



Samoa 2015 – Opening Ceremony Parading Protocols

The Opening Ceremony on the 5 September will introduce the Commonwealth Youth Games, the host nation Samoa and athletes to a live TV audience.

The event is to be opened by Head of State for Samoa generating major media interest before competition commences two days later.

It is therefore imperative that parading athletes & officials from all CGAs behave appropriately, maintaining and enhancing the friendly image of the Commonwealth Youth Games at this formal occasion.

Each Team Leader is therefore requested to convey a clear message regarding appropriate behaviour, to all members of their delegation.

All participants in the Opening Ceremony must abide by the following:

1. Each participant must wear their official CGA team uniform. This uniform must fully comply with rule GFS10.
2. It is strictly prohibited for participants in the Ceremony to display any form of publicity, propaganda, commercial, political or otherwise, on any item of attire or in any other manner.
3. Parade participants are not permitted to carry banners, pictures, streamers, musical instruments or any other visible accessory or object that is not part of the CGAs official uniform. Any of these items found in the possession of Ceremony participants may be confiscated at the CGF's sole discretion.
4. No flags are permitted whatsoever. The Organising Committee is displaying the flags of all participating nations within Apia Park.
5. Small, hand held cameras are permitted. The use of these cameras are subject to athletes and officials not delaying the parade and any generated images/videos are subject to the CGF's Social Media & Digital Engagement policy. This policy can be downloaded from http://www.thecgf.com/cyg/2015_entries.asp
6. All participants in the Opening Ceremony are required to assemble, parade and disperse as per the instructions of the CGF & Samoa 2015.
7. The CGF reserves the right to withdraw the accreditation of parading athlete or official for a breach of these protocols.