

# **CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES**

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## **GENERAL RULES**

### **Can-Am Police-Fire Games Federation**

#### **PRIORITY OF RULES:**

The CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION rules shall supersede all other rules.

#### **INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS:**

In any Sport where the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES rules and requirements cannot be met, the Sport Coordinator and the host Agency representative shall contact the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION Rules Director or the CEO for resolution of the situation as soon as possible and in every case prior to start of competition.

#### **GAMES ELIGIBILITY**

Responsibility for Eligibility: The Host Agency shall be responsible for accepting entrants who are eligible under the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION rules and rejecting all others.

#### **Eligibility:**

All sworn Federal, State/Provincial, County, Municipal and Military law enforcement officers, weight control officers, corrections officers and dispatchers employed by a law enforcement agency (male or female, active or retired) are eligible. Police reservists and cadets who have 180-days of continuous law enforcement service, have received formal training in law enforcement and have powers of arrest are eligible.

Eligible fire service personnel includes both paid and volunteer, dispatchers, military fire personnel, (male or female, active or retired) who have received formal training as a firefighter and have 180-days of continuous fire service.

Eligible EMS personnel includes E.M.S. personnel employed by a private entity or Governmental Agency (male or female, active or retired) who have received formal training as an EMS provider and have 180 days of continuous service.

Eligible law enforcement, fire service and E.M.S. personnel described above from any city, county, state/province, and Country are eligible to compete.

**Spouses of eligible law enforcement, fire service and E.M.S. personnel are also eligible to compete. A spouse must complete a Registration Form listing the agency information representing the eligible spouse.**

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**NOTE: Eligibility rules will be strictly adhered to.**

### **Agencies specifically included:**

Municipal Police and Municipal Fire	District Attorney's Investigators
County Sheriff and County Fire	Highway Patrol
Harbor Police and Fire	State Police
CII Investigators	Provincial Police
Alcohol Beverage Control Officers	University/Campus Police and Fire Depts.
Bureau of Narcotic's Investigators	U.S. Marshal's Office
Parole & Probation Agents and Officers	Government Employed Dispatchers
Gov't. Employed Corrections Officers	Attorney General Investigators
US Customs & Border Protection (CBP)	U.S. Park Service Police
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Military Firefighters
Customs and Immigration Service	Military Police
Secret Service	Seasonal Smoke Jumpers and Firefighters (With two years employment)
National/State/Prov. Wardens/ Rangers	Tribal Police
Immigration & Customs Enf. (ICE)	Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS)
Air Marshal	Border Patrol

### **Agencies specifically excluded:**

Pre-employment Police or Fire Science students  
Private Security Services  
Civilian Jailers and Corrections Personnel  
Non governmental Dispatchers  
Private Business Firefighters

### **AGE DIVISIONS/CLASSIFICATIONS**

Age Divisions:        10 year increments

Open ..... Any age over 18 years  
Senior ..... 30 to 39 years of age  
Master ..... 40 to 49 years of age  
Grand Master ..... 50 to 59 years of age  
Grand Master A ..... 60 to 69 years of age  
Grand Master B ..... 70 years and older

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Age Divisions:        5 year increments

Open.....18-29 yrs  
Senior (A).....30-34yrs  
Senior (B).....35-39yrs  
Master (A).....40-44yrs  
Master (B).....45-49yrs  
Grand Master (A).....50-54yrs  
Grand Master (B).....55-59yrs  
Grand Master (C).....60-64yrs  
Grand Master (D).....65-69yrs  
Grand Master (E).....Over 70yrs

Unisex.....Shall refer to sports where *either* men or women may compete in the same classification.

Co-ed.....Shall refer to sports where *both* genders *shall* compete in a specific ratio, in the same classification.

Some sports may have a Men's 40yrs & Over Division; the only exception is hockey, which will have a 35yrs & Over Division.

**Some sports/events may have Light, Medium, and Heavy as weight classes. The Host may adjust the weight classes depending upon the number of participants in each division.**

### Age Rules:

Age is determined as of the first day of competition in the sport entered.

A competitor of any age may elect to compete in the Open Division as long as it is indicated on the original application.

**A competitor may enter only one age division in an event.**

A competitor who qualifies as a Senior may compete in a Senior Doubles event and an Open Single event, but may not compete in a Senior and Open Singles event.

If there are less than 3 competitors in any singles competition event classification the competitor(s) will be moved to the next lower classification. For Example: Two competitors enter a Running event in the Grand Master (E) classification. Since there are less than three in that classification, therefore, the two competitors will be moved to Grand Master (D).

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### **DOUBLES/PARTNERS**

Competitors may enter only one sport/event classification. Competitors entering sports/events that offer doubles competition may only enter the Open Classification or the Classification of the youngest member of the doubles team. For example: Two competitors, one age 31 and the other 57 want to enter Racquetball Doubles. They may enter the Open Classification or the Senior Classification because of the age of the youngest team member.

### **Team Rule:**

National, State or Provincial law enforcement or fire service agencies may combine with members of the same agency from throughout the Country, State, or Province to form a team.

Any Department/Detachment with less than 100 eligible members may team up with another local Department/Detachment of less than 100 eligible members within the same State or Province, as long as there is no emphasis on selecting an "all-star" team. Games' coordinators shall approve all team entries.

Coaches: Non-playing coaches or managers who are not team members are not eligible to receive Games medals. Non-playing coaches are eligible to receive medals provided they meet the same requirements as all other entrants and register in the same manner, including entry fee.

A Team must enter the classification of the youngest member of the team or the Open Classification. For example, a 3 on 3 Basketball Team has two members age 47 and one age 35. The team may enter the Open Classification or Senior Classification but cannot enter the Master Classification.

### **Team Substitutions:**

Substitutions must be made through the host agency's sport coordinator if before the games, or at the games Headquarters if during the games.

Substitutions may be made any time prior to the first day of competition as long as the substitution procedures are followed.

The team captain must make substitutions. The captain must provide a complete application and signed waiver for the substitute and additional fees if needed.

All substitutes must meet the same requirements as the original entries.

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All substitution applications must be completed prior to the first competition of that team. (Or doubles team)

It is the responsibility of the substitute and team captain to request the substitution far enough ahead of the actual competition to allow the host agency time to meet its responsibilities.

The sport coordinator must be supplied a copy of the substitute's application in a timely fashion.

No substitutions will be allowed in singles events.

Only one (1) substitution will be allowed on any team event with less than five members. (Includes team doubles).

### **Uniforms:**

Clothing must be clean and so designed and worn as not to make an indecent display of the competitor's person. It shall be the duty of the sport coordinator in charge to see that each and every competitor is properly attired in their given sports.

### **GAMES ENTRY RULES:**

#### **Can-Am Police-Fire Games Registration Forms:**

Registration Forms shall be designed and approved by, and is the exclusive property of the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION

The Host shall have input as to content of the Registration Form to meet local needs of information and tracking, however, final approval from the CAN-AM POLICE GAMES FEDERATION Board is required before printing.

The following questions shall be included in the application form:

"If there are insufficient entries in my age division, I will move to a lower division." Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For all weight sports: "If there are insufficient entries in my weight class, I will move one class higher." Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Subject to the policies established by the Host for refunds, if the applicant elects not to compete in the younger division or higher weight class he/she may receive a refund at the discretion of the host.

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### **Entry Fees:**

The CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION Board of Directors shall approve entry fees.

The HOST is required to collect all registration and/or entry fees PRIOR to a competitor participating in any sport or event. Failure to collect fee prior to participation will result in the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION receiving the full amount of the fee as if collected.

### **Team Fees:**

*The decision to offer a Team Fee is at the Host discretion. A “team fee” is available for the following sports/events: Football, Base ball, Slow Pitch Softball, Hockey, and Lacrosse. To be eligible for the “team fee” the team captain must submit a team roster when registering the team.*

*To ensure that someone is not placed on a roster of an eligible team to circumvent the individual participant fee, any person on a team roster who does not participate in the team sport/event will be required to pay the individual participant fee to enter any other sport/event.*

*Even though a team roster is provided by the team captain, individual team members are required to register using the on-line registration system or other acceptable alternative offered by the Host.*

**NOTE:** *The amount of the team fee shall be mutually agreed upon between the Host and the Federation.*

### **Duplicate Entries:**

A competitor may enter only one doubles event with only one partner in any sport.

Exception: A competitor may enter mixed doubles and the correct gender doubles competition.

A competitor may be on only one team in any one sport.

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### **Men's and Women's Events:**

Men and Women will compete together except where there are separate men and women's classes.

### **Minimum to Hold Event:**

Any sport, event/class or division which has fewer than three applicants may be canceled or rescheduled. This decision is left to the discretion of the Host. **It is strongly recommended that if there is only one participant in a sport/event or classification that the classification be eliminated. (As an example: If there is one Master in the 100 M Swimming event, that classification should not be conducted unless the participant has prepaid and has had to travel to the Host city.) The participant shall be requested to move to the next lower classification. No deck entries should be permitted in a classification if that would result in only one person in that classification.**

Applicants will be notified at least one week prior to the first day of the Games Competition that their event has been canceled or rescheduled due to lack of participation. If a sport or event is canceled all fees will be returned to the participant.

In cases where there are only one or two in a weight class, the competitor shall be asked to move to the next higher weight class or at the discretion of the HOST they may remain in that weight class and be guaranteed a first (or second) place medal.

### **Exceptions:**

**Age Divisions:** In sports with age divisions where there are too few applicants in that division, applicants have the option to compete in a younger age division. In these situations the sport coordinator must contact the applicant. If the applicant elects to compete in a younger age division, they will be so entered in the younger division (as long as there are three applicants in that division). If the applicant elects not to compete in the younger division he/she shall receive a refund.

**Weight Class Sports:** In weight class sports (i.e. arm wrestling, power lifting) a weight class must be declared on the application. All applicants will be accepted no matter how few in each weight class, as long as there are at least three applicants in the event.

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### **Bracketing Weight Sports:**

In weight class sports (arm wrestling, body building, bench press and power lifting) competitors will weigh in before their events. At that time, competitors will be bracketed according to their actual weight at weigh-in. The weigh in time will either be communicated to each competitor or posted at the registration booth at games headquarters.

When the bracketing is completed the competition will be held and medals awarded.

### **Late Registration:**

Criteria for accepting late registration:

There is time to complete the steps required for registration.

The sports coordinator can incorporate the entry into the scheduling. The addition will not affect time scheduling or competition bracketing.

The competitor's complete and correct application and fees are received prior to the competitor participating in the sport/event.

There are at least one other participant in that sport/event.

### **Host Agency Requirements:**

In any sport/event where the host makes any changes, those changes must be communicated to ALL entrants of the affected event: all event officials, assistants, the Games Coordinator and his committee and the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION Sport Director.

Experience has shown that sport coordinators must personally verify the competitors receive the changes.

Competition shall never begin prior to the date and time last received by competitors.

Changes in previously published information have proven to cause more grief for the competitors and the host agencies than any other problem. **AVOID CHANGES WHEN POSSIBLE.**

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Any other changes, which prohibit a competitor from competing under previously published circumstances, are forbidden.

### **Running the Event:**

The sport coordinator or his designee must be present on site at all times during competition.

- a) A Sport Coordinator may participate in a sport or event they are coordinating if there will be no negative impact and if the primary Coordinator has selected a person to act in their behalf during the time they are participating and the Sport Coordinator has no role in officiating, scoring or other function that could affect the outcome of the event.

### **Sport Schedule:**

The Host will be provided a Sport Schedule which includes all compulsory and optional events. The Sport Schedule was developed over many years and has consistently proven to be the best days and times for the competitors. The Sport Schedule shall be followed as to the days and times of each sport/event. The Host may request a modification based upon just cause i.e. a venue site is not available on the date specified in the Sport Schedule.

### **Liability:**

Sport coordinators must insure that all aspects of the events are performed in a professional manner consistent with Can-Am Police-Fire Games rules and traditions of that sport. Do not allow situations to exist within your sphere of responsibility, which would jeopardize the safety of the competitors, officials, spectators or others present.

### **Volunteers and Officials:**

All persons (including volunteers) who participate in the conducting of a sport are presumed to be the responsibility of the sport coordinator. Their actions and conduct are included in this responsibility.

### **Sport Registration:**

Each competitor must first register at the Games Headquarters and then check in at each sport site before competing. During the initial registration process, competitors must present agency identification and verify fees are paid.

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It is suggested that the registration site not be moved and that the event coordinator be available to verify the team rosters and fees at the event site.

### **On Site Registration:**

In situations where the physical location of the sport site is so removed as to cause unnecessary inconvenience to competitors, the sport coordinator may request on-site registration.

In every case where onsite registration occurs, provision shall be made to accept fees for registration and additional event entries to ensure competitor's accounts are up to date and their eligibility is maintained. **Only paid competitors are eligible to compete.**

Approved on-site registration should be made part of the Registration Form and the competitors are aware of on-site registration.

### **Intimidation:**

Never allow competitors to intimidate or influence a coordinator regarding rule changes.

Setting rules by polling the competitors is not permitted. The rulebook is the last word in any dispute.

### **Competitor's Request for Changes:**

Coordinators and Competitors shall NOT add events/classes or age divisions that were not originally scheduled.

Any events originally scheduled (at least three (3) applicants) will be held and medals awarded regardless of the numbers of competitors that show.

### **Exceptions:**

If only one (or two) competitors show for an event, they may participate in that event for a guaranteed first (or second) place medal or the competitor may elect to give up the guaranteed medal and move to a younger age division which has three or more competitors and compete in that division.

### **Late Competitors:**

Scheduling will be adhered to.

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### **Reimbursement:**

In any case where a host agency's action or inaction causes a competitor to be unable to compete in any of his events, the host agency will reimburse all documented reasonable expenses which can be attributed to that competitor attempting to compete in that event.

Example: If a competitor flies in on Thursday to compete in power lifting but you changed power lifting to Wednesday without timely notification the competitor arrives to find that the competition is over, the host pays the plane fare.

Example: The pistol shooting is on Thursday and a competitor stays over until Friday for his track event. When he gets to the track, he finds the spikes on his shoes, which were specified in earlier host information, are not allowed and he cannot compete in track, the host pays his hotel for the extra day.

### **Competitors Request for Post Application Deadline Changes:**

NEVER make changes in applicant's original request unless they can be accomplished without affecting other events or competitors.

This is a service, which you may elect to perform for the competitor.

If a Competitors change would cause the cancellation of an event or require/cause an increase in the sports coordinators stress level DON'T DO IT.

### **Medical Aid:**

It is suggested that some form of Medical Aid be available at each venue. This can range from a First Aid Kit to Ambulance coverage. Specifics in regards to medical aid may be attached to particular event rules.

### **Media Coverage:**

Media coverage adds to the prestige of the event and stimulates interest in the community. The competitors also appreciate seeing their labors publicized.

### **Competitors as Officials:**

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If the sport rules allow competitors to officiate, they may be used as officials. However, they may not officiate games/matches, which include competitors from their own agency.

### **Alcohol:**

The Can-Am Police-Fire Games Federation has a general policy that prohibits alcoholic beverages from being consumed during competition by competitors and is prohibited from the field or primary area of competition. Violators of this rule may be disqualified. However, the Host may permit alcohol in circumstances that do not place a participant in an unsafe environment or cause a negative perception to the Federation and Host.

Spectators may consume alcoholic beverages as long as they are separated from the area of competition.

The host agency or its representatives must not provide or allow any alcoholic beverages to be served to anyone under the influence of alcohol or to anyone who becomes under the influence of alcohol due to this service.

### **Medals:**

Only CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES Medals will be awarded for athletic performance. Medals will be awarded to the first through third place finishers. Awards will be made on-site immediately following the events where possible.

Exception: When a protest is lodged that might affect the places. The sport coordinator will hold those medals pending the outcome of the protest.

In case of a tie, all tied competitors will be given the same medal for the place of the tie. (Refer to each sport/event for exceptions).

The next place awarded will be as though all tied competitors occupy the same place.

If three tie for second place, all three will receive second place medals.

A competitor **MUST** have **COMPETED** in a classification in order to be eligible to receive a medal for that classification. Registration only for a classification does not satisfy this requirement and no medal shall be awarded in this case.

### **Results:**

Posting of results:

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At the Host Can-Am Police-Fire Games Headquarters Registration Area:  
At the end of each day the results will be posted at the headquarters.

Host Agency Office: Final results from each event must be submitted by the sport coordinator to the host office for tabulation as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event and in all cases by the end of the last day of competition in that sport. Sport Coordinators shall, as part of their duties, assist with the information entry into the registration program Scoring and Results to ensure correctness of results. Sport Coordinators will include in their results sheet the name and status of all competitors registered within their event(s), including DNS, DNF, etc. competitors (See exhibit "C" for format form of posting the results)

### **Protests:**

All protests must be lodged with the sport coordinator or his designee immediately after the violation. The sport coordinator or his designee has final decision. The Host or sport/event coordinator may request the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION representative make the final decision.

Serious violations of CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES sport or event rules may result in disqualification (violence, cheating etc.)

### **Admission Charges:**

There will be no charge for spectators in any of the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES sporting events. The only exception is for an Opening Ceremony if provided, however, no registered competitor may be charged for attending.

### **Accompanying Information:**

All information accompanying Registration Forms pertaining to the events shall be approved by CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION prior to printing.

#### **Printing:**

Host agency shall be responsible for the timely printing of all necessary Registration packages.

#### **Mailing:**

Host agency shall be responsible for the timely mailing of the Registration packages.

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### Compulsory Events:

Should the Host feel that they cannot host one or more of the compulsory events due to lack of facilities or some other legitimate concern, the Host representative must notify the Board of the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION and show just cause as to why they cannot host one of the compulsory events.

Archery (Target, Field, 3-D)  
Basketball  
Bench Press  
Biathlon  
Bowling (10 Pin)  
Cross Country (5K)  
Cross Country (10K)  
Cycling (Criterium)  
Cycling (Road Race)  
Cycling (Time Trials)  
Darts  
Golf  
Mountain Bike  
Narcotics Dog  
Pistol (Duty)  
Pistol (Police Action)  
Pistol (PPC)  
Police Service Dog (Canine)  
Power Lifting  
Running (5K)  
Running (10K)  
Running (21K)  
Skeet  
Slow Pitch Softball  
Sporting Clays  
Submission Grappling  
SWAT

### **Swimming:**

Backstroke  
50 meters  
Breaststroke  
50 meters  
Butterfly  
50 meters  
100 meters  
Freestyle  
50 meters  
100 meters  
200 meters  
500 meters  
Individual Medley  
200 meters  
T.C.A. (Toughest Competitor Alive)  
T.F.A. (Toughest Firefighter Alive)  
Tennis  
Texas Hold'm

### **Track and Field:**

#### **Track:**

100 meter dash  
200 meter dash  
400 meter dash  
800 meter dash  
1500 meter run  
110 meter high hurdles  
400 meter intermediate hurdles  
4 x 100 meter relay

#### **Field:**

High Jump  
Long Jump  
Triple Jump  
Shot Put  
Discus  
Trap Shooting

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Any other event that the Host thinks might be viable may be considered. The Host must receive prior approval from the Board of the Can-Am Police-Fire Games before implementing a sporting event not listed under the compulsory events.

### **Optional Events:**

Auto Extrication

Billiards

Bowling (5 Pin)

Cook off

Horseshoes

Ice Hockey

Push/Pull

Rifle (Large Bore, Sniper)

Rifle (Small Bore)

Volleyball