

FLORIDA'S SUNSHINE STATE GAMES 30th ANNIVERSARY
SUMMER GAMES
JUNE 12-14, 2009
POLK COUNTY



Celebrate 30 years of amateur sports in Florida at the 2009 Annual Sunshine State Games, June 12-14 in Central Florida's Polk County! Join Florida's long-standing tradition and become a part of this Olympic-style sports festival with over 4,000 athletes. In partnership with Polk County Sports Marketing, the Florida Sports Foundation is proud to offer premier facilities in Central Florida!

The Sunshine State Games is a program of the State of Florida, offering affordable competition for all of Florida's amateur athletes. Whether you are seeking Olympic Gold or are a weekend warrior, the Sunshine State Games is the place to showcase your talent!

You will find everything you need to know about the Games in the following information. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call (850) 488-8347 or toll-free 866-FL-GAMES (354-2637). In the meantime, keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing you in June!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sports of the 2009 Sunshine State Games – Summer Games

Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Canoe / Kayak, Fencing, Judo, Karate, Powerlifting, Racquetball, Rowing, Rugby, Softball – Fast Pitch, Synchronized Swimming, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Weightlifting & Wrestling

Dates & Times

The 2009 Sunshine State Games will be held June 12-14, 2009 at various locations throughout Polk County. See the competition information for sport schedules.

Who Can Compete?

All Florida residents who have lived in the state for at least 30 days prior to the date of competition are eligible if they meet the requirements specified by each sport. Age divisions, levels of expertise and types of qualification vary with each sport.

How Can I Enter?

To enter any sport, a 2009 Sunshine State Games Official Entry Form and Waiver of Liability must be completed and returned to the address below received by the deadline for your sport or **register online at www.flasports.com**. Sports may vary, so please see the competition information for more details on registration procedures, deadlines and entry fees. Confirmation of entry in the 2009 Sunshine State Games will be the responsibility of the registrant, and can be checked by visiting **www.flasports.com** or by calling toll-free 1-866-FL-GAMES (354-2637).

To enter, return the completed official entry form and signed waiver with entry fees payable to the **Florida Sports Charitable Foundation (FSCF)** or register online at **www.flasports.com**. There will be a \$35 fee for returned checks. Major credit cards are accepted.

Florida Sports Charitable Foundation (FSCF)
Attn.: 2009 Summer Games
2930 Kerry Forest Parkway, Suite 101
Tallahassee, FL 32309
Toll-free 1-866-FL-GAMES (354-2637)
Phone: (850) 488-8347

Teams need only to submit the official Team Entry Form in order to register. Team rosters and waivers of liability for all players are not due until the designated time for that sport, which is typically on-site at the mandatory coaches meeting. The official roster can be found in this information. Note: Rowing teams must submit a Boat Declaration Form along with Individual Entry Forms and a Waiver of Liability for each athlete.

Entry Deadline

Entry deadlines vary by sport. Some sports have late registration deadlines or on-site registration. Guarantee that you get into the Games and register early! Online registration is available at **www.flasports.com**. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and certain events could close prior to the deadline based on entries. NO REFUNDS.

Athlete T-shirts / Games Headquarters

Athlete t-shirts will be available at each competition venue during designated check-in times. For most team sports, athlete t-shirts will be available at the mandatory coaches meeting. Though every effort will be made to have t-shirts available for all athletes, those athletes registering on-site will not be guaranteed a t-shirt or souvenir program.

For on-site questions, Games Headquarters in Polk County will be open from June 8 – June 14, 2009. Games Headquarters telephone number will be posted online at **www.flasports.com** or will be available by calling 1-866-FLGAMES (354-2637).

Insurance

Insurance is the responsibility of each participant. Every participant should be sure to have proof of insurance in case of an emergency.

Conduct

Sportsmanship and fair play are the cornerstones of the Sunshine State Games, and are at the core of the Olympic ideal. The Florida Sports Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any Games participant for the improper use of alcohol or drugs, the destruction of property, unsportsmanlike conduct, or any other behavior that is detrimental to the Games.

Housing and Food

Participants are responsible for their own housing arrangements and meals while competing in the Sunshine State Games. Host Hotel information is available in this packet and a complete listing is available online at **www.flasports.com**. Please be sure to mention the Sunshine State Games when making reservations to ensure the best rates. To ensure rates and availability, we suggest making hotel reservations **no later than May 22, 2009**.

Inclement Weather

The Florida Sports Foundation is not responsible for changes to the event program, postponements or cancellations due to inclement weather or other circumstances beyond our control. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to complete all games and events as scheduled. However, the Florida Sports Foundation reserves the right to change the schedule or format of the competition, postpone

events or cancel events due to inclement weather. No refunds will be given as a result of these circumstances.

In case of inclement weather for outdoor sports, please report to your scheduled venue at the appropriate time. If games are postponed or cancelled, please check the designated area for schedule changes. Designated areas can be found in the competition information or will be determined at the mandatory coaches meeting for your sport. Though Games Headquarters will remain updated of any changes in schedule, all “official” rescheduling will take place at the sport venue or designated location. Games Headquarters can be reached by calling 1-866-FLGAMES (354-2637).

**Florida Sports Foundation
Florida Sports Charitable Foundation**

The Florida Sports Foundation is the official sports promotion and development organization of the state of Florida. Its goal is to promote and develop professional, amateur and participatory sports for the citizens of Florida and attract out-of-state visitors through sports, thus creating new economic development.

The Florida Sports Charitable Foundation is the 501(C)3 arm of the Florida Sports Foundation. The annual Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games State Championships are an example of the many ways the Florida Sports Foundation & Charitable Foundation work in partnership with the Office of the Governor providing amateur sports opportunities for Floridians.

For more information on the Florida Sports Foundation and Charitable Foundation, please check www.flasports.com or call (850) 488-8347.



BADMINTON

USA Badminton Florida State Championships



EVENTS / EVENT CODES

Men Singles Junior 17 & Under	003MNS17
Men Doubles Junior 17 & Under	003MND17
Women Singles Junior 17 & Under	003WMS17
Women Doubles Junior 17 & Under	003WMD17
Mixed Doubles Junior 17 & Under	003MXD17
Men Singles Junior 21 & Under	003MNS21
Men Doubles Junior 21 & Under	003MND21
Women Singles Junior 21 & Under	003WMS21
Women Doubles Junior 21 & Under	003WMD21
Mixed Doubles Junior 21 & Under	003MXD21
Men Singles Open (Any Age)	003MNS00
Men Doubles Open (Any Age)	003MND00
Women Singles Open (Any Age)	003WMS00
Women Doubles Open (Any Age)	003WMD00
Mixed Doubles Open (Any Age)	003MXD00
Men Singles Senior (40+)	003MNS40
Men Doubles Senior (40+)	003MND40
Women Singles Senior (40+)	003WMS40
Women Doubles Senior (40+)	003WMD40
Mixed Doubles Senior (40+)	003MXD40
Men Singles Master (50+)	003MNS50
Men Doubles Master (50+)	003MND50
Women Singles Master (50+)	003WMS50
Women Doubles Master (50+)	003WMD50
Mixed Doubles Master (50+)	003MXD50

DATES

Saturday, June 13 – Sunday, June 14

SITE

Southeastern University – Student Center
1000 Longfellow Boulevard
Lakeland, Florida 33801

SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Check-in
9:00 a.m. Competition (Starting with MS Open)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Check-in
9:00 a.m. Competition

Draws will be posted online at www.flabadminton.org. Posted draws are preliminary and subject to change, unless otherwise stated.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Entry fee for Adults is \$20 for the 1st event and \$15 for each additional event. Entry fee for Juniors is \$15 for the 1st event and \$10 for each additional event.** All entry fees include an official Sunshine State Games t-shirt. NO refunds.
2. USA Badminton membership is required. Current members must include their USAB membership number under the column labeled "USAB Membership #".

3. USA Badminton memberships will be available the day of the tournament. A one-year membership for Adults is \$30 and for Juniors (21 and Under) is \$20.
4. Each applicant must complete an Individual Entry Form and Waiver of Liability and submit them by the entry deadline or register online at www.flasports.com.
5. Doubles and Mixed Doubles applicants must note partner's name on Individual Entry Form. A partner may be requested by writing "REQUEST" under the "partner name" column.
6. Pre-registration entries must be **received by May 29, 2009** or register online at www.flasports.com by **June 4, 2009**.
7. On-site registration may be taken at the discretion of the Event Director with an additional \$10 on-site late fee for the first event and an additional \$5 for each additional event.
8. It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm their registration by visiting www.flasports.com or calling toll-free 1-866-FL-GAMES (354-2637).
9. Adult age divisions will be determined by age on December 31, 2009. (Example: you may play in the 50+ division if you are 49 on June 18 but turn 50 on December 1, 2009.) Eligibility for Adult doubles events is determined by age of the youngest partner, when applicable.
10. Junior age division will be determined by age on June 13, 2009 (the first day of the tournament). Eligibility for Junior doubles is determined by age of the oldest partner, when applicable.

FORMAT

1. Format will be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director and will be determined by the number of entries in the event. Age groups may be combined or played in a round-robin format.
2. All competitors will play at least 2 matches per event, dependant on number of entries.
3. Men are limited to a maximum of 4 events, ladies are limited to a maximum of 5 events.
4. All age divisions will play with feather shuttles. Aeroplane tournament grade (SG1130) shuttles will be used (www.shuttles.com).
5. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

SPORT RULES

This tournament will be conducted in accordance with USA Badminton (USAB) rules for competition and may be modified by the Tournament Director. Rally scoring will be used.

HOST HOTEL

Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites Conference Center – Host Hotel for Badminton, Racquetball, Taekwondo and Tennis; Area overflow hotel
4141 South Florida Avenue
Lakeland, Florida 33813
Rate: \$89.99
Group Code: Sunshine State Games
Phone: 863-647-3000
Visit www.flasports.com for a complete listing of hotels

FSF STAFF CONTACT

Rapheal Harris (850) 487-1050 or rharris@flasports.com

STATE DIRECTOR

Dave Zarco (305) 829-0920 or zarco_prosmash@hotmail.com

TOURNAMENT REFEREE

Dudley Chen

VENUE DIRECTIONS - The following directions are listed to assist participants with the general location of their competition site. Directions have been given from I-4 as a standard, general point of reference and may not indicate the most direct route from your location.

From I-4: Take Exit 32/US 98/Florida Avenue South. Continue straight on Florida Avenue South for approximately 3 miles. Turn Left (East) on Lime Street and continue approximately .8 of a mile. Turn Right (South) on Bartow Road and continue approximately 1.4 miles. Turn Left (East) on Crystal Lake Drive and continue approximately .4 of a mile. Turn Left on Longfellow Boulevard and continue approximately .1 of a mile. Turn Right onto Prima Vista and turn Left at end of the road.

**FLORIDA SPORTS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
DONOR INFORMATION**

The Florida Sports Charitable Foundation is a 501(C)3 dedicated to providing Floridians with the opportunity to participate in amateur sports activities throughout the year. Since 1980, Florida's Sunshine State Games has serviced athletes of all ages, many of which have gone on to fulfill their Olympic dreams. In 1992, the Florida Senior Games State Championships was created to promote healthy and active lifestyles for athletes 50 and over.

*Please help us in continuing to provide these services for Florida's athletes. **All contributions are tax-deductible.** To donate, just attach this form to your registration application and include the donation with your entry fees, made payable to the Florida Sports Charitable Foundation.*

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address (if different than application): _____

City, State, Zip (if different than application): _____

Telephone (if different than application): _____

Donation Amount: \$5 \$15 \$25 \$50 Other Amount \$ _____

Donations may be made on behalf, in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please complete the following information if you wish to dedicate your donation.

(Check one if applicable)

On behalf of In honor of In memory of

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Thank you for your support!

Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability

In consideration of being permitted to participate in or assisting others in participating in Florida's Sunshine State Games "Games", and related events and activities, on behalf of myself, or a minor child or ward, heir, next of kin, personal representative, successor or assign;

(1) I ACKNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTAND, DECLARE AND AGREE THAT:

(a) To the best of my knowledge, I am in Good Physical Condition and have no disease or injury that would be aggravated by participating in activities related to the Games;

(b) Participating or assisting others in participating in the Games may involve RISK OF INJURY TO ME, INCLUDING DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ME OR MY PROPERTY, or other consequences, which might result not only from my own actions, inaction or negligence but also the actions, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the conditions of the premises or of any equipment used;

(c) There may be OTHER RISKS not known or not reasonably foreseeable; and Understanding All of the Above,

(2) I ASSUME ALL OF THE ABOVE RISKS AND RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:

(a) the State of Florida or any of its agencies, the Florida Sports Foundation, Inc. & the Florida Sports Charitable Foundation, Inc., their commissioners, employees or volunteers, coaches, trainers, officials affiliated with the international organizations, agencies, sponsors, or advertisers, the respective administrators, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, coaches, trainers, officials or any other individuals affiliated with the Games;

(b) any affiliated subsidiary, successor, organization, or related companies or businesses, other participants, participating or sponsoring municipalities, governmental agencies, international organizations, agencies, sponsors, or advertisers, the respective administrators, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees or volunteers of such entities or organizations;

(c) the National Congress of State Games (NCSG), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and/or their respective representatives, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns;

(d) owners, lessors and lessees of premises used to conduct the Games FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER CONSEQUENCE in connection with entry in or arising out of participation in, performance in or lack of performance in, including travel en route to and from the Games.

(3) I FURTHER AGREE THAT:

(a) Prior to participating as an athlete, I, or in the case of a minor, a parent or guardian, will INSPECT the facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe same to be unsafe, I will immediately REPORT such condition(s) to the athletic coach, supervisor, or official connected with the Games of same and either DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE or ASSUME THE RISK of participating;

(b) I will ALLOW my PHOTOGRAPH, PICTURE or LIKENESS and/or VOICE to APPEAR in any official documentary, promotional (including any and all advertisements), television, radio or film coverage of the Games, WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(C) I have read and fully understand the NO REFUND policy as implemented by the Florida Sports Foundation and forfeit all entry fees in event of withdrawal or ejection from competition.

(4) I CONSENT TO ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT as may be deemed appropriate under existing circumstances by medical personnel or personnel associated with the Games.

(5) I GRANT PERMISSION TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS to the Florida Sports Foundation & Florida Sports Charitable Foundation, related to injury or illness, evaluation of injury or illness or treatment of injury or illness by on-site Games medical personnel or medical personnel contracted by the Florida Sports Foundation.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY AND HAVE PROVIDED TRUTHFUL INFORMATION.

Participant Name (print)

Participant Signature
(if 18 years or older)

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, individually and in the capacity as Parent/Legal Guardian is required if the Participant is under 18 years of age.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

All participants must complete the Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability in order to compete in Florida's Sunshine State Games. Team entries should include copies of this form for each athlete that participates.