

# FLORIDA POLICE & FIRE GAMES

## *General Information – Please read carefully*

**PURPOSE OF THE GAMES:** The purpose of the Florida Police & Fire Games is to build stronger bonds among Florida law enforcement officers and fire personnel via a sports program that simultaneously enhances positive attitudes towards physical fitness.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:** It is very important to receive team fees in one check. This eliminates much administrative confusion. It is the responsibility of the coach or captain to submit a team roster and team fee. Choose your partner with their knowledge before you send in your application. If your partner's name is not listed, you will not be allowed in any doubles competition. Every participant must complete an application and submit it by the deadline of May 14, 2010.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All full-time sworn law enforcement, full-time certified correctional officers, retired-sworn law enforcement, retired-correctional officers, retired-firefighter, Reservist I from municipality, county, federal, or state agencies or paid full-time professional firefighter, who has not been convicted of a felony, are eligible to participate. Those who CANNOT participate are: Persons employed as security guards, police students, military personnel, volunteer fire personnel, police cadets, and anyone convicted of a felony.

**FEMALE ELIGIBILITY RULE:** All female civilians who work full-time at police or fire agencies may compete on teams and all sports offered representing their respective agency (not in a guest status).

**GUESTS:** A person can enter as a guest if they have not been convicted of a felony and have received permission from a board member by calling 1(800)354-3536. Guests would include people from the following categories: Civilian employees (females – see above rule), Reservist II, auxiliary police, volunteer fire personnel and public service aides. Guests may only compete in the following sports: Archery, poker, 3 Point Shot Contest, bass tournament, bench press, bowling, pistol, cross country run, cycling, field & track (no relays), golf, half marathon, mounted police, powerlifting, skeet, swimming (no relays), ten-k road race, toughest competitor alive, trap, sporting clays, and triathlon. In the event guests are allowed to compete, medals will be awarded.

**AGE INFORMATION:** Check the appropriate age on the application form. Your age is determined in accordance to the first day of FPPG competition (June 19th). You may not compete in two or more different age categories for the same event. The youngest member of your team (doubles/relay) indicates the age division you must sign up for. Individual sports age brackets: Men: 18-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60+. Women: 18-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, and 50+

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** The team **coach** is the only person **permitted** to make a substitution for the team. Substitutions CANNOT be made from one roster to another in the same sport. Substitutions are made at the host hotel registration site by an executive board member.

**SOLICITATION:** The selling of paraphernalia (t-shirts, etc.) without the expressed written consent of the Executive Board of the Florida Police & Fire Games is strictly prohibited.

**GUIDING BODIES:** The Florida Law Enforcement Games (FPPG) rules will supersede rules for all sports.

**CONTACTING US:** Our toll free number is (800)354-3536. E-mail address is [info@lawgames.org](mailto:info@lawgames.org) and our web site is [www.lawgames.org](http://www.lawgames.org).

**MANDATORY MANAGER/COACHES MEETINGS:** There will be mandatory manager/coaches meetings for Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Flag Football, Roller Hockey & Basketball – only one (1) person per team may attend. All meetings will take place at the PGA Village (site of registration).

**SPORTS RESTRICTIONS:** Mixing of agencies is not allowed. The exception is that Division I agencies can combine. Each county or municipal department must form teams, doubles, relays, etc. from their own department/agency. State and Federal agencies may form teams within different divisions of their own agency. **Police and Fire may combine to make teams if they both are in Division I.**

**DIVISION INFORMATION:** Division I departments are 899 and under authorized sworn personnel and may combine to make teams. Division II departments are 900+ authorized sworn personnel – Division II agencies may not combine. This is authorized strength - not actual manpower. This divisional breakdown applies to both Fire Personnel and Police Personnel.

**+40 TEAM SPORTS:** This division of competition is limited to competitors 40 years and older. It is offered in Basketball, Softball, and Volleyball. You cannot compete in a +40 division and an open division within the same team sport. Only Division I departments are allowed to combine to make up teams.

**TRACK/FIELD:** Competitors will be limited to three individual events. This does not include relays. An individual may only compete in one age group for relay events.

**GOLF:** Golf is divided into eight age groups. Any golfer may drop down to a younger age group. The age category you choose for doubles competition must be the same for singles competition. Both doubles partners must complete all holes of golf competition in order to be eligible for medals.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Florida Law Enforcement Games annual meeting (FPFG) will be held Sunday, June 20, 2010, 3:00 p.m., at the PGA Village. This meeting is open to all Florida Police & Fire Games competitors.

**TEAM PROTESTS:** Judgment calls may not be protested; the opposing team may protest only eligibility of players. Protests must be made in writing no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the protested game has ended and be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee. The \$100 protest fee will be returned if protest is won.

**AWARDS:** GOLD, SILVER, and BRONZE medals are given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.