

# Keystone State Games, Inc. Festival of Sports



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## **General Keystone State Games, Inc. Information:**

### **Keystone State Games, Inc. Mission**

*The mission of the Keystone State Games is to promote physical fitness and sports activity as a health improvement and disease prevention strategy for all Pennsylvanians and to create an expanded, coordinated and citizen-sponsored program of physical fitness and amateur athletic competition.*

### **Purpose:**

- Provide a comprehensive, coordinated and citizens supported program of sports and fitness competitions to promote physical fitness in which all Pennsylvanians can participate for the purposes of personal growth and development, and the enhancement of physical and mental health.
- Provide a mechanism and medium through which Pennsylvania's sport bodies can stimulate physical fitness and sports involvement for everyone.
- Encourage government, schools, businesses, industry, foundations, and individuals to support expansion of physical fitness and sports participation as a disease prevention strategy in an effort for personal wellness.
- Provide a statewide, multi-sport program with an Olympic format, to encourage and assist in preparing Pennsylvania's athletes to enter national and international competitions.

### **History of the Keystone State Games:**

The Keystone State Games are a result of a resolution by Representative Joseph R. Pitts (Chester County) and approved by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1980. Keystone State Games Inc., a nonprofit corporation, was formed in 1983 with the help of former Governor Richard Thornburgh so the Games would not be solely dependent on government funding. Since its inception, Keystone State Games, Inc. has attracted over 350,000 participants of various age groups into their events.

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## **2013 Summer Games General Information:**

The 32nd Annual 2013 Keystone State Games Festival of Sports is hosting the 2013 State Games of America taking place in the Greater Hershey / Harrisburg Area during the week of July 31- August 4, 2013.

Over 30 Sporting Events will be contested during the 2013 "Olympic Style" Sports Festival. Since its inception in 1981 Keystone State Games, Inc. has attracted over 350,000 participants of various age groups into their events.

The Keystone State Games, modeled after the Olympic Games, are PA's largest annually held multi-sport competitions providing Pennsylvania's amateur athletes an opportunity to compete against athletes from throughout the Commonwealth and beyond in a festival atmosphere that promotes all of the positive aspects of amateur sports.

### **2013 State Games of America**

The State Games of America is a National sports festival held biannually for State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. Participants that compete in the Keystone State Games as well as their partnered events in 2011 and 2012 will be able to qualify to compete at the National Level in the Hershey Harrisburg Area July of 2013. There are currently 31 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games.

### **National State Games Participants**

Each year nearly 500,000 athletes of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels take part in State Games competitions nationwide. An additional 1.2 million spectators attend State Games events, made possible by the work of thousands of coaches, parents, officials, sponsors and more than 100,000 volunteers.

### **National State Games Sports**

State Games competitions include Olympic or Pan American sports such as: Basketball, Bowling, Diving, Figure Skating, Tennis, Taekwondo, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Road Races, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track & Field, Volleyball, etc. as well as a wide variety of local favorites such as Arm Wrestling, Field Hockey, Horseshoes, Equestrian, Mountain Biking and more. The quantity and variety of sports varies from state to state.

## 2013 State Games of America Key Points:

We would like to start by thanking the people of the Greater Hershey / Harrisburg Area and especially the Hershey Harrisburg Convention and Visitors Bureau for all of the hard work and dedication they put forth to make the 2013 State Games of America such a great success. This year we are **expecting estimated 10,000-12,000 amateur athletes, coaches, officials, and sport volunteers** who will be representing **45 States throughout the country.**

Those States include Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming and Washington DC.

## 2013 Sports Being Offered at the State Games of America National Championship

Archery	U.S. Figure Skating	Swimming
Badminton	Gymnastics	Synchronized Swimming
Baseball	Ice Hockey	Table Tennis
Basketball	Judo	Tae Kwon Do
Bowling	Karate	Tennis
Fencing	Lacrosse	Track & Field
Field Hockey	Masters Swimming	Weightlifting
Field Hockey 7V7	Powerlifting	Wrestling
ISI Figure Skating	Soccer	Wrestling Duals

## Official 2013 SGA Logo:



## The State Games Movement

There are currently 31 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games. Modeled after the Olympic Games, State Games provide a motivational goal for all athletes within the state in which they are organized. Recreational and competitive events alike are offered in most states, so whether participants compete for the fun of it or as the first step to their Olympic dream, there's something for everybody in the State Games. Athletes that do not reside within a State that offers State Games may qualify for the State Games of America through a neighboring state. Here is the list of states that currently host State Games Programs:

Alabama	<b>Alabama Sports Festival</b>	<a href="http://alagames.com">alagames.com</a>
Arizona	<b>Grand Canyon State Games</b>	<a href="http://gcsfg.org">gcsfg.org</a>
California	<b>California State Games</b>	<a href="http://calstategames.org">calstategames.org</a>
Colorado	<b>Rocky Mountain State Games</b>	<a href="http://rockymountainstategames.org">rockymountainstategames.org</a>
Connecticut	<b>Nutmeg State Games</b>	<a href="http://nutmegstategames.org">nutmegstategames.org</a>
Florida	<b>Sunshine State Games</b>	<a href="http://flasports.com">flasports.com</a>
Georgia	<b>Georgia Games</b>	<a href="http://georgiagames.org">georgiagames.org</a>
Iowa	<b>Iowa Games</b>	<a href="http://iowagames.org">iowagames.org</a>
Kansas	<b>Sunflower State Games</b>	<a href="http://sunflowergames.com">sunflowergames.com</a>
Kentucky	<b>Bluegrass State Games</b>	<a href="http://bsgs.org">bsgs.org</a>
Maine	<b>Maine Games</b>	<a href="http://mainegames.org">mainegames.org</a>
Massachusetts	<b>Bay State Games</b>	<a href="http://baystategames.org">baystategames.org</a>
Michigan	<b>State Games of Michigan</b>	<a href="http://stategamesofmichigan.com">stategamesofmichigan.com</a>
Minnesota	<b>Star of the North State Games</b>	<a href="http://starofthenorthgames.org">starofthenorthgames.org</a>
Mississippi	<b>State Games of Mississippi</b>	<a href="http://stategamesofms.org">stategamesofms.org</a>
Missouri	<b>Show-Me State Games</b>	<a href="http://smsg.org">smsg.org</a>
Montana	<b>Big Sky State Games</b>	<a href="http://bigskygames.org">bigskygames.org</a>
Nebraska	<b>Cornhusker State Games</b>	<a href="http://cornhuskerstategames.com">cornhuskerstategames.com</a>
New Jersey	<b>Garden State Games</b>	<a href="http://njseiorolympics.com">njseiorolympics.com</a>
New Mexico	<b>New Mexico State Games</b>	<a href="http://nmgames.com">nmgames.com</a>
New York	<b>Empire State Games</b>	<a href="http://empirestatewintergames.com">empirestatewintergames.com</a>
North Carolina	<b>State Games of North Carolina</b>	<a href="http://ncsports.org">ncsports.org</a>
Oklahoma	<b>Sooner State Games</b>	<a href="http://soonerstategames.org">soonerstategames.org</a>
Oregon	<b>State Games of Oregon</b>	<a href="http://stategamesoforegon.org">stategamesoforegon.org</a>
Pennsylvania	<b>Keystone State Games</b>	<a href="http://keystonegames.com">keystonegames.com</a>
Tennessee	<b>State Games of Tennessee</b>	<a href="http://tngames.org">tngames.org</a>
Texas	<b>Games of Texas</b>	<a href="http://taaf.com">taaf.com</a>
Virginia	<b>Commonwealth Games of Virginia</b>	<a href="http://commonwealthgames.org">commonwealthgames.org</a>
Washington	<b>Washington Games</b>	<a href="http://washingtongames.org">washingtongames.org</a>
Wisconsin	<b>Badger State Games</b>	<a href="http://badgerstategames.com">badgerstategames.com</a>

**Media / Results for 2013 Summer Games:**

With this year’s State Games of America we will be posting results, schedule changes, and updates throughout the week-long competition daily. On the SGA Results Board we will also be keeping an updated count of the Top 10 Medal Leader Boards by State. [Click Here for a Direct Link to the SGA Results Page](#) All of the information for the State Games of America can be found on our website: [www.premiersportingevents.com](http://www.premiersportingevents.com)

Information will be posted as soon as we receive it from the sport coordinators. We are also going to upload pictures and videos of the athletes throughout the Summer Games Events.

It is our goal to streamline results, schedule changes, and updates as quickly as possible to the athletes, spectators, and media during the State Games of America. To accomplish this task we set up a Twitter @PASresults and Facebook @ Premier Amateur Sports LLC pages so that participants and the media get instant updates. As always feel free to contact us during the event for results or stories of interest.

A tentative schedule is posted on our website. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to visit some of the competitions throughout State Games of America.

If you would like a press pass, schedule an interview or any other additional information during the Games, please stop by our Headquarters Area located at the PA Farm Show Complex, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. Our hours of operation and athlete registration are as follows:

Wednesday, July 31 ..... 5-7pm  
Thursday, August 1 ..... 10am-12pm & 5pm-7pm  
Friday, August 2..... 9am-2pm  
Saturday, August 3..... 9am-2pm  
Sunday, August 4..... 9am-12noon

We will be in the Harrisburg Area at the Farm Show Complex starting on Monday July 29, 2013 as we begin to set-up for the State Games of America. Feel free to contact me at any time during the week. We would like to THANK all of the MEDIA for their outstanding coverage of the State Games of America this year and look forward to working with you during our time in the Hershey / Harrisburg Area.

Thank You,

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## 2013 State Games of America Summary

- State Games of America expects estimated 10,000-11,000 amateur athletes and thousands of family members and spectators to visit the Hershey / Harrisburg Area during the week of July 31 – August 4, 2013.
- HHRVB (Hershey/Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau) and KSG, Inc. is presenting the 2013 National Event.
- The Commonwealth and specifically the Greater Hershey / Harrisburg Area has an opportunity to present itself as a premier national sporting events location with event operators throughout the nation by hosting the State Games of America.
- Participants from 45 States have registered for the 2013 State Games of America
- Those States include Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming and Washington DC.
- Results, Schedules, General Information and Updates will be posted on the website [www.premiersportingevents.com](http://www.premiersportingevents.com) and the Result Board is found specifically at [http://www.premiersportingevents.com/Layouts/sga\\_results.htm](http://www.premiersportingevents.com/Layouts/sga_results.htm)
- HHRVB is hosting the Opening Ceremonies on Friday August 2, 2013 at the Giant Center, Hershey PA. A direct link to their website for this event as well as other activities for visitors is <http://stategames2013.com/index.asp>
- Twitter @PASresults and Facebook @ Premier Amateur Sports LLC pages so that participants and the media get instant updates.
- Media can pick up an all event pass, general schedule, specific sport schedules, press packet and other general information at the Farm Show Complex during the registration hours.
- To schedule interviews please contact Janelle Marshallick – KSG Media Intern at 717-317-9981 - [janelle@ksgoffice.com](mailto:janelle@ksgoffice.com) or you can reach Jim Costello or Owen Costello directly at the numbers listed above.