

EXCERPT FROM NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES RULES

The AGE DATE for Wisconsin site qualifying is the age as of Dec. 31, 2008.

Athletes must compete in a qualifying event and be 50 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2008, to be eligible for the 2009 Summer National Senior Games.

AGE FOR COMPETITION AT THE 2009 SUMMER NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES

Age division for all single competition at the 2009 Summer National Senior Games will be determined by the athlete's age as of August 1, 2009, the first day of the 2009 Summer National Senior Games. Age division for all doubles and mixed doubles competition will be determined by the younger age of the two players as of August 1, 2009. Age division for all relay competition will be determined by the age of the youngest relay team member as of August 1, 2009. Age division for all team competition will be determined by the age of the youngest team player as of December 31, 2009. For example, a team consisting of eight players ages 65 or older and one player 63 will compete in the 60+ age division. All team sports are divided into the following divisions for both men and women: 50+; 55+; 60+; 65+; 70+; 75+. In addition, 3-on-3 basketball shall have an 80+ age division.

QUALIFICATION FOR "LIMITED" EVENTS The NSGA defines a "limited" event as one in which an athlete can qualify in ways other than by participating in a qualifying games. Events that are considered "limited" are 20K and 40K cycling, the hammer throw, pole vault, triple jump and the triathlon. If a 'limited' event is offered at the qualifying games in an athlete's home state, the athlete must qualify for that event by participating in a qualifying games and by satisfying the qualifying requirements for that event for athletes who compete in a qualifying games.

DOUBLES PARTNERS Doubles partners who qualify together must play together at the 2009 Summer National Senior Games. A change of partners will not be permitted except for valid medical reasons. The NSGA and LOC will not assign partners at the Games. Athletes whose doubles partners are unable to compete for valid medical reasons may change partners until March 1, 2009. The new partner must have participated in the event they wish to enter at the same qualifying state games as the qualified athlete. Sufficient medical documentation must be submitted to the NSGA.

TEAMS A maximum number of players may be added to team rosters following qualification, basketball 3, volleyball 4 and softball 5. Any player/coach must have been registered in a qualifying games in that sport to be eligible for addition to a roster. All other team and qualifying rules apply. Changes may not be made after March 1, 2009. All registration and team rules apply to non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel. Non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel may represent no more than two teams in the same sport, each of which must be in different age divisions. Non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel are not subject to age and gender requirements. Athletes may compete with only one team per sport. Athletes who compete in a team sport may serve as a non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench representative for one additional team in a sport, provided the teams are in different age divisions. **A QUALIFYING SITE MAY ONLY QUALIFY TWO TEAMS FROM EACH AGE DIVISION FOR THE 2009 SUMMER NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES.** Qualifying games may qualify all basketball teams that compete in the 80+ age division.

DETERMINING WHO QUALIFIES Each event allows for a specific number of qualifiers. If out-of-state residents qualify at an "open" qualifying games, they will not take away a qualifying spot from a state resident except in the case of team sports. "Open" games may qualify the number of state residents specified for each event in addition to the out-of-state qualifiers for individual sports only. Competition must take place to determine qualifiers. If there is only one individual entered in an age group, that athlete must enter and compete in order to be given the gold medal and to qualify for the National Senior Games. If there is only one team entered in an age division, that team should be given exhibition opportunities with the closest age division. No team shall be qualified without participating in a qualifying game. Athletes may also qualify by meeting or exceeding the Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) in archery, golf, race walk, road race, swimming, and track and field at qualifying games. In general the MPS is based on the time, distance, or score of the sixth place finisher from the previous National Senior Games, plus or minus 10%.

NSGA DEFINITION OF A PROFESSIONAL Professional athletes shall not be eligible to compete in the National Senior Games in the sport in which they are a professional until 20 years after the date they last competed as a professional. They may compete in other sports in which they have not competed professionally. People who compete in a sport in which minor amounts of money are given as prizes are not deemed professionals. Individuals whose primary activity is teaching a sport but who may occasionally play for a minor amount of money are also not deemed professionals.

EVENT ENTRY LIMITS Athletes may enter no more than two individual sports at the 2009 National Senior Games. Except as noted below, there is no restriction to the number of events within an individual sport an athlete may enter. For example, in track & field the events are: 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 meters; discus; hammer throw; high jump; javelin; long jump; shot put and triple jump. Athletes may enter all the events within track & field for which they qualified. The exceptions are: 1. In archery, an athlete may enter only one event. 2. In swimming, an athlete may enter only six events, including bonus events. 3. In bowling and tennis, each of which has singles, doubles and mixed doubles events, athletes may enter only two events. In addition to two individual sports, athletes may compete in two team sports (basketball, softball and volleyball). Athletes may compete in more than one team sport but may only be a player on one team roster per team sport.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the NSGA may place a cap on the total number entries for any and/or all sports and/or events in the best interest of games management.

DEFAULT DURING COMPETITION Athletes or teams that forfeit during pool play rounds shall not be permitted to advance to the championship or consolation brackets except where such a forfeit is a result of a verified medical reason or good-faith effort was made to compete. A good-faith effort to compete will be determined by the Competition Manager and the USGA.

The complete, detailed NSGA rules for the 2009 National Senior Games are available on our Web site, www.wiseniorolympics.com.



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