
- Mon 25th Mar to Fri 29th Mar 2019 – Will start dismantling the pin setters, lanes and timber structures and disposing of waste.
- Mon 1st April to Wed 3rd Apr 2019 – Lanes, ball returns and scoring system will arrive from the U.S.; Goods will be off-loaded from the containers and stacked within the Leisure Centre.
- Thu 4th April to Fri 5th April 2019 – Pin setters will arrive from Hungary and will be put into place as they off-load.
- Mon 8th April to Fri 19th April 2019 – New timber structure constructed and ball returns/gutters/lanes fitted; pin setters, screens and scoring system installed; New bowling furniture will arrive from UK and will be installed on new flooring applied to the seating area.
- Mon 22nd April to Tue 30th April 2019 - Lanes testing; Staff training; Wooden floors surrounding the bowling area sanded down and re-coated
- Wed 1st May 2019 – New lanes re-opened
- Test event scheduled for early June



Sport Schedules (Athletics, Basketball, Pistol, Sailing, Squash, Swimming)

- The following Sport Schedules can be downloaded from the Games website www.gibraltar2019.com
 1. Athletics
 2. Basketball
 3. Pistol (Shooting)
 4. Sailing
 5. Squash
 6. Swimming
- The remaining Sport Schedules will be announced by early April.

Please Note: These are Preliminary Schedules and may change after the Final Entry by Name deadline (6th May 2019).

1. Athletics Schedule

https://www.gibraltar2019.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Athletics-Schedule-Seeding-Draws-and-Qualifications-19_03_19.pdf

2. Basketball Schedule

https://www.gibraltar2019.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Basketball-Schedule-Competition-Regulations-12_03_19.pdf

3. Pistol (Shooting) Schedule

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4. Sailing Schedule

https://www.gibraltar2019.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Notice-of-Race-final-version-17_03_19.pdf

5. Squash Schedule

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6. Swimming Schedule

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