

15th ASIAN GAMES DOHA 2006 DAGBS NEWSLETTER

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SPECIFIC VENUE ACCESS RULES

Rights Holders should note that the following specific access rules for ceremonies, rehearsals, High Demand events and others are in place:

Access To Observer Seats

As a general rule, RT Accreditation is sufficient to access observer seats, which will be on a 'first come, first served' basis at the venue, with the exception of the following nine High Demand events, which will require observer seat tickets;

Seven of the ballgame finals (Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Football, Handball, Table Tennis and Volleyball - Indoor) and the Opening & Closing Ceremonies.

Requests for High Demand observer seats tickets should be made to the DAGBS Booking Office at the IBC no later than D-2 at 18:00, using the Event-Time Booking Order Form, available in the Booking section of the download area of www.dagbs.tv. Allocated tickets will be distributed at the IBC DAGBS Booking Office.

Access to Other Unilateral Facilities at the Venues

Requests for commentary positions (Football), mixed zone, announcer position and unilateral camera position services have to be made at the DAGBS Booking Office at the IBC no later than D-2 at 18:00, using the Event-Time Booking Order Form.

Tickets are required to access the High Demand Events facilities listed above as well as for the four following High Demand sports: Athletics, Diving, Swimming and Gymnastics - Artistic.

Any questions regarding these access rules should be directed to the DAGBS Booking Office in the IBC.

Opening Ceremony Rehearsal

To access the Opening Ceremony rehearsal, taking place in Khalifa Stadium on 29 November at 19:05, Rights Holders will need specific tickets.

Access to Commentary Positions

Commentary position tickets for the ceremony rehearsal will be granted to Rights Holders having booked a commentary position for the ceremony itself. Rights Holders do not need to place a specific booking for the rehearsal, such allocation will be done automatically.

Access to Observer Seats

Rights Holders have the possibility to send observers to the ceremony rehearsals. To do so, they need to apply for observer seat tickets, no later than 27 November at 18:00. This can be done by a simple email or visit to the IBC DAGBS Booking Office.

Both categories of tickets will be distributed at the DAGBS Booking Office at the IBC on 28 November from 14:00 onwards along with the DAGOC Opening Ceremony Media Guide.

Note: No shooting and no commentating will be allowed during the rehearsal.

INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST CENTRE GRAND OPENING



The ribbon cutting outside the IBC (left) and the VIP visit to the ABU Village (right)

The International Broadcast Centre (IBC) inaugurated its Grand Opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house tour of the facilities on Friday 24 November. Cutting the ribbon was Yousef Mohamed Al Othman, Deputy Director General of Operations for the Doha Asian Games Organising Committee (DAGOC) along with Ahmed Abdulla Al Khulaifi, Deputy Director General of Corporate Support and the Main Media Centre Venue Manager Soud Al Tamimi.

During the open house tour guided by DAGBS CEO Francis Tellier, VIP guests as well as journalists representing over 25 different news organisations, were able to view the DAGBS Contribution Distribution Transmission (CDT), the High Definition Cinema, and the production facilities of various Rights Holders including Al Jazeera, Al Kaas, CCTV and KBS.

VIPs were also given a tour of the ABU (Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union) Village. ABU Head of Broadcast Operations John Barton (*above right*) explained to the VIP guests that the 15th Asian Games Doha 2006 are a first ever in terms of quantity and quality of the DAGBS production offered by DAGOC, and in terms of exposure and distribution which ABU will ensure to the Asia-Pacific region. The numbers speak for themselves - the Games will reach an amazing 47 broadcasters in 43 countries and a potential audience of 3.7 billion.

As John Barton adds, "The event has grown since 1994 to one that in terms of reach and coverage is greater than the Summer Olympics Games."

MEDIA OPEN DAYS AT THE ATHLETES' VILLAGE

There will be two media Open Days held at the Athletes' Village, in which a walking tour conducted in English will take place lasting approximately 90 minutes, starting at 10:00 and 10:30 on both days. The first of these Open Days will take place on 29 November with the second Open Day on 9 December.

Rights Holders wishing to attend can collect a booking form from the MMC newsdesk or the BIO front desk and should return the completed form to the MMC newsdesk no later than 24 hours before the event. Booking is on a 'first come, first served' basis. Rights Holders should note that filming will be permitted but only under the supervision of a village team member and with a Media Services representative present.

The Athletes' Village Media Centre is open from 09:00 - 21:00 daily. Please note that in general media transportation to the Athletes' Village will be running from the MMC every 30 minutes. The first bus to leave for the Athletes' Village is at 08:30 and the last return bus to the MMC departs at 21:05.



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DAGBS WEBSITE AND CONTACT INFO (WWW.DAGBS.TV)

The DAGBS website complements existing DAGBS printed material and features information on Venues, Production, Telecom, Broadcast and other general and technical data. The website is updated frequently with the latest DAGBS news and information.

For further general information and additional queries, please feel free to contact us at info@dagbs.tv

