

Broadcast Operations & Technical Leadership

Senior Venue / IBC / Engineering Operations for Major International Sports Events

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PROFILE

Two decades of complex international delivery

Senior broadcast and technology operations professional with more than 20 years of experience delivering complex international sports events across venue operations, IBC coordination, host broadcast services, engineering readiness and live production support.

Experienced in Olympic and Paralympic Games, FIFA World Cups, UEFA competitions, multisport events and international broadcast operations. Strong background in venue technology, host broadcast delivery, signal contribution and distribution, technical planning, operational readiness, stakeholder coordination and Games-time issue resolution.

Used to working at the intersection of broadcast engineering, IT, venue operations, telecom services, production requirements, suppliers, rights holders and organising committees. Practical, delivery-focused and comfortable operating in high-pressure live event environments where reliability, clarity and rapid decision-making are essential.

CORE EXPERTISE

Operational and technical scope

Areas of direct, hands-on responsibility across venue, IBC and host broadcast environments.

Host broadcast operations

Venue broadcast and technology readiness

IBC and venue technical coordination

Broadcast engineering operations

Signal contribution and distribution

Fibre, telecom and connectivity planning

Venue surveys and technical documentation

Broadcaster and rights holder service delivery

Broadcast IT and infrastructure integration

Operational workflows and issue escalation

Vendor, stakeholder and contractor coordination

Live event troubleshooting and Games-time support

International team coordination

Multisport and multi-venue event environments

EXPERIENCE

Selected professional experience

Senior venue, IBC and engineering roles across Olympic Games, FIFA World Cups, UEFA competitions and international multisport events.

Oct 2024 – Aug 2025

Chengdu, China

Head of Engineering

International Sports Broadcasting · The World Games Chengdu 2025

Led engineering planning and operational coordination for host broadcast delivery at a major international multisport event. Responsibilities included technical readiness, venue and engineering coordination, operational workflows, service delivery alignment and issue management across the broadcast environment.

Key focus areas included venue readiness, technical planning, broadcast infrastructure, coordination with production and operations teams, supplier alignment and support for reliable Games-time delivery.

Jan 2024 – Sep 2024

Paris, France

Venue IT Manager

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Managed venue technology readiness and operational delivery for an Olympic venue environment. Coordinated venue technology services, suppliers, operational requirements and issue resolution in a complex live event setting.

The role required close coordination across technology, venue management, broadcast, operations and external stakeholders to ensure reliable service delivery during Games-time operations.

Feb 2023 – Apr 2023

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Venue Technical Supervisor

Saudi Football League · SSC

Supervised venue technical operations for professional football coverage, supporting broadcast readiness, technical coordination, venue workflows and operational delivery.

Apr 2022 – Dec 2022

Doha, Qatar

TV Operations Venue Manager

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022

Managed TV operations at venue level for one of the world's largest broadcast events. Coordinated host broadcast requirements, venue operations, technical services, broadcaster needs and Games-time operational support.

Responsibilities included operational readiness, venue coordination, service delivery follow-up, issue escalation and support to the broadcast operation under live event conditions.

Jan 2022 – Feb 2022

Beijing, China

Technical Support Engineer

Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games · Olympic Channel Services

Provided technical support within the Olympic broadcast and technology environment, contributing to operational readiness, systems support, issue resolution and live event technical delivery.

Jul 2021 – Sep 2021

Tokyo, Japan

Venue Technical Manager

Olympic Broadcasting Services · Tokyo 2020 Olympic & Paralympic Tennis

Supported venue broadcast and technical operations for Olympic and Paralympic tennis. Responsibilities included venue readiness, technical coordination, operational support and alignment with host broadcast delivery requirements.

May 2021 – Jul 2021

Eurovision Services

MCR Broadcast Engineer

UEFA EURO 2020

Supported MCR broadcast operations for a major UEFA competition, contributing to signal handling, operational workflows and live broadcast service delivery.

Oct 2017 – Aug 2018

Moscow, Russia

Technical Lead Manager

NBC Telemundo · FIFA World Cup Russia 2018

Led technical coordination and operational delivery support for broadcaster operations during FIFA World Cup Russia 2018. Responsibilities included technical planning, operational readiness, coordination with local teams and live event support.

Mar 2017 – Jul 2017

Russia

Venue Technical Manager

FIFA Confederations Cup Russia 2017

Managed venue-level technical planning and broadcast operational support for an international FIFA event, contributing to readiness, venue coordination and technical delivery.

● MAJOR EVENTS

Major events experience

Olympic and Paralympic Games, FIFA and UEFA competitions, and international multisport events.

Olympic and Paralympic Games

- Athens 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Torino 2006 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
- Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

FIFA, UEFA and International Football

- FIFA Confederations Cup Russia 2017
- FIFA World Cup Russia 2018
- FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021
- FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022
- UEFA EURO 2020
- Saudi Football League

Olympic Winter Games

- PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games

Multisport and International Events

- Guangzhou Asian Games 2010
- Pan American Games Toronto 2015
- The World Games Chengdu 2025
- Additional assignments involving international federations, organising committees, broadcasters and production service providers

CAPABILITIES

Broadcast & technical capabilities

Where technical depth and operational responsibility meet in live venue and IBC environments.

Venue and IBC Operations

Experienced in the planning, coordination and operational delivery of venue and IBC-related broadcast services. Able to translate production, engineering and broadcaster requirements into practical delivery plans, technical workflows and operational procedures.

Technical Readiness

Strong background in venue readiness, technical inspections, service validation, operational handover, issue tracking and Games-time support. Familiar with the need to align broadcast, telecom, IT, power, cabling, venue operations and supplier delivery.

Signal and Connectivity Workflows

Practical understanding of signal contribution, distribution, fibre delivery, connectivity planning, broadcast network requirements and service delivery for live sports environments.

Stakeholder Coordination

Experienced working with host broadcasters, organising committees, venue teams, production teams, technology departments, suppliers, rights holders and local contractors. Comfortable acting as the bridge between operational needs and technical execution.

Live Event Delivery

Used to high-pressure live environments where clear communication, structured escalation, practical troubleshooting and fast operational decisions are required.

Languages

Spanish	Native
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English	Professional working
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Greek	Professional working
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Chinese · French · Russian	Additional exposure
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POSITIONING

Available for senior assignments

Javier Hidalgo is available for senior broadcast operations, venue technology, IBC planning, engineering coordination and technical leadership assignments for major sports events, host broadcasters, organising committees, rights owners, production service providers and international event delivery organisations.

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