



2017 USA Masters Games June Newsletter

Sports Registration Deadlines Have Been Extended!

Though the initial registration deadline for sports of the July Session of the 2017 USA Masters Games, which takes place Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16, 2017, was on Monday of this week, the good news is that registration deadlines have been extended for a number of sports as follows:

Friday, June 30 Deadline, Midnight PDT: Archery, Badminton, Judo, Road Race, and Table Tennis. (Also Figure Skating and Pickleball already had a June 30th deadline.)

Monday, July 3 Deadline, Midnight PDT: Basketball, Cycling, Diving, Ice Hockey, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

If you have not already registered, please take advantage of these extensions to get yourself in the Games. But time is short, so act today! To register, [click here](#) or visit the Games website at www.usamastersgames2017.com.

June Session Gets 2017 Games Off To Strong Start

The June Session of the Games conducted this past weekend, Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26, included numerous exciting performances by USAMG 2017 athletes. Some of the highlights:

- Our winner of the long-distance award (thus far), Meredith Smith of Brisbane, Australia, captured the gold medal in the Women's 50+ Singles Tennis Competition at the La Jolla Tennis Club.
- Olympian and former World Record Holder, Willie Banks of San Diego, won the gold medal in the High Jump during Track & Field competition at UC San Diego.
- Emmy Sobieski of Carlsbad, California, won a combination of six gold and silver medals in both the Bodybuilding and Track & Field competitions.
- Ryan Porteous, a 2016 Rio Games Paralympian in Sailing from San Diego, captured the gold medal in the 21-24 age group in Triathlon.

Kudos to LOC head, Sandi Hill, and her team of staff and excellent volunteers for well-run competitions. Special salute to key volunteers Steve Kleinstuber, Martin Drake, and Scott Farr for their sports management and leadership.

Results for June Session sports can be found on the sport pages on the 2017 USA Masters Games website.



Gold Medal Winners in Tennis:
Meredith Smith, flanked by Rufus Rencher and
JD Miller, Men's 60+ Doubles



Members of the Southern California Striders
show off their First Place Team Award at Track & Field

Plan on Participating in Opening Ceremonies

The Opening Ceremonies of the 2017 USA Masters Games will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 at Qualcomm Stadium. Athletes who participate in the Parade of Athletes get in free! You can get an early start on the Ceremonies at the Stone Brewing Beer Garden at the stadium from 4-6pm where you can also do your athlete check-in.

The Opening Ceremony will be held from 6:30-8:30pm and will feature Olympians, live entertainment, a celebration of Olympic Day and the Olympic ideals, lighting of the cauldron, and, of course, fireworks. It will be an exciting and meaningful part of your Games experience, so you won't want to miss it.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the Opening Ceremony for friends or family, please visit <http://www.calstategames.org/opencer>



Leave Time for Social Events

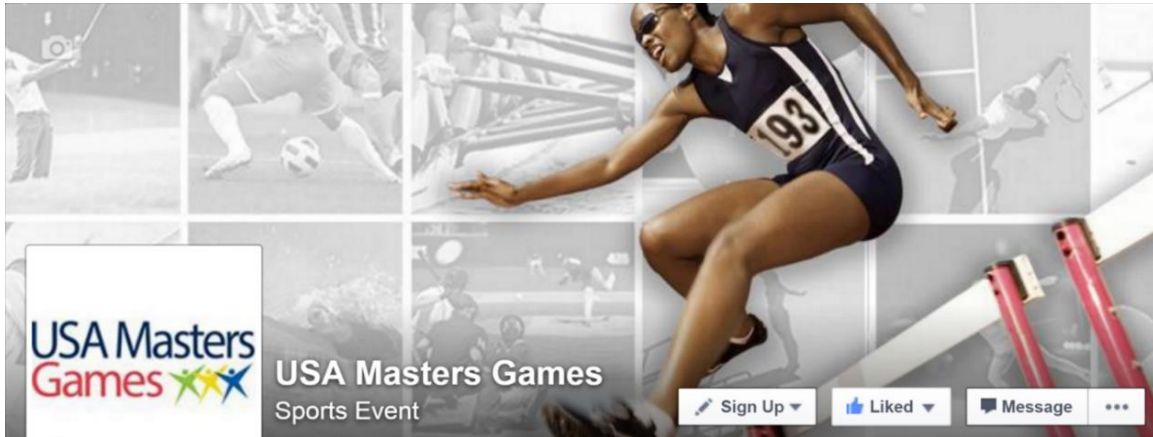
Everyone knows that social events are just as important to Masters athletes as their competitive sports events. With that in mind, the San Diego Local Organizing Committee for the 2017 USA Masters Games has organized an impressive lineup of social events for the July session of the Games.

Saturday, July 15 events include: Free Full Flights (3 tastings) and Tours at Cellar 3 in Poway (4-6pm), Athlete Party at Woodstock Pizza in San Diego (4-6pm), Concert in the Park at Liberty Station in San Diego (5-7pm), San Diego Padres game vs. San Francisco Giants including post-game fireworks (5:40-9pm).

Sunday, July 16 features the Closing Ceremony at Park & Rec in San Diego from 4-7pm. The closing event will include patio games such as giant jenga and cornhole, music and festivities!

There are also beer tastings at several of the sports venues. For a complete list of the 2017 USA Masters Games social and special events, go to <https://usamastersgames2017.com/special-events/>

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