



Dixie Games Fact Sheet



What: 2018 Dixie Games

When: Thursday, April 26th through Sunday, April 29th, 2018 (see tentative schedule)

Who: All junior and adult athletes with a physical or visual disability. Disabilities may include but not be limited to:



Spinal Cord Injury(SCI)	Spina Bifida (SB)
Traumatic Brain Injury(TBI)	Cerebral Palsy(CP)
Muscular Dystrophy	Amputation
Osteogenesis Imperfecta	Dwarfism
Visually Impaired (VI)	Congenital Anomalies
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ATTENTION VETS WITH DISABILITIES: Scholarship money is available for your registration fee of \$75. After your payment and competing at the games, you will receive the reimbursement. Thank you for competing at our games,

If you are unsure as to eligibility for this meet, contact the Meet Director 727-271-6411.

Sanctioning: All sports are sanctioned by Adaptive Sports USA.



Events:



-**Archery:** (for classes W1, W2, Standing) Athletes are expected to provide their own bows and arrows, and bow stands. Rule Book can be found at www.adaptivesportusa.org

- **Field Events:** Shot put, Discus, Javelin, Club, Softball Throw, Long Jump, High Jump, and Triple Jump. Adaptive Sports USA Level 3 sanctioned meet. Implements will be provided or you may bring your own. Rule Book can be found at www.atfusa.org

Field Clinic will be held on Thursday and Friday with AM and PM sessions; please sign up for this exciting event taught by Paralympian Scott Winkler. See separate flyer



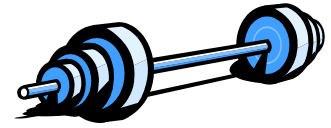
- **Swimming:** Short Course, Outdoor heated pool-6 Lane 25 yard length with starting blocks; Timing System TBA

Order of Events: 200 yd Free, 75 yd IM, 100 yd IM, 150 yd IM, 200 yd IM, 25 yd Free, 100 yd Free, 50 yd Back, 25 yd Breast, 100 yd Breast, 50 yd Fly, 25 yd Fly, 100 yd Fly, 50 yd Breast, 25 yd Back, 100 yd Back, 50 yd Free, Relays, & 500 yd Free
Rule Book can be found at www.adaptivesportsusa.org

- **Track:** Fast synthetic track! **Order of Events:** 5000M, 20M, 60M, 800M, 100M, 400M, 200M, 1500M. Please list your fastest times on the registration form so heating can be done. Adaptive Track & Field USA Level 3 sanctioned meet. Rule Book can be found at www.atfusa.org



- **Weightlifting:** Power and Bench styles will be contested
Rule Book can be found at www.adaptivesportsusa.org



- **Fencing Clinic,** contesting Epée and Foil styles

- **Cycling:** Will be held at Starkey Wilderness Park. Length of courses offered are 13 mile sprint OR a 22 mile long course. All will be hand timed and staggered time start 1 minute apart. A variety of wild animals might be seen on any given day. For hand cycles, recumbent or adaptive trikes are allowed. **Must bring own hand cycles.** Helmets required.

-**Air Rifle:** This is a Paralympic/Olympic indoor 10 meter; two position competition. Event will be held in 2 Sessions at Veteran's Memorial Park. Choose one. Instructions and practice available. Equipment is provided. Air Rifle will be contested at Adaptive Sports Junior Nationals again this year.

Where:

The **Hampton Inn Host Hotel** is located at 11050 US Hwy 19, Port Richey. The **Veteran's Memorial Park** is approximately 7 miles from the Host Hotel. **Starkey Wilderness Park** is 10 miles from Hampton Inn. The **Cypress Creek High School** is 29 miles from the Host Hotel and has direct access to Interstate 75(no need to return to hotel)

Venue Sites:

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn \$99 per night

11050 US Hwy 19, Port Richey, Florida 34668

(727)869-4900 – use this number only for reservations

This hotel has 78 rooms total, breakfast included please contact Randy any problems arising reserving a room 727-271-6411

◆ **Registration/Check-In/Classification –Thursday**



Additional Hotel: Homewood Suites, 11115 US Hwy 19 , Port Richey Florida, 34668, across highway from Hampton Inn. Contact Lisa Brill 727-819-1000 Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm for reservations, suites/rooms run \$113 to \$122 includes breakfast and thurs night social. Visit website for information homewoodsuites3.hilton.com All rooms remodeled in 2017

Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP)

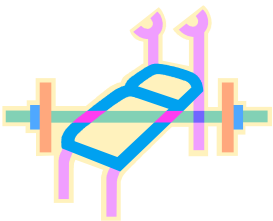
14333 Hicks Road, Hudson, Florida 34669

- ◆ Day 2 Registration/Check-In/Classification - Friday
- ◆ Adult & Junior Field Events with exception of Jumps
- ◆ Archery -- Adult and Junior
- ◆ Power lifting & Weightlifting
- ◆ Fencing
- ◆ Air Rifle

Cypress Creek High School

8701 Old Pasco Road, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

- ◆ ALL Track/Jumps
- ◆ Locker rooms with shower will be open to use after events & before leaving for home. (track is located near Inter Hwy 75 and State Rt 52)



New Port Richey Recreation Center

6630 Van Buren St, New Port Richey, FL 34653

- ◆ Swimming

Starkey Wilderness Park

10500 Wilderness Park Blvd; New Port Richey, Florida 34655

- ◆ Cycling Event for Hand cycles, Recumbent and Adaptive Bikes

(All venues are subject to change before the Games)



Classification

Each athlete **MUST** have a classification according to his or her functional ability to allow fair competition between athletes with similar abilities. The adult international classification systems are utilized. All athletes must have classifications at the international, national, regional or provisional level to compete at the Dixie Games. A **provisional classification** is for those athletes who do not have an existing classification. The coach is responsible for reviewing the classifications for the sports to be contested in the appropriate rulebook and list the classification that best meets the profile for the athlete. **US Paralympics National Classification will be available for Track and Field only.** You must schedule an appointment for this through the Meet Director Randy Chiavaroli call 727-271-6411.



Registration

The registration fee is \$75 for athletes and \$25 for coaches and will include the event promotional item, competition entry fees for all events eligible to compete and 1 lunch on Saturday. Parents/family can pre-purchase additional lunches for \$10. **They must be pre-ordered so the proper numbers are available.** They will **not** be available to purchase during check-in. **The lunch will be served at Veteran's Memorial Park**

An **athlete summary** form to confirm your registration and what is missing will be emailed to you. **All** items must be resolved by the registration deadline date (**postmarked by April 11, 2018**). All athletes must be **checked-in** by 12:30 PM, Friday, April 27th or they will not be eligible to compete **unless prior arrangements have been made.** Athletes may be checked in by their coaches. Events will be heated based on classification, age division, gender, and qualifying times. Due to limited numbers in some events various classifications and age group athletes may be heated together if qualifying times are competitive in order to expedite the running of the competition. However, placements will be based on classification, age and gender where applicable. Athletes can participate in a maximum of 7 individual swimming events with only 1 IM event allowed.

When reporting to registration check-in coaches/athletes will be expected to verify by initialing each athlete's events, classification, date of birth, and gender. THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CORRECTIONS UNLESS IT IS THE ERROR of the Local Organizing Committee.

Junior Age Divisions

Competitive age for junior events is determined by the athlete's age by year of birth.

Dixie Futures	under 7
Under 11	Ages 7-10
Under 14	Ages 11-13
Under 16	Ages 14-15
Under 18	Ages 16-17
Under 20	Ages 18-19
Under 23	Ages 20-22 with the exception Weightlifting is 19-23

Dixie Futures Events will include: 20m, 60m, softball, sponge discus, & turbo javelin



Medical Forms

Each coach should have in their possession a medical form on each athlete in event of an emergency. These forms will not be collected this year by the Games Committee.

Dress Code



All athletes will be expected to dress according to the rules of competition. It is the **responsibility** of each athlete to know the dress code for each event in which they wish to compete. Failure to comply could result in possible DQ according to National Governing Body rules.



Sport Rules

The rules for each US NGB will be enforced during all events. All competitors are expected to know the rules of each sport in which they compete. **The honest effort rule** will be in effect for the Dixie Games. In other words, if the Referee determines that an athlete intentionally missed an event without scratching the night before at the coaches meeting or brought to the attention of meet management, and does not have a medical reason for scratching, he/she can be disqualified from all remaining events in that sport. Rule books can be found at www.adaptivesportsusa.org or www.atfusa.org.

Equipment



Athletes will be expected to bring their own competition equipment including racing chairs, cycles, field chairs, helmets for track; bows & arrows for archery; etc. Helmets will be required for **all** wheelchair track events and **all cyclists**. All other equipment, such as field implements will be certified and provided by the **LOC**. **Athletes with personal implements must present all implements at Veteran's Memorial Park or Track equipment trailer for weigh-in one hour prior to start of the competition.** They will then be available for all athletes to use in the specific field pit. They will not be returned until after the competition is over and the results verified in case it needs to be reweighed and measured for records.



Protest

A protest procedure will be in effect for the **Dixie Games**. A **\$50 filing fee** will be required when submitting the protest. Protests must be submitted according to the appropriate sport rules. This filing fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or the fee will be forfeited if the protest is declined.

Conduct



The Local Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from further competition for profanity, abusive behavior or other inappropriate conduct. Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco (including E-cigarettes) is to be used in the competition area by athletes, coaches, support staff, parents, or spectators.

Results/Awards



The final results will be posted on the www.dixiegames.com website. Any Track and Field records will be submitted for approval to Adaptive Track & Field USA. **Spirit of Excellence Awards** will be provided to male/female adult and junior athletes at the conclusion of each venue. Selection is based upon effort, sportsmanship, knowledge of the sport, and being a role model.

Transportation



Each team/individual will be responsible for their own ground transportation between the airport, hotels and venue sites.



Weather Concerns

Pasco, Florida, could be hot in April! Daytime temperatures can rise above 85-90 degrees during mid-day. Humidity levels can be as high creating very uncomfortable conditions. Bring a hat with you, limit your time in the sun, and drink plenty of fluids. The **LOC** will provide appropriate shade for staging and plenty of water. Some sunscreen will be available at the medical tent. Bottled water will be available at all competition venues. Head of delegations should plan to bring or purchase **shade tents for their individual teams.**



Restrooms

Accessible restrooms will be available at each venue. Catheter bags are to be emptied in the restrooms only. Due to the heat and humidity athletes are expected to bag and tie their disposable hygiene items prior to disposing of them in the waste receptacles.