

**2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG)**

Q: Do I qualify to participate in the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: To participate in the National Veterans Golden Age Games, you must be 55 years of age or older by December 31, 2018 and currently receive inpatient or outpatient care from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Information on [Applying for VA Healthcare Enrollment](#).

Q: Where are the 2018 NVGAG being held?

A: The Games will take place August 3-8, 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Albuquerque.

Q: When will the detailed schedule with event dates and venues be available?

A: A detailed event schedule will be available on the [NVGAG](#) website by December 2017.

Q: What sports will be offered at the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

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AIR RIFLE	Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions
AIR PISTOL	Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions (exhibition)
ARCHERY	Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions (exhibition)
BADMINTON	Singles, *Open Doubles; Ambulatory Division
BASKETBALL	3-on-3 Half Court; Free Throw; Ambulatory Division ages 55-79
BOCCIA	Singles, *Open Doubles; Ambulatory Division
BOCCIA	Singles; Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
BOWLING	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
BLIND DISC GOLF	Visually Impaired Division
CYCLING	10K
FIELD	Discus, Javelin and Shot Put; Ambulatory Division
FLOORBALL	Ambulatory Division (exhibition)
GOLF	18 -Hole Scratch Play (9 -Hole ages 75+) Ambulatory Division
HORSESHOES	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
NINE BALL	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions
PICKLEBALL	Singles, *Open Doubles; Ambulatory Division
POWERWALK	800m , 1600m
SHUFFLEBOARD	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
SWIMMING	Backstroke: 25-50 yd.; Breaststroke: 25-50 yd.; Freestyle: 25-50 yd.
TABLE TENNIS	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions
TRACK	100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m

\* Open doubles maybe same or mixed genders

Q: What are the classifications for the 2018 NVGAG?

A: All age classifications will be determined by the athlete's age as of **December 31, 2018**.

There are **eight** age classifications:

55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+

Athletes will compete by gender in the following events: air rifle, badminton, boccia, bowling, cycling, field, golf, horseshoes, pickleball, power walk, shuffleboard, swimming and track.

Wheelchair athletes will have a separate division in the following events: boccia, bowling, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard and table tennis.

Visually impaired athletes will have a separate division in the following events: boccia, bowling, blind disc golf, horseshoes and shuffleboard. Athletes in this division may also register for field, power walk and swimming; however, separate award medals will not be given for this division.

Q: What sports receive a medal?

A: For Air Rifle, Bowling, Basketball free throw, Cycling, Disc Golf, Field, Golf, Powerwalk, Swimming and Track, medals will be awarded to places 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, and ribbons will be awarded to places 4-6<sup>th</sup>. For Badminton, Basketball Team, Boccia, Horseshoes, Nine Ball, Pickleball Shuffleboard and Table Tennis, medals will be awarded to places 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. All medals must be picked up during the games an awards schedule will be provided. No medals will be mailed after the event.

Q: Where can I find the rules for the sports I will be competing in?

A: The 2018 NVGAG Rulebook will be available on the [NVGAG](#) website by September 2017.

Q: How do I register for the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: Online registration for the 2018 NVGAG opens **April 2 thru May 2, 2018**. Please continue to check our website at [NVGAG](#) for updated information and the registration link.

Q: What is the deadline for registering for the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: Final registration deadline is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at midnight EST. Registration is not available onsite.

Q: When will I receive my confirmation that my registration has been accepted?

A: Confirmations are sent immediately at the conclusion of online registration via email. If you do not receive an email confirmation in 48 hours please contact the [NVGAG National Team](#).

Q: Will I need medical clearance to participate?

A: All athletes are required to have their Primary Care Physician complete and sign the 2018 NVGAG Medical Clearance Form. Instructions for properly submitting the Medical Clearance are included on page 1 of the form. The 2018 NVGAG host VA Medical Center must receive this form no later than May 2, 2018.

**NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE WITHOUT THE COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM ON FILE.**

The Medical Application will be available on the [NVGAG](#) website by December 2017.

Note: The NVGAG involves significant walking within venues. Therefore, athletes should bring their own mobility equipment (i.e. - walker, cane, wheelchair), if needed, as these will **not** be provided by the Games.

Submission of the Medical clearance form does NOT register you to participate in the NVGAG. All athletes must complete the online registration and receive confirmation to be eligible to compete in the NVGAG competitions.

Q: Are there specific hotels I should be staying at?

A: Yes, the NVGAG will secure room blocks at hotels in the downtown Albuquerque area. The reservation information for these host hotels will be provided with confirmation emails during registration. Lodging payment is the responsibility of the athlete.

Q: How do I make my travel plans?

A: All athletes are responsible for their travel plans to and from the host city. Contact the Veterans Affairs medical facility from which you receive care or a local Veterans Service Organization (VSO) for additional information. The NVGAG will provide

transportation from/to the [Albuquerque International Sunport Airport - ABQ](#) on [Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>](#) and [Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>](#). No other arrival or departure transportation will be provided. Transportation will also be provided between the host hotels and all NVGAG venues.

Q: Will I receive meals?

A: Meals will be provided to 2018 NVGAG Veteran athletes using the meal credit card program beginning with breakfast on Saturday August 4, 2018 through dinner on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

All meals can be purchased at the local eating establishments via the provided meal credit card.

All registered athletes are required to participate in a minimum of 3 days of sporting events during the 5 day NVGAG competition, in order to receive a meal ticket. If an athlete has 4-6 events that occur over 1 to 2 days of the five day competition, they will not be eligible for a meal ticket.

Q: How do I suggest a new sport or event be added?

A: New sports/events are the responsibility of the National Veterans Golden Age Games Committee, which relies on the recommendations of the staff. The procedure for requesting a sport and/or event be added to the National Veterans Golden Age Games may be found in the 2018 National Veterans Golden Age Games Rulebook.

