



# nyc 2019

April 30, 2017 Bid Package

2019 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships



# Welcome

## Dear Members of International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics,

On behalf of the entire membership of Team New York Aquatics, we formally submit this bid to host the 2019 IGLA Championships in New York City. TNYA is the largest LGBTQ+ swim team in the world and it would be our honor to host the 2019 IGLA Championships in a year that coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

New York City will be hosting myriad events during a 50-day celebration of the Stonewall Riots, regarded as the most significant event leading to the modern gay rights movement. Sports teams, cultural institutions, performers, activists, and LGBTQ+ individuals from around the world will converge on New York City to commemorate the struggle that began, formally, at Stonewall, and to reaffirm our commitment to the ongoing struggle for equality around the world. It is only appropriate that IGLA, the most influential LGBTQ+ aquatics organization in the world, have its place at the festivities. TNYA's efforts and enthusiasm will ensure that IGLA is well represented at this international celebration.

Due to the historic and cultural significance of 2019 to the global LGBTQ+ community, it is with great pleasure that TNYA presents in these pages, and at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, our bid to host the 2019 IGLA Championships, June 25-29, and to make this competition among the most successful in our organization's history. We have the support of the entire New York community and we guarantee all participants will have open access to our beautiful, world-class city.

## In the spirit of sportsmanship, community, and progress,

# TNYA





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## New York City

### Reimagine Yourself

New York City—crossroads of the globe! Cosmopolitan metropolis! We couldn't be prouder of our home. Eight and a half million people live here across five boroughs; some of us were born here, many of us came from other continents, and all of us contribute to one of the most vibrant, diverse places in the world. You've seen our iconic sights on movie and television screens—Broadway's dazzling lights, Liberty's torch, the Chrysler Building's gleaming spire—and we're big fans of all of them, but we want to share with you the side of the city that doesn't get the publicity. We can't wait to help visitors experience the city we know and love.

We want to show you not just the Manhattan oasis of Central Park, but also the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. Not just the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the MoMA, but also the Museo del Barrio and the New York Tenement Museum and the cutting-edge galleries of West Chelsea. Not just the chic sidewalk eateries of the West Village, but the old-world Italian charm of Arthur Avenue in the Bronx and the South Asian delights of Jackson Heights, Queens.

New York has attracted people from all over the world for over 300 years with its culture, diversity, and opportunity. In discovering this unique melting pot and the experiences it offers, so too have our guests discovered something in themselves. We hope you'll join us here in 2019 to do the same.



**From top left:** Kinky Boots on Broadway, cherry blossoms at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Parachute Jump at Coney Island, Sheep Meadow in Central Park, Louise Bourgeois at the new Whitney Museum of American Art, Addeo & Sons Bakery on Arthur Avenue, Dim Sum Go Go in Chinatown, Starry Night at MoMA



## Team New York Aquatics

### Quench Your Thirst

Team New York Aquatics was founded in 1990 by a group of swimmers preparing for Gay Games III in Vancouver. Twenty-seven years later, that small squad of men and women has grown into a community more than 500 strong of pool and open water swimmers, water polo players, divers, and synchronized swimmers.

Our swim squad is the largest LGBTQ+ Masters team in the world and among the largest Masters teams in the United States, with members spanning nearly every age group, ability, and aspiration. We consistently field significant teams in regional pool and open water events. Our water polo team, founded in 1991, has become a stalwart at IGLA and numerous annual competitions up and down the North American east coast. Our diving team, founded in 2011, is considered the strongest LGBTQ+ diving club in the world and has served as a major force in the revitalization and expansion of IGLA diving. Our synchronized swimmers are the team's latest addition, officially forming in 2016 and already more than a dozen strong. TNYA also helped invent the modern incarnation of the Pink Flamingo, IGLA's glorious, glamorous, theatrical competition.

In 1994 we hosted the aquatics portion of the Gay Games to general acclaim, and we have hosted numerous competitions since. Our biennial Aquapalooza meet brings IGLA swimmers from across the country for exciting competition and the many thrills New York City has to offer. Our Asbury Icebreaker, held on the New Jersey shore, inspires swimmers from all over the area to pull on their wetsuits for an early kickoff to the open water season. Holedrive, our annual water polo tournament, has become a staple of the North American polo scene. And our diving coach, Croft Vaughn, has orchestrated or assisted in the planning of a bevy of diving competitions, including numerous IGLAs.



TNYA is determined to be a positive force both in the lives of our own membership and in our larger community. In a city that can be overwhelming to newcomers, TNYA provides LGBTQ+ New Yorkers with a welcoming, affirming circle of friends. We offer scholarships through our Paul Fortoul fellowship for athletes who are unable to afford the full cost of workouts. We turn our annual USMS One Hour Swim into a chance not just to test ourselves against the clock but also to support exceptional LGBTQ+ New York organizations, with 2017 marking our 27th year raising tens of thousands of dollars. For over a decade we have hosted a training camp in South Florida that focuses not just on conditioning and technique but also on camaraderie and inclusivity, routinely drawing swimmers from across the country. And we have become a fixture of the New York City Pride March, an event at which we hope numerous IGLA attendees will join us at the conclusion of competition in 2019.



# Competition

## Speedos and Goggles and Chamois, Oh My

The largest LGBTQ+ aquatics championship ever contested was Gay Games IV in New York. Stonewall 25 was underway at the time and some 1,200 swimmers, polo players, and divers showed their pride in the pool. We anticipate a similar turnout this time. As a result, we have set a five-day competition schedule that aims to accommodate the majority of participants with the best facilities. If the number of registrants far exceeds our expectations we will limit swimmers to four individual events and run dual short course competition pools.

The following dates and venues are not confirmed. They are subject to IGLA Board approval.

### Lehman College

#### Water Polo: option 2

250 Bedford Park Blvd W, Bronx, NY 10468

**D** subway to 205th Street

### Asphalt Green

#### Water Polo: option 1

555 East 90th St,  
New York, NY 10128

**Q 4 5 6** subway  
to 86th Street

### Flushing Meadows Corona Park

#### Swimming, Synchro, Pink Flamingo, and Championship Water Polo

125-40 Roosevelt Ave, Queens, NY 11355

**7** subway to Flushing Main St stop

### Brighton Beach

#### Open Water

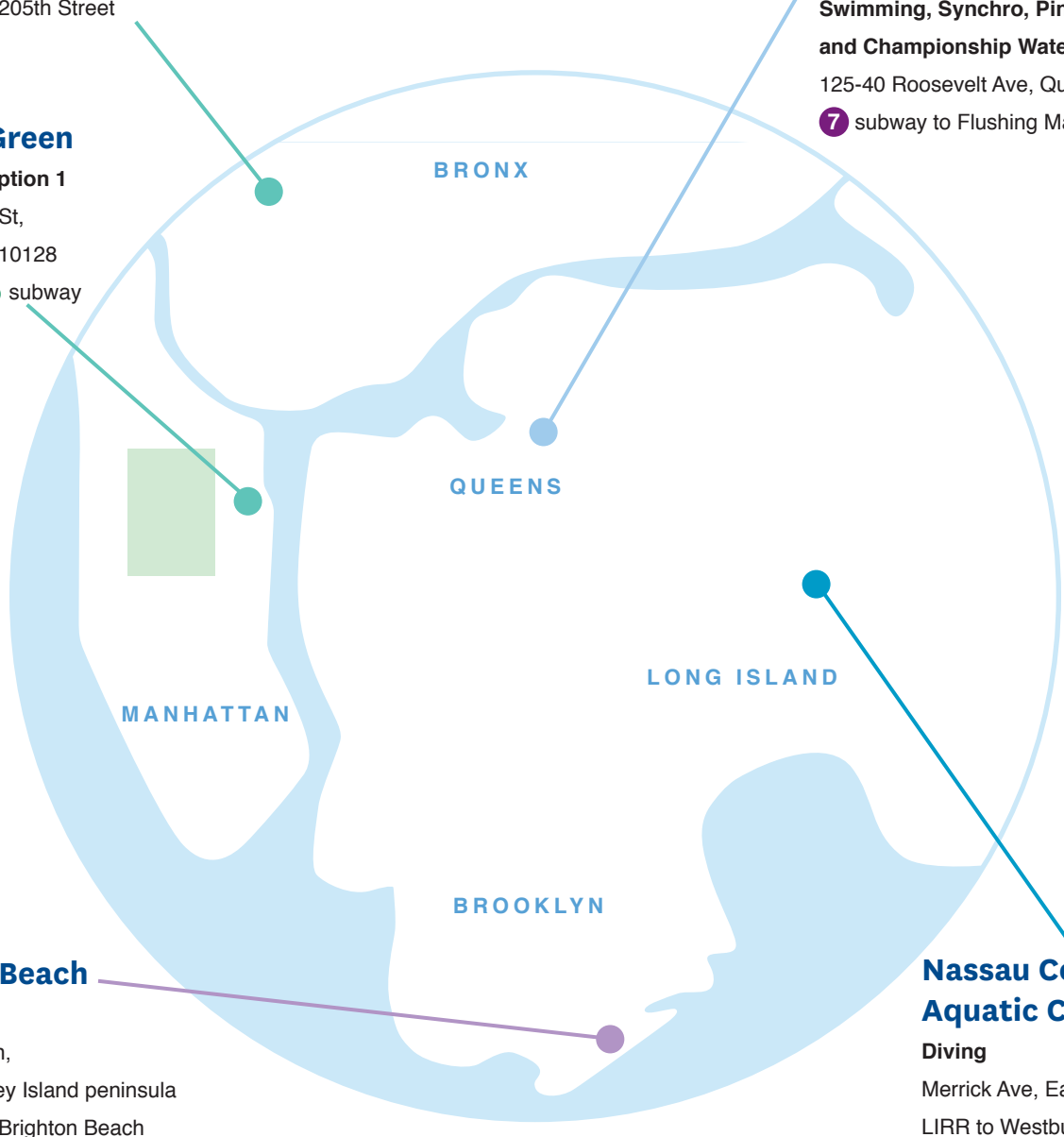
South Brooklyn,  
along the Coney Island peninsula

**Q** subway to Brighton Beach

### Nassau County Aquatic Center

#### Diving

Merrick Ave, East Meadow, NY  
LIRR to Westbury or shuttle bus





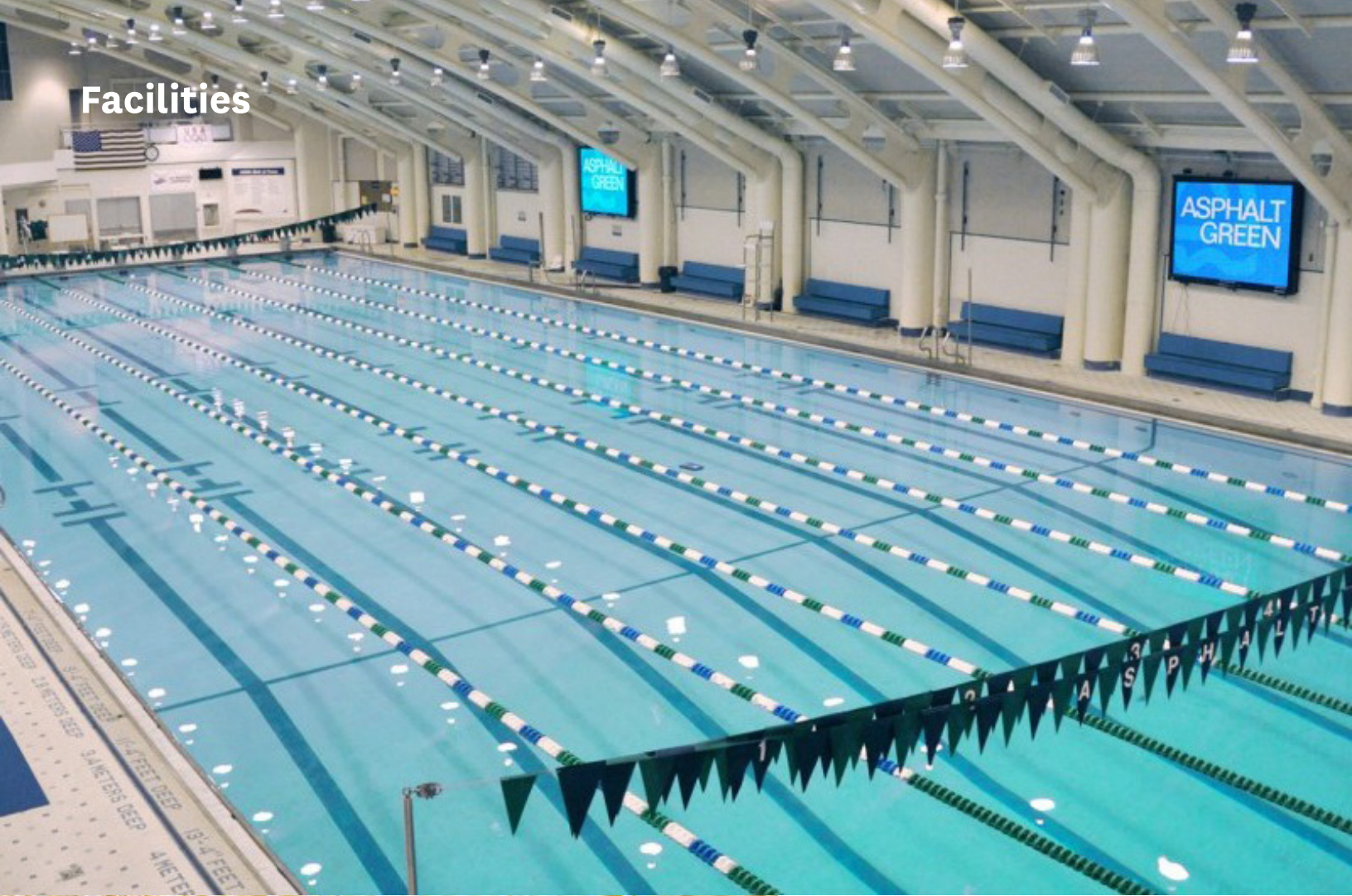


## Flushing Meadows Corona Park

125-40 Roosevelt Ave, Queens, NY 11355

The largest recreation center ever built inside a New York City park, Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatic Center is home to a ten-lane, 50-meter-by-25-meter pool with an adjustable floor and one- and three-meter diving boards. Completed in 2008 for \$66 million, the facility was built to host water polo during the 2012 Summer Olympics—a bid that New York lost to London. With twelve-foot-high windows stretching the length of the deck, clean and spacious locker rooms, ample deck space for both bleachers and unimpeded mobility, seating for some 500 spectators, and award-winning architecture, the Flushing Meadows facility is the finest aquatic complex New York City offers.

# Facilities



## Asphalt Green

555 East 90th St, New York, NY 10128

Asphalt Green swimming pool was opened in 1993 and served as the site of most aquatics events at the 1994 Gay Games. The facility boasts an eight-lane, 50-meter pool with depths that meet water polo regulations and spectator seating for 600.

## Lehman College

250 Bedford Park Blvd W, Bronx, NY 10468

In 2016, TNYA held both its Aquapalooza swim meet and its Holedrive water polo tournament at the APEX at Lehman College. This eight-lane, 50-meter pool can host regulation water polo as well diving on two one- and three-meter boards. Seating holds up to 450 spectators.

# Facilities



## Brighton Beach

South Brooklyn, along the Coney Island peninsula

With its proximity to the iconic amusement parks of Coney Island, this oceanside neighborhood is New York City's most classic open water swimming destination.

## Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park

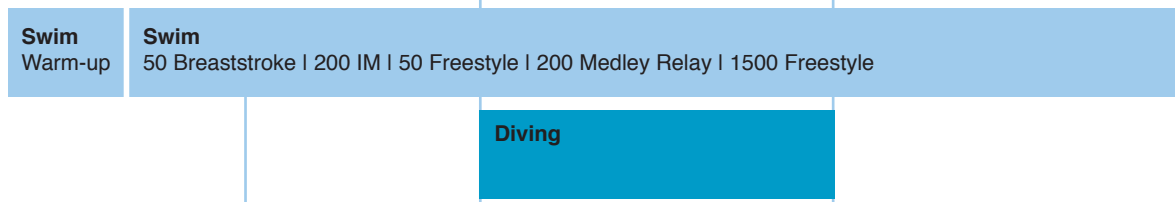
Merrick Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554

Built for the 1998 Goodwill Games, the Nassau County Aquatic Center has hosted countless national and international swimming and diving competitions. The ten-lane, 50-meter pool offers a separate diving well with dual one-meter and dual three-meter spring boards, plus five-, seven-, and ten-meter platforms.

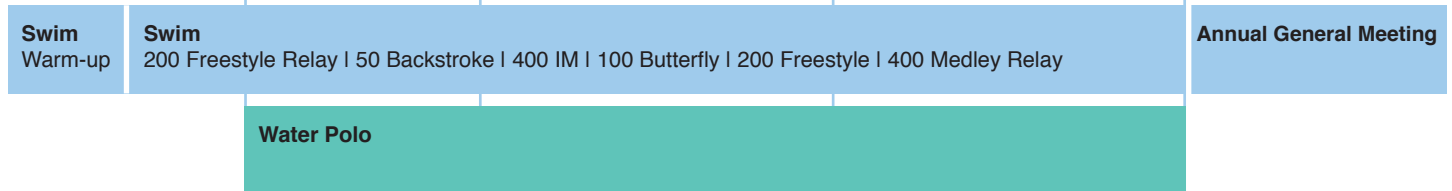


# Proposed Schedule

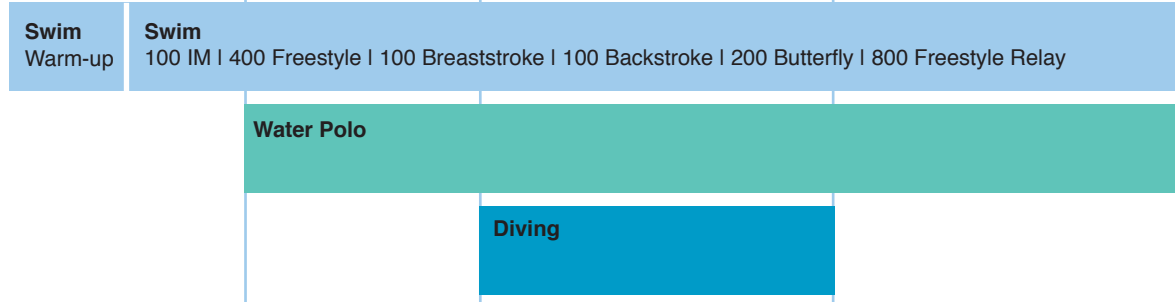
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## Wednesday 06.26



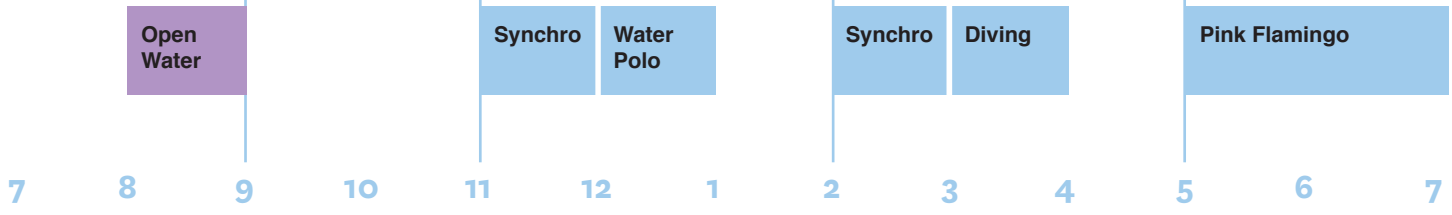
## Thursday 06.27



## Friday 06.28



## Saturday 06.29



● Flushing Meadows Corona Park ● Asphalt Green ● Nassau County Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park ● Brighton Beach



## Community

### Rainbow Love

There was a time when the LGBTQ+ community in New York City existed in specific areas, notably the Manhattan neighborhoods of Greenwich Village and Chelsea. That time is no more. Today's LGBTQ+ residents occupy virtually every block of every borough. As one travel writer recently stated, "Gay and lesbian culture is as much a part of New York's basic identity as yellow cabs, high-rises, and Broadway theater."

LGBTQ+ life in New York is as diverse as the city itself. Popular LGBTQ+ neighborhoods range from young, hip, and transient Williamsburg to family-going, do-it-yourself Park Slope; from understated, intellectual Harlem to eccentric Hell's Kitchen; from immigrant stronghold Jackson Heights to rapidly flourishing Astoria. Whether you're in the mood for something seedy(ish) in the East Village or quaint and sophisticated in DUMBO, New York City and all its LGBTQ+ neighborhoods are ready to serve you.

The LGBTQ+ community's presence here is unmistakable. Seven of fifty-one city council members are gay or lesbian. We have five printed publications catering to LGBTQ+ events and interests. Forty-three of our city's sports leagues are organized by and for LGBTQ+ members. There are endless and ever-changing LGBTQ+ night clubs, bars, restaurants, and businesses, not to mention hundreds of unique LGBTQ+ organizations and institutions such as the Bea Arthur Residence, the Lesbian Herstory Archives, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, TransJustice, SAGE USA, Harvey Milk High School, and a wealth of other museums, religious institutions, legal programs, health groups, and community centers.



**From top left:** Christopher Street, NewFest, Bureau of General Services—Queer Division, Broadway Bares, Harvey Milk High School, Flame Con, Lesbian Herstory Archives, Keith Haring mural for the Carmine Street Pool



## Celebration

### One for the Ages

The Stonewall Riots of June 28, 1969 constitute the single most important event contributing to the birth of the modern-day LGBTQ+ rights movement. Within just six months of the uprising, two gay activist organizations and three gay rights newspapers were established in New York. By the first anniversary of the uprising, Pride marches were held in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and San Francisco. Momentum for the movement has burgeoned ever since.

In 2019, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, the LGBTQ+ community will congregate in New York to celebrate two coinciding events: the first World Pride ever held in the United States and Stonewall 50. Beginning on Mother's Day, May 12, and concluding on Pride, June 30, Stonewall 50 will mark fifty years of achievements with fifty days of celebration.

Events will include art shows, street festivals, workshops for LGBTQ+ businesses, UN gatherings, outdoor movie nights, human rights conferences, memorials, speaker series, and dozens more social, cultural, educational, political, and athletic events. Stonewall 50 is expected to be the largest single ongoing affair of any kind in New York City history.

Stonewall 50 and World Pride 2019 will not only attract throngs of LGBTQ+ visitors to New York; the events will highlight some of the 545 LGBTQ+ organizations based in the metropolitan region and the tens of thousands of members who comprise them.

With an LGBTQ+ population nearly as large as all of San Francisco, New York City and gay life merge at virtually every turn throughout every neighborhood. Robust anti-discrimination laws have brought equality to housing, health care, education, work, family life, and public life. Whether enjoying the theater, sunbathing at the beach, or strolling along the High Line, LGBTQ+ New Yorkers and guests are as respected as anyone.

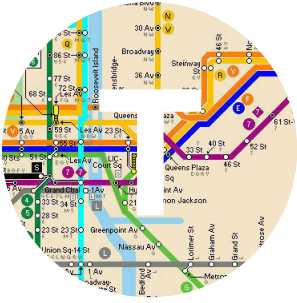
June—the international month of Pride—enjoys the zenith of LGBTQ+ activities in New York. Some events include Broadway Bares, a widely-recognized HIV/AIDS fundraiser; the film festival NewFest, featuring provocative LGBTQ+ cinema; Folsom Street East, a leather and kink festival; Flame Con, a new festival for LGBTQ+ fans of comic books, science fiction, and video games; and any number of concerts at SummerStage or the hundreds of other musical events performed throughout the city.

For all the latest and complete information on Stonewall 50, visit [www.stonewall50.org](http://www.stonewall50.org). As the Stonewall 50 schedule takes shape, TNYA will pursue social events in keeping with past IGLA Championships.

# Travel and Accommodations

## Buckle Up

New York City is one of the easiest places in the world to access and to commute within. We encourage you to visit [www.nycgo.com](http://www.nycgo.com) —the official guide to New York City—and navigate to the site’s transportation section. Here you will find detailed and up-to-date information on all our airports, train stations, bus services, subway lines, taxis, ferries, and biking options. You will also find maps, required documents for entry from abroad, and suggestions for planning your trip.



### **Dream Hotel**

210 W 55th Street

This design-focused, upscale hotel in a beaux arts building of offers sleek rooms and a posh rooftop club.

\$300 King | \$365 Double Queens



### **Holiday Inn Express**

538 W 48th Street

This budget modern accommodation offers a 24-hour fitness center, free Wifi, and free breakfast.

\$209 King | \$219 Double Queens



### **Novotel**

265 W 52nd Street

This chic high-rise lodging boasts a trendy panoramic restaurant and bar plus a rooftop terrace.

\$269 King | \$269 Double Queens

While we’re unable to receive rate guarantees from hotels at this time, we secured the prices seen here in 2016 in advance of Aquapalooza. We intend to negotiate competitive rates at a variety of hotels, obtain university dorm rooms, open as many of our homes to hosted housing as possible, and encourage independent sources like Airbnb and MisterBandB.



# Projected Budget

## Crunching the Numbers

### Income: \$214,000

Entry Fees \$90,000

#### Sports Fees

Swimming \$50,000

Water Polo \$10,000

Diving \$1,500

Synchro \$1,500

Open Water \$5,000

Business Sponsors / Advertisement \$25,000

Social Activities Ticket Sales \$20,000

Merchandise Sales \$11,000

### Expenditures: \$211,500

#### Awards

Medals \$20,000

Trophies \$5,000

Pink Flamingo \$1,000

#### Administration

Meet Processing \$8,000

Computer Software \$1,500

Printing \$5,000

Diving Transportation \$4,000

Advertising \$6,000

Live Video \$5,000

Merchandise \$10,000

Officials / Volunteers Refreshments \$2,000

Social Activities \$20,000

Miscellaneous Costs \$5,000

#### Athletics

Pool Fees \$100,000

Open Water Fees \$6,500

Swimming Officials \$6,000

Diving Judges \$1,000

Synchro Judges \$500

Water Polo Referees \$4,000

### Balance: \$2,500

#### Individual Sport Fees

Swimming \$50

Water Polo \$50

Diving \$75

Synchro \$75

Open Water \$50

### Estimated Participation Fees

#### Entry Fee

Early \$75

Standard \$100

# Letters of Support

## Come One, Come All

The following officials and directors have committed their support to the TNYA bid.

[Redacted Name]

Citywide Events Coordinator, Office of the Mayor

[Redacted Name]

Chair and Commissioner, New York City Commission on Human Rights

[Redacted Name]

[Redacted Name]

[Redacted Name]

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[Redacted Name]

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[Redacted Name]

Members, New York City Council LGBT Caucus

[Redacted Name]

Managing Director, Heritage of Pride

[Redacted Name]

President, U.S. Masters Swimming

[Redacted Name]

CEO, U.S. Masters Swimming

[Redacted Name]

Chairperson, Metropolitan LMSC

March 30, 2017

[Redacted]  
Mayor

[Redacted]  
Executive Director  
Office of Citywide Event  
Coordination and Management

[Redacted]  
Director of Events

253 Broadway, 6th Floor  
New York, NY 10007

[Redacted]

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to offer my support for Team New York Aquatics proposal to host the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in the greatest city in the world—New York City—in 2019.

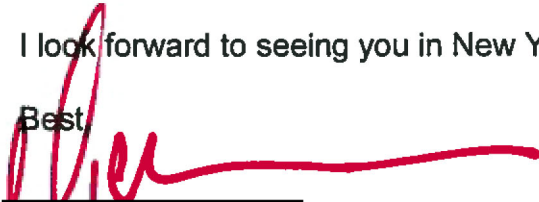
New York City is the backdrop for many iconic events. From special events like the visit of Pope Francis and New Year's Eve in Times Square, as Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM), we look forward to hosting your historic event.

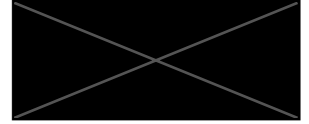
I know the participants and supporters of the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships will feel the full welcome of the City throughout all the five boroughs.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at [Redacted] or [Redacted]

I look forward to seeing you in New York in 2019!

Best,

  
[Redacted]  
Executive Director



April 05, 2017

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

**Re: Support for the TNYA 2019 IGLA Championships Bid**

Dear IGLA Board,

On behalf of the New York City Commission on Human Rights, it is my pleasure to offer support for Team New York Aquatics as it welcomes all International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics athletes to participate in the 2019 IGLA Championships.

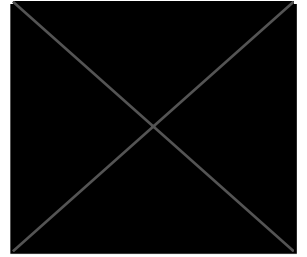
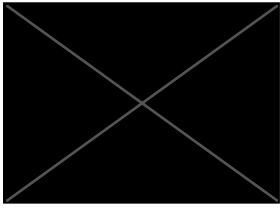
New York City prides itself for setting the global benchmark on issues of equality, inclusivity, and human rights, and our LGBTQ+ residents and guests are no exception. It is our top priority to guarantee a safe, supportive environment for everyone who steps foot in our five boroughs, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. The Commission on Human Rights enforces the anti-discrimination law in New York City and has worked steadfastly to strengthen its work to protect LGBTQ+ residents and guests. For example, in December 2015, the Commission issued legal enforcement guidance on discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression, one of the most comprehensive in the country.

I have no doubt that if New York City has the privilege to host the 2019 IGLA Championships, you will be welcomed by a City government, and its residents, that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

Warm regards,



Chair and Commissioner, New York City Commission on Human Rights



NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL  
**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER CAUCUS**

April 5, 2017

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

**Re: Support for TNYA to Host the 2019 IGLA Championships**

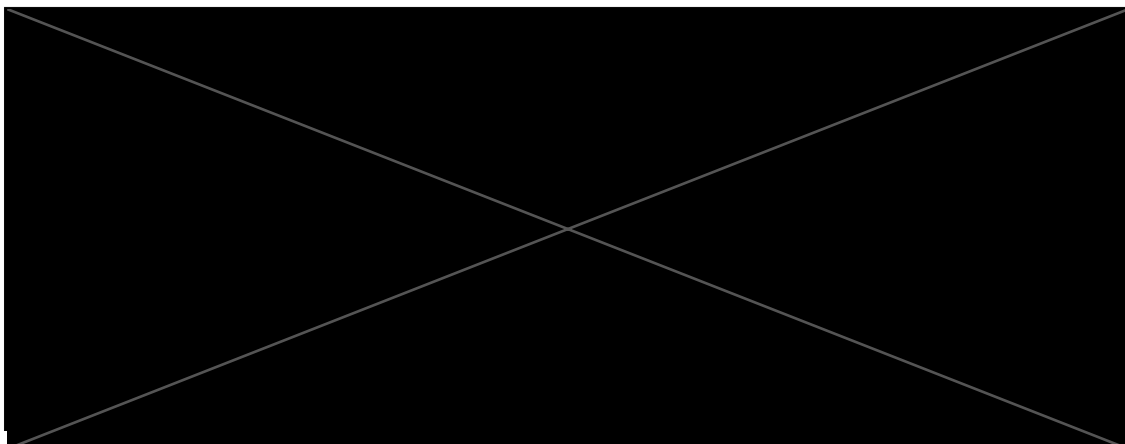
Dear IGLA,

It is our distinct pleasure to offer our support to Team New York Aquatics as it endeavors to bring the 2019 International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships to the city we call home. We can think of no better time to be here than June 2019, when countless LGBTQ+ individuals will join us in our celebration of Stonewall 50.

As we strive not only to advance the rights but also to increase the visibility of LGBTQ+ people, we hope you will find the precedent we have set here to be a model for all cities, and as a result we hope to make your stay with us the most exciting, inspiring, and liberating it can be.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience New York City at its finest! We look forward to hosting you in 2019 and making this the most memorable Championships in IGLA's history.

Warmest regards,





# Heritage of Pride, Inc.



Heritage of Pride, Inc., 154 Christopher St., #1D, New York, NY 10014 •  
Telephone: 212.989.2145 • Fax: 212.807.7436 • Web: <http://www.nycpride.org>

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Heritage of Pride d/b/a NYC Pride  
154 Christopher Street  
New York, NY 10014

March 31, 2017

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

**Re: Support for the TNYA 2019 IGLA Championships Bid**

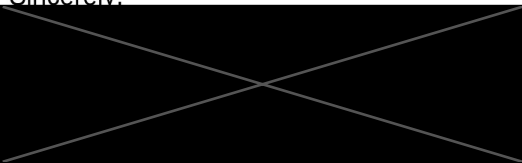
Dear IGLA Members,

Every year at the end of June Heritage of Pride delivers a week-long celebration for the LGBTQ and ally community, a tradition that has endured for decades. In 2019, for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will mark Stonewall 50 by hosting World Pride and by filling New York City with a month of cultural, educational, political, social, philanthropic, and athletic festivities. All told, we expect this to be the largest single ongoing event in New York City history.

We hope you will be a part of it! This once-in-a-generation event will attract tens of thousands of visitors from around the world, including numerous LGBTQ sports leagues parallel to yours. While we understand that aquatic competition is the primary purpose of your trip, we invite you to celebrate with us by attending as many of our functions as you can. For updates on our itinerary and event planning, visit [www.stonewall50.org](http://www.stonewall50.org).

In a little more than two years an unprecedented gathering will occur here in New York City. We eagerly welcome your participation and we look forward to being part of an incredible IGLA in 2019!

Sincerely,



Managing Director, Heritage of Pride

Official Organizer & Producer of NYC's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Events



**U.S. MASTERS  
SWIMMING**

April 27, 2017

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

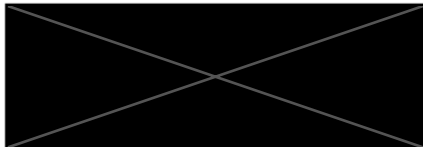
**Re: 2019 IGLA Championships Bid Support for Team New York Aquatics**

Dear Selection Committee,

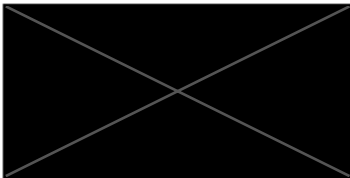
On behalf of everyone at U.S. Masters Swimming, we're pleased to provide our support to Team New York Aquatics as it endeavors to earn the honor of hosting the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in 2019.

USMS has always been committed to diversity, inclusivity, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, and we celebrate our longstanding relationship with LGBTQ+ community. TNYA and its members have helped further USMS's inclusive culture and will be outstanding representatives to host this spirited event.

Warm regards,



President, U.S. Masters Swimming



CEO, U.S. Masters Swimming

Updated: 4/27/2017

**1751 Mound Street, Suite 201 • Sarasota, FL 34236 • (941) 256-8767 • [usms.org](http://usms.org)**



## METROPOLITAN LOCAL MASTER SWIM COMMITTEE

247 Adams Road

Hewlett Harbor, New York

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516-374-6124


April 19, 2017

Board of Directors  
International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics  
c/o Team New York Aquatics

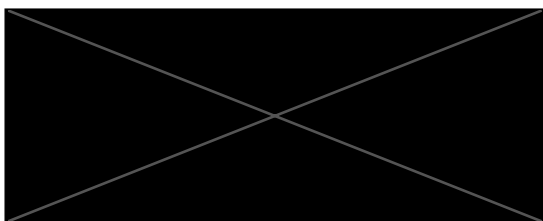
To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Metro Local Masters Swim Committee, it is my pleasure to offer support to one of our local swim teams, Team New York Aquatics, along with the LGBTQ and ally community on their bid to host the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championships in 2017.

It would be Metro LMSC's and the NYC swim community's honor to support, participate in and provide financial assistance for an IGLA aquatics competition in our city and facilities. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate diversity and inclusion in a location that has long served as a worldwide model for the promotion of diversity and equality for all – New York City.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at  or

  
Sincerely,



Chairperson, Metro LMSC