

Keystone State Games, Inc. Festival of Sports



2018 MEDIA INFORMATION:

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Keystone State Games, Inc. General Information:

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 500,000 participants of various age groups into their events.

Keystone State Games, Inc. Mission

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

2018 Summer Games General Information:

37th Annual Keystone State Games Festival of Sports and the 34th Annual PA Senior Games will be taking place throughout Luzerne County July 25-30, 2018.

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.

2018 Keystone State Games – Festival of Sports Key Points:

We would like to start by thanking the people of the Luzerne County and especially the Luzerne Convention & Visitors Bureau, Geisinger Medical Team, The Woodlands Inn and Resort, Timesleader, Wilkes University, Kings College, KSG Sport Directors, Coordinators, Volunteers, Staff, Board of Directors, and all of this year's Sponsors and Partners for all of the hard work and dedication they put forth to make the 2018 Keystone State Games such a great success.

This year we are **expecting estimated 3,500 – 4,000 amateur athletes, coaches, officials, and sport volunteers** who will be representing the counties throughout the Commonwealth as well as participants from **17 STATES: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia.**

We also anticipate **more than 7,000 spectators are expected to converge upon Luzerne County for this year's Games.**

2018 KSG Festival of Sports & PA Senior Games Events:

Please click on the sport(s) below for 2018 KSG Results:

Archery	Badminton	Baseball	Basketball 3V3
Bocce	Bowling	Disc Golf	Basketball Shooting
Darts	Fencing	Field Hockey	Figure Skating
Gymnastics	Ice Hockey	5K Run / Walk	Karate
Shooting Sports	Masters Swimming	Pickleball	Cornhole
Swimming	Synchronized Swim	Table Tennis	Shuffleboard
Tennis	Track & Field	Weightlifting	Wrestling
Golf	Judo	Taekwondo	Football/Softball Toss
Horseshoes	Powerwalking	Racquetball	Volleyball

OFFICIAL MEDICAL SERVICES provided by Geisinger



We greatly appreciate all of the time and leadership put forth by the Geisinger Medical Team to make sure the athletes are safe and well cared for throughout the competition.

Keystone Games Hall of Fame Event:



HARRISBURG, PA – The official Kickoff of the 2018 Keystone State Games Festival of Sports took place on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Ryan Office Building in the Harrisburg Capitol Complex from 12:00pm to 1:00pm during the Annual Keystone Games Hall of Fame Induction.

Since its inception in 1981, Keystone State Games, Inc. has attracted over 500,000 participants of various age groups into a variety of sporting events.

The Keystone Games Board of Directors has developed an annual event, KSG Hall of Fame Induction, which will honor key individuals throughout the history of the Games. The 2018 KSG Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Mr. Bob Parkison – KSG Competition Director

Ms. Karen Klassner – KSG Field Hockey State Director

Mr. Andrew "Sarge" Richards – KSG Ice Hockey South Region Director

The individuals honored during the 2018 Annual KSG Hall of Fame were the backbone of the Keystone State Games Festival of Sports, the people who made the Games a reality. They exemplify the spirit of amateur sports and the promotion of physical fitness. Please view the Official KSG Hall of Fame Program to learn more about how these individuals played a major role in the Keystone State Games.

[2018 Official KSG Hall of Fame Program](#)



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Media / Results for 2018 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 KSG LIVE – which will have up to date results as well as pictures and stories of our athletes during this year's Games.



Follow the 2018 Games with real-time up-to-date results and schedule changes for both the Keystone State Games Festival of Sports and the Pennsylvania Senior Games by clicking on KSG Live. [Click Here for a Direct Link to the KSG LIVE Page.](#)

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. As always feel free to contact us during the event for results or stories of interest.

We will also be posting pictures as well as schedule changes on our official KSG Facebook Page @ksgfestival

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Official Facebook page of Keystone Games Festival of Sports

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 to schedule an interview or any other additional information during the Games, please stop by our Headquarters Area located at The Woodlands Inn and Resort located in the Marco Polo room.

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 Luzerne County.

Thank You,

James J Costello