

# WorldPride 2025 Washington DC

## Background

- InterPride is an international consortium of 400 Gay Pride organizations across 70 countries.
- The first WorldPride festival was held in Rome in 2000. Other festivals have been held in Jerusalem (2006), London (2012), Toronto (2014), Madrid (2017), New York City (2019), Copenhagen (2021), and Sydney (2023); and are planned for Washington DC (2025) and Amsterdam (2026).
- WorldPride 2025 is being presented by the Capital Pride Alliance ([worldpridedc.org](http://worldpridedc.org)). It is scheduled for May 22 thru June 8 in Washington DC, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for Capital Pride. The total attendance is expected to be between 2 and 3 million people over multiple venues.
- A concurrent WorldPride Sports Festival will take place from May 30 thru June 3. It is being organized by Team DC ([teamDC.org](http://teamDC.org)), a multi-sport consortium of 37 sports groups from the Washington DC region, including The Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association. Team DC has the experience of cross-sport interconnections, organizing events locally as well as hosting national and international sports events and tournaments. The current plan is to have multiple sporting events in numerous venues over the May 30 to June 3 period. There is a potential to incorporate gay rodeo into a multi-sport location, with simultaneous events taking place at a large venue/sports complex.
- The city of Washington has provided funding to support 2 full time employees who will be dedicated to WorldPride. They are also providing resources related to venues, advertising, marketing, sponsorships, transportation, housing, ticketing, volunteer recruitment and coordination and other event infrastructure.

## Next Steps

- Does IGRA have an interest in having a presence at the WorldPride 2025 Sports Festival?
- What do we want to do?
- What information do we need to collect?
- Who is willing to lead and help with the effort?
- What are the key decision points and reporting timeline?
- What is the best financial model to use for funding an event?

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