

2016 GEORGIA GOLDEN OLYMPICS INFORMATION

The 2016 Georgia Golden Olympics Committee extends a personal invitation to you to attend the 33rd Georgia Golden Olympics Event. ALL MEN and WOMEN, 50 and OVER, are invited to participate in the Georgia Golden Olympics on September 21-24, 2016 (Wednesday through Saturday) in Warner Robins, GA, hosted by the Warner Robins Recreation Department.

PURPOSE

By providing the opportunity to participate in a social, competitive, recreational, and athletic event, the Golden Olympics:

- Helps to maintain and improve health and wellness.
- Promotes an interest in lifetime sports, recreation and physical activity.
- Creates an awareness of the abilities and capabilities of older adults.

AGE:

- Determined by participant's age as of December 31, 2016
- All events will be held in 5 year age brackets (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+)
- Team sports will be held in the following age categories: 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+. Three on three basketball will have an 80+ division. Age division is determined by the youngest player on team as of December 31, 2016.
- Age division for doubles and mixed doubles is determined by the youngest partner on December 31, 2016.

CATEGORY:

- Sitting and standing. Standing category for all events. Sitting for non-national qualifying events only. (Note: Sitting category is designed for those participants whose physical mobility is dependent upon supportive devices such as wheelchairs or walkers.)

REGISTRATION FEE

- Registration fee of \$40 if registered by August 1, 2016 (Late Registration: \$80.00 after August 1, 2016 until August 10 only) entitles participant to enter three (3) events of their choice with no time conflicts.

Participation (not registration) entitles individual to a T-Shirt, admission to awards dinner (if indicated on form), lunch on Saturday and medal for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Shirts are given to participating athletes only.

ADDITIONAL FEES

- A \$7.00 fee is charged for each additional event over three. ARCHERY fee is \$12.00, the Bowling fee is \$8.00 per event, the Cycling fee is \$20.00, the Golf fee is \$25.00 which includes cart and green fees, the Tennis fee is \$5.00, race walk fee is \$5.00 and the softball tournament fee is \$50 per team.
- FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE FOR ANY REASON AFTER AUGUST 15, 2016

Checks should be made payable to and mailed with signed registration to: Georgia Golden Games, Inc.
P.O. Box 958
Winder, GA 30680

REGISTRATION

• Register online (if you have previously competed in Georgia) at the Georgia Golden Olympics website. Go to www.georgiagoldenolympics.org and click on the registration link.

• The enclosed registration form must be completed and mailed with proper fees and age verification by August 1, 2016 (must be postmarked by August 1). Late registrations will be accepted until August 10 with an additional fee. No registrations will be accepted after this date. The liability waiver on the Registration form must be signed and dated by the applicant. Incomplete registrations will be returned but may be resubmitted within five days of notification.

(Late fee is charged for registrations post marked after August 1, 2016 through August 10, 2016).

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE APPLICANT. INCOMPLETE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RETURNED BUT MAY BE RESUBMITTED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF NOTIFICATION.

COMBINED/CANCELED EVENTS:

- Olympic officials reserve the right to combine age groups or cancel events with insufficient numbers registered.

FORFEIT TIME:

- Athletes forfeit the right to participate if not present at an event 15 minutes PRIOR to start for roll call.

PROOF OF AGE

- Proof of age is required if you HAVE NOT participated in the Georgia Golden Olympics since 1993.
- Acceptable proof of age includes copy of an ID such as driver's license, birth certificate, passport, military record.
- Registrations without acceptable proof of age will be returned and will delay the registration process.

EVENT CHANGES/ADDITIONS/NOTES

- Athletes are responsible for knowing the rules, regulations, physical requirements and abilities needed for the event.
- Only (5) swimming events allowed.
- Only two (2) tennis events allowed.
- Team bowling is 4 members.
- Doubles and mixed doubles athletes MUST provide their own partner and each athlete must register.
- Pickleball may require Friday play for mixed doubles based on number of registrants.
- Track shoes or running shoes only may be used for track and field events. No other sports cleats i.e., football, baseball may be worn.
- Team Managers/Captains should request a roster and team registration form from the GGO office (770-867-3603) or print from the website: www.georgiagoldenolympics.org

Manager should submit team fee if applicable. Each player must register individually and list manager name, phone number and team name on form.

NO TEAM ROSTER CHANGES ALLOWED AFTER AUGUST 15, 2016.

- Athletes may not compete in both Horseshoe Tournament and Horseshoe Tops.
- Race walkers may not compete in walking events and vice versa.
- Race walkers, runners, 1500M and 5K walkers may not compete in the 1/2 mile walk.
- Medals will be given at the completion of each event.
- The Celebration/Parade of Athletes will be held on Thursday evening before the athlete reception.

RULES AND POLICIES

• All events are governed by the National Governing Board rules for each event. Exceptions are noted in the Georgia Golden Olympics Rule Book. A copy of the Georgia Rule Book can be ordered for \$6.00 from: GGO Rules, PO Box 958, Winder, GA 30680. The rulebook is also available on the website: www.georgiagoldenolympics.org

• During an event all appeals for official interpretation shall be made to the Event Director for that specific event. If the Event Director needs assistance or a controversy occurs, the Rules Committee will render a final decision. Appeals must be filed immediately or the right to appeal is forfeited.

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

• Due to the number of events, there are time frames when more than one event is scheduled. Athletes will be allowed to register in only one event per time frame unless otherwise noted. It is the athlete's responsibility to check for time conflicts. Registrations with schedule conflicts will be returned or GGO staff will make the event choice.

RAIN PLAN

• In case of inclement weather, unusual or extenuating circumstances, Georgia Golden Olympics officials reserve the right to cancel or postpone events to a different time than scheduled.

FOOD/FUN/AWARDS DINNER

• The Parade of Athletes and Torch lighting will be held on Thursday evening followed by an athlete reception with entertainment. Please plan to attend.

• On Friday evening at 6:30 pm, all athletes are invited to the Awards Dinner at the Wellston Center, 155 Maple Street. The evening will include a delicious meal, contributor recognition, gift basket raffle, music and dancing. The theme is, "Senior Prom". Dress in your favorite prom attire and come party, meet, mingle, dance and have fun. Prizes will be given for the best attire. Please check the correct block on the registration form if you plan to attend the dinner. Guests may attend for an additional cost of \$10.00 each. Please indicate the number of guests on the registration form and include additional dinner fee with the registration.

• Saturday lunch will be provided for all athletes. Please indicate on the registration form if you plan to attend on Saturday and if you want to purchase additional lunch meals @ \$6.00 each. An individual's name tag will be the ticket for Saturday Lunch.

HOUSING/LODGING OPTIONS

(Make reservations as soon as possible.)

• If you plan to spend an evening in Warner Robins, please see the list of lodging options and general prices.

To receive these rates, please state that you are with the "Georgia Golden Olympics".

Warner Robins, Georgia

	478-922-7555	HOST HOTEL
Comfort Inn & Suites (Near RAFB)	Standard	\$85.50+15% tax
	Suites	\$89.10+15% tax
Days Inn	478-953-3800	\$62.00+15% tax
Quality Inn	478-953-6866	\$60.00+15% tax
Baymont Inn & Suites	478-953-5522	\$65.00+15% tax
Candlewood Inn	478-333-6850	\$89.00+15% tax
Comfort Inn (Watson)	478-953-3000	\$69.00+15% tax
Hampton Inn	478-953-8443	\$112.00+15% tax
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	478-333-6920	\$92.00+15% tax
Holiday Inn Express	478-333-2737	\$114.00+15% tax
Suburban Extended Stay	478-953-5100	\$49.00+15% tax
Ponderosa Campground	478-825-8030	\$20.00+ tax (1-75 at exit 142)

For more info: www.wrga.gov

Perry, Georgia

Jameson Inn	478-987-5060	\$55.99+15% tax
Crossroads Travel Park	478-987-3141	\$22.00-\$39.97+15% tax (1-75 at exit 136)

PUBLICITY - HELP SPREAD THE WORD

• Please promote the 2016 Georgia Golden Olympics in your local area. This form may be copied for anyone interested in registering for the event. Public service announcements for local media and other promotional items can be downloaded from the website:

www.georgiagoldenolympics.org/about

or by writing to:

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NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES ASSOCIATION (NSGA)

The Georgia Golden Olympics is the approved state organization and qualifying site for the National Senior Games Association (NSGA). 2016 is a qualifying year for National Senior Games, presented by Humans scheduled for June 2-15, in Birmingham, AL. For more information go to: www.nsga.com

