



## 34<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG)

Q: Do I qualify to participate in the 2020 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, 2020 and eligible to receive healthcare from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Information on [Applying for VA Healthcare Enrollment](#) can be found here.

Q: Where are the 2020 NVGAG being held?

A: The Games will take place June 22-27, 2020 in Madison, Wisconsin. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Madison.

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](#) no later than November 2019.

Q: What sports will be offered at the 2020 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: AIR RIFLE	Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions
AIR PISTOL	Ambulatory, Wheelchair Divisions
BADMINTON	Singles, *Open Doubles; Ambulatory Division
BASKETBALL	3-on-3 Half Court - (55-79); Free Throw; (55-90+) Ambulatory Division
BLIND DISC GOLF	9-Holes (6-Holes 80+) Visually Impaired Division
BOCCIA	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually impaired Division
BOCCIA	Open Doubles: Ambulatory Division
BOWLING	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
CORNHOLE	Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions ( <b>Exhibition</b> )
CYCLING	5K Timed Trials; 20K Road Race Ambulatory Division
CYCLING	(ADAPTIVE - Recumbent and 3-wheel trikes) 5k Timed Trials; Ambulatory Division
DOMINOES	Ambulatory and Wheelchair Divisions ( <b>Exhibition</b> )
FIELD	Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, Shot Put; Ambulatory Division
GOLF	18 -Hole Scratch Play (9-Hole 75+) Ambulatory Division
HORSESHOES	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
NINE BALL	Singles; Ambulatory and Wheelchair Divisions.
PICKLEBALL	Doubles, Mixed Doubles; Ambulatory Division
POWERWALK	1600M; Ambulatory Division
SHUFFLEBOARD	Singles; Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Visually Impaired Divisions
SWIMMING	25-50 yd.; Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. 75 IM; Ambulatory Division
TABLE TENNIS	Singles; Ambulatory and Wheelchair Divisions
TENNIS	Ambulatory Division ( <b>Exhibition</b> )
TRACK	50m,100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m; Ambulatory Division

\* Open doubles may be same or mixed genders



Q: What are the classifications for the 2020 NVGAG?

A: All age classifications will be determined by the athlete's age as of **December 31, 2020**.

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, air pistol, badminton, bowling, blind disc golf, cycling, field, golf, horseshoes, pickleball, powerwalk, shuffleboard, swimming and track.

Athletes will compete in an open competition in the following events: adaptive cycling, boccia, nine ball and table tennis.

**Ambulatory athletes** will have a separate division in the following events: air pistol, air rifle, badminton, basketball, boccia, bowling, cycling, field, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, pickleball, powerwalk, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track.

**Wheelchair athletes** will have a separate division in the following events: boccia, bowling, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard and table tennis. Athletes in this division may also register for air pistol and air rifle; however, separate award medals will not be given for this division.

**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 power walk and swimming; however, separate award medals will not be given for this division.

Q: What sports receive a medal?

A: For air pistol, air rifle, basketball free throw, blind disc, bowling, cycling, field, golf, powerwalk, swimming and track, medals will be awarded to places 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, and ribbons will be awarded to places 4-8<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>, and ribbons will be awarded to 4<sup>th</sup> place. 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 2020 NVGAG Rulebook will be available on the [NVGAG website](#) no later than November 2019.

Q: How do I register for the 2020 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: Online registration for the 2020 NVGAG opens **March 2, 2020 at noon Eastern Standard Time (EST)**. Please continue to check the [NVGAG website](#) for updated information and the registration link.

Q: What is the deadline for registering for the 2020 National Veterans Golden Age Games?

A: Registration will close when the event has met the maximum allowable number of participants. Registration is based on a first come first serve basis. Athletes are encouraged to register early. Registration is NOT available onsite.

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

A: Confirmations are sent immediately via email at the completion of your online registration. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 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 2020 NVGAG Medical Clearance Form. Instructions for properly submitting the Medical Clearance are included on page one (1) of the form. The 2020 NVGAG host VA Medical Center must receive this form no later than May 8, 2020. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE WITHOUT THE COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM ON FILE. IF YOUR FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE OF MAY 8, 2020. YOU MAY BE DEREGISTERED FROM THE GAMES.**

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.

Q: How do I obtain a 2020 NVGAG Medical Clearance Form?

A: Medical clearance forms will be available for download during the NVGAG online registration beginning on March 2, 2020. VA Primary Care Physicians can utilize the clinical reminder template in CPRS, Note Title: NVGAG MEDICAL CLEARANCE, to complete the medical evaluation prior to or after



March 2, 2020. \*\* If you complete the medical form early please do not submit until after registration begins on March 2, 2020.

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

A: Yes, the NVGAG has secured room blocks at hotels in the Madison area. The reservation information for these host hotels will be provided with the confirmation email during online registration. Only registered athletes and coaches will have access to the room block. Lodging payment is the responsibility of the athlete/coach. Hotel rates for the 2020 NVGAG will be \$131 per night (single occupancy rate) plus taxes.

Q: How do I make my travel plans?

A: All athletes/coaches 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 information on any financial assistance available. Travel dates for the 2020 NVGAG are Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> (arrival) and Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (departure), 2020.

Q: Will transportation be provided?

A: The NVGAG will provide ground transportation from/to the [Madison Dane County Regional Airport](#) to the NVGAG host hotels **Sunday, June 21, 2020** from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and from the host hotels to the airport on **Sunday, June 28, 2020** from 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Arrivals and departures outside of these times will **NOT** be supported by NVGAG transportation and are the responsibility of the attendee. Transportation will **only** be provided between the host hotels and all the official NVGAG venues. If you choose to stay at a non-host hotel, YOU will be responsible for your own transportation needs.

Q: Will I receive meals during the 2020 NVGAG?

A: Meals will be provided to 2020 NVGAG Veteran athletes using the meal credit card program, beginning with dinner on Monday, June 22, 2020 through dinner on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

All meals can be purchased at the main convention center, host hotels and local eating establishments via the provided meal credit card.

All registered athletes are required to participate in a minimum of three (3) days of sporting events during the 5-day NVGAG competition, in order to receive the full week's meal amount. If an athlete participates in multiple sporting events that only occur over 1-2 days of the 5-day competition, they will **NOT** be eligible for a full week's



meal amount. However, he/she will receive the daily meal amount for the 1-2 days they are competing.

2020 NVGAG Meals	Mon 6/22	Tues 6/23	Wed 6/24	Thurs 6/25	Fri 6/26	Sat 6/27
Daily Total	\$25	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

Q: What is the climate and weather in Madison?

A: The city averages between a high of 77 - 79°F and a low of 54 - 56°F. Madison receives 4.5 inches of rainfall in June. Sunlight in June averages 9.8 hours a day, the average humidity is 68%. Please remember to bring appropriate clothing for the weather.

