



FACTS AT A GLANCE

2017 National Senior Games presented by Humana Birmingham, Alabama June 2-15, 2017

The Games

- Begun in 1987 and held every other year, The National Senior Games is the largest multi-sport qualified competition event in the world for men and women 50 and older.
- Event is governed by the National Senior Games Association (NSGA), a Multi-Sports Council Member of the United States Olympic Committee.
- More than 10,500 athletes are registered, and an additional 20,000 family and friends are projected to attend.
- 2,500 volunteers from the host region will help stage this massive event.
- 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of The Games. Please visit NSGA.com/30anniversary for special micro site features.
- In 2013, The Games generated in excess of \$36 million in direct economic impact for Cleveland, Ohio. The 2015 Games in Bloomington, Minneapolis and St. Paul experienced a similar tourism benefit.
- All competition and ancillary events are free and open to the public to enjoy.

Sport Information

- More than 800 events will be contested over two weeks at sport venues throughout the region.
- 19 Medal Sports: Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Cycling, Golf, Horseshoes, Pickleball, Race Walk, Racquetball, Road Race, Shuffleboard, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track & Field, Triathlon and Volleyball
- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and 4th-8th place ribbons are awarded for each age division event.
- Age Divisions
 - Individual sports - male and female divisions compete in five year increments, ages 50 through 100+
 - Team sports - male and female divisions compete in five year increments, ages 50 through 80+
 - Some sports feature mixed doubles play.
- Qualifying
 - Participants are required to qualify in one of 51 NSGA sanctioned Member State Games during 2016; 30,000+ athletes are expected to qualify in these games.

Ancillary Events

- **The Village and Health & Wellness Expo**
 - The Village is the daytime hub of activity where athletes check in and all visitors can enjoy exhibits, activities and entertainment in a festive atmosphere. It is open and free to the public to attend. The 2017 Village will be located at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Complex (BJCC) downtown.
- **Flame Arrival Ceremony**
 - All are welcome to celebrate the official opening, to be held **Friday, June 2** starting at 6:30 pm at the Uptown District next to the BJCC. Watch the torch flame arrive to ignite the ceremonial cauldron on the first night of The Games!
- **Celebration of Athletes**
 - **Friday, June 9** at 7 p.m. Legacy Arena at BJCC. This is a combination opening and closing ceremony held in the middle of the event schedule that celebrates the achievements of the athletes. Here is where the pageantry happens, including a stirring Parade of Athletes and a warm welcome is extended by the host cities, celebrities and dignitaries. This year will feature a special mini documentary video and other 30th Anniversary recognition.



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