# **Keystone State Games, Inc. Festival of Sports**



# **2015 MEDIA INFORMATION:**

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

#### History of the Keystone State Games:

The Keystone State Games was created as 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 501(c)(3) corporation, was formed in 1983 with the help of former Governor Richard Thornburgh.

Since its inception in 1981, Keystone State Games Inc. has attracted over 500,000 participants of various age groups into our events. Our primary focus is for the athletes, their families, and all of the volunteers to have a memorable sporting event experience like no other throughout Pennsylvania.

#### 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 of the Keystone State Games:

- 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.

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## **2015 Summer Games General Information:**

The 34th Annual 2015 Keystone State Games Festival of Sports is taking place in York County during the week of July 29 - August 2, 2015.

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.

#### 2015 Keystone State Games – Festival of Sports Key Points:

We would like to start by thanking the people of the York County and especially the York Convention & Visitors Bureau, York County Tourism Foundation, and the Keystone Games Local Organizing Committee for all of the hard work and dedication they put forth to make the 2015 Keystone State Games such a great success.

This year we are **expecting estimated 6,500 – 7,000 amateur athletes, coaches, officials, and sport volunteers** who will be representing **all counties throughout the Commonwealth** as well as participants from **Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, and Washington DC.** 

#### 2015 Sports of the Keystone State Games

#### KSG Events:

Fita Archery	Badminton	Baseball	Basketball
Basketball Shooting	Bocce	Bowling	Brazilian Jiu-Jitzu
Darts	Fencing	Field Hockey	Football Throw
Figure Skating	Gymnastics	Horseshoes	Ice Hockey
Judo	Karate	Lacrosse	<b>Masters Swimming</b>
Pickleball	Powerlifting	Racquetball	Shuffleboard
Softball Throw	Swimming	Synchronized Swim	Table Tennis
TaeKwonDo	Tennis	Track & Field	Weightlifting
Wrestling	Wrestling Duals	3D Archery	

#### OFFICIAL MEDICAL SERVICES provided by WELLSPAN

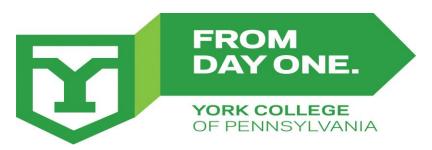


Keystone State Games Medical Services will be provided by WELLSPAN at designated areas throughout the 2015 Keystone Games Festival of Sports Competitions. We greatly appreciate all of the time and leadership put forth by the Wellspan Medical Team to make sure the athletes are safe and well cared for throughout the competition.

# 2015 Keystone Summer Games Festival of Sports Sponsors

The Keystone State Games Festival of Sports could not take place without all of the support we receive from the 2015 partners and sponsors throughout the York Area.

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#### Media / Results for 2015 Summer Games:

With this year's Keystone Games Festival of Sports we will be posting results, schedule changes, and updates throughout the week-long competition daily. All of the information for the Keystone State Games can be found on our website:

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. There will be a link on our website called Keystone Live – which will have up to date results as well as pictures and stories of our athletes during this years Games.

It is our goal to streamline results, schedule changes, and updates as quickly as possible to the athletes, spectators, and media during the Keystone State Games. To accomplish this task we set up a Twitter account @PASresults and Facebook page @ 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 Keystone State Games – Festival of Sports.

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 Wyndham Garden York, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA in the First Capital Room.

The Keystone State Games staff will be in York County starting on Tuesday July 28, 2015 as we begin to set-up for the Festival Events. 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 Keystone State Games this year and look forward to working with you during our time in York County.

Thank You,

James J Costello