

Dear Members of the Annual General Assembly of the Federation of Gay Games,

On behalf of the Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA), we are pleased to express our full support for Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

ASANA is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and competitive environment for LGBTQ+ cis women, trans men, trans women, and non-binary athletes in amateur sports. With member leagues in 31 cities across the United States, ASANA unites over 1,000 participants each year at our flagship event, the ASANA Softball World Series. Hosted in a different city annually, this premier tournament not only showcases athletic excellence but also celebrates and uplifts local LGBTQ+ communities nationwide.

Denver's bid for Gay Games XIII presents an incredible opportunity for our members and the broader North American sporting community. Its central location, with non-stop flights to all 50 states and 18 countries, ensures unparalleled accessibility for athletes and supporters worldwide. Beyond its convenience, Denver boasts world-class sports facilities, a vibrant arts and music scene, and proximity to the Rocky Mountains. With 300 days of sunshine and a culture rooted in outdoor recreation, it is an ideal host city for an event of this scale.

At ASANA, we are deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our mission is to promote amateur softball as a sport for all, regardless of gender, age, race, creed, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. We place a strong emphasis on creating an inclusive and affirming space for women, trans men, trans women, non-binary, and agender individuals. Additionally, we strive to ensure that all players—whether sober, neurodivergent, or from other underrepresented communities—have a welcoming environment where they can enjoy the sport they love. Supporting Gay Games XIII aligns seamlessly with our mission to cultivate inclusive and accessible spaces in sports.

Should Denver be selected as the host city, we are committed to actively promoting the Gay Games within our organization. We will share event details at our tournaments, practices, and community gatherings, and collaborate with the Denver Gay Games Bid Committee to distribute promotional materials.

We are excited about the potential to collaborate with Gay Games XIII in Denver, not only for the benefit of ASANA but also for the local, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to partnering with the Denver Gay Games Bid Committee to help make Gay Games XIII a truly inclusive and globally impactful event.

Sincerely, The ASANA Board of Directors

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