

Georgia Games Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE THE GEORGIA GAMES?

The Georgia Games is a multi-sport Olympic-style sports festival for the residents of Georgia. An initiative of the Georgia Sports Foundation, a non-profit organization, the State Games of Georgia is officially recognized as a United States Olympic Committee State Games Program Participant and is part of a nationwide network of State Games.

ELIGIBILITY & WHO CAN COMPETE?

All Georgia residents, college students and military personnel who have lived in the state of Georgia for at least 30 days prior to the day of competition and meet the specific requirements for their sport of interest may compete. Georgia residents attending college or serving in the military in another state are also eligible to compete. Participants in developing individual sports residing close to a neighboring state line may be eligible to compete. Contact the Georgia Games office for any questions.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE GEORGIA GAMES BE HELD?

The Georgia Games are held primarily throughout the summer at various venues throughout the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Area. Check each specific sport page for times and dates of each event.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

To enter the Georgia Games, carefully read the information concerning your specific sport of interest. Go to www.georgiagames.org for details. Follow the step-by-step registration instructions and submit by entry deadline. Athletes may compete in any number of sports, yet conflicts in scheduling are the responsibility of the athlete.

DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE?

While there are no specific age limits for participation proof of age is required. Copies of Birth Certificate, Military I.D. and/or driver's license are acceptable proof-of-age documents. Do not mail or hand-deliver any proof-of-age documents to the Georgia Games. The coach/participant should have proof-of-age documents on hand at the event site. In case of eligibility disputes, lack of proper documentation may result in disqualification of individual participants and/or team.

WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION FEES?

Each sport has its own entry fee requirements. Consult the appropriate sport section of our website for entry fee amounts.

WHAT IS THE REFUND POLICY?

A No Refund Policy is in effect for ALL Georgia Games events and programs. All payments are non-refundable for any reason including but not limited to illness, medical emergency, pandemic, epidemic, a death in the family, severe weather, hurricane and mandatory evacuation. Registrations may not be deferred, transferred, or credited. No exceptions.

WHAT IS THE REFUND POLICY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER?

Sports utilizing outdoor sites are subject to inclement weather. Competitions will be conducted unless Georgia Games staff declare conditions potentially dangerous or a threat to bodily harm. Due to facility and scheduling conflicts, the Georgia Games has little or no rain dates. Inclement weather may force changes in the tournament format or number of games each team plays. With few exceptions, games lost due to inclement weather will not be re-scheduled, they will be cancelled. There will be no refunds given if events are cancelled due to weather.

WHAT ABOUT RETURNED CHECKS?

It is the Georgia Games's policy to charge a \$30 service fee for returned checks in addition to the amount of the original check. The applicant will only be able to participate when the entry fee and service fee have been paid.

WHAT TYPES OF AWARDS ARE GIVEN?

Georgia Games medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event. Athletes are responsible for pick-up of awards at the venue on the day of the event. Some sports have additional awards in part from sponsors.

CAN YOU MAIL BE MY AWARD?

Due to the mailing costs and staffing limitations, it is not possible to mail out awards to athletes.

WHERE / WHEN CAN I PICK UP MY GEORGIA GAMES T-SHIRT?

T-shirts will be at each sport venue for athlete pickup. Shirts will not be mailed out.

WHAT ABOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE?

Insurance is the responsibility of each participant. In some instances, the National Governing Body (NGB), which sanctions an event, may have secondary coverage. In the event of an emergency, injury or illness, medical personnel will be contacted. Competition preparation, such as taping, is the responsibility of the participant.

HOW WILL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES BE HANDLED?

Emergency medical personnel will be on hand at the event. Please check the medical page for the most up to date information.

WHAT UNIFORM SHOULD I WEAR?

All contestants must comply with uniform requirement of their sport. The Georgia Games reserves the right to disqualify any participant whose uniform is thought to negatively affect the Games. Any High school athletes need to follow any GHSA or GISA rules.

IS THERE AN ADMISSION FEE FOR SPECTATORS?

Some Georgia Games events have an admission fee for spectators as a way to help defray the event costs.

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

The Georgia Games is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on its volunteers. For many of our volunteers, it is the feeling of accomplishment, sharing in others' success or just having fun that keeps them returning year after year. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity for the Georgia Games, please contact us.

CAN THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS COMPETE?

The Georgia Games offers certain divisions for the physically disabled athlete. Please visit our Paralympic sports pages for more information on events offered for the physically disabled athlete. We also have one or two events for Special Olympians.

CONDUCT

Athletes, Coaches and Spectators are responsible for knowing, understanding, and following the rules, policies, and code of conduct for their sport and venue. Games organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant or attendee from competition or venue in the Georgia Games, for (but not limited to) the following reasons:

- False representation
- Improper use of alcohol and/or drugs
- Destruction of property
- Unsportsmanlike or disorderly behavior
- Rules infraction
- Tobacco Policy: Tobacco products are prohibited at all Georgia State Games events.
- Not adhering to designated venue policies
- Any other action deemed unprofessional, or sportsmanship as deemed by the Georgia Games or designee.

PROHIBITION LIST

The Georgia Games reserves the right to restrict individuals and/or teams from competing in the Games for the best interest of the event. The Games are a privilege and not a right to compete or attend. Participants and other attendees can be placed on the Games Banned List prohibiting participating and attending Georgia Games events/program for any number of previous actions to include but not limited to:

- Convicted felonies or certain misdemeanors.
- Financial impropriates or misleading financial institutions on any type of electronic payment issues.
- Potential pending safety conduct towards minors and others
- Potential suspension lists from NGB's and other governing bodies

IS THERE A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR STATE GAMES ATHLETES?

Yes, it's called State Games of America (SGA). Athletes who win a medal in a qualifying sport in the Georgia Games will qualify to participate in the next State Games of America (SGA). The State Games of America is held every two years.