



Volunteer Information

Come out and join the excitement, and experience the spirit of competition! Take this opportunity to get involved in your community and, in the process, we are sure that you will gain an appreciation for the diversity of each athlete and the unique abilities they contribute to the games.

Pasco County Department of Tourism and Pasco Parks and Recreation is proud to be the host for the **2019 Dixie Games**. This is a 3-day competition for athletes with physical disabilities for youth and adults. Held in Olympic-style venues, this event allows athletes to showcase their abilities in a variety of sports including track, field, swimming, archery, cycling, fencing and weightlifting. Athletes with physical disabilities such as amputations, cerebral palsy, visual impairments and spinal injuries will gather to display their abilities in the heat of competition throughout the week. Each athlete competes according to their functional classification for the sport, age and gender. This is the 38th year for the Dixie Games and it has grown to include athletes from all 50 states and several foreign countries, confirming the fact that this event is a true display of the diversity that unites us all.

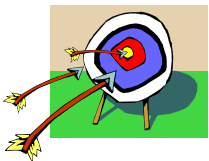
Help make this event an unforgettable experience for each participant. Sign-up to be a part of the team! Volunteer hours can count towards community service hours needed for graduation.

All volunteers must be at least 15 years old.

- **All volunteers must sign and return the Insurance Waiver and Release of Liability Waiver form. If you are under the age of 18 your parent or legal guardian will need to sign the form. This form must be on file prior to volunteering.**
- **Please select the days, times and events you would like to work and then email or mail the completed Volunteer Application and signed Insurance Waiver and Release of Liability form to:**

Volunteer Coordinator
Pam Chiavaroli
fastpasco@gmail.com
727-271-3568

If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator





Dixie Games Volunteer Job Descriptions



Staging: Assist the officials in getting the athletes ready for the next race. Assist putting the lane numbers on the athlete's helmet or their hip. Provide water for athletes as needed in staging area. Walk athletes to the start of the race from the staging area to ensure they are in the proper lane.

Marshalling: Provide directions for people limiting access to certain areas.

Pickers Finish Line: In the long distance events, each person will be assigned to an athlete. They keep track of how many laps they have done and let the bell ringer and the athlete know. In the shorter distance races, they keep track of the order in which athletes crossed the line.

Scorekeepers: The official will tell them at the event who earned the point. They don't need to know the rules to do these jobs.

Field Pit Assistants: Volunteers will retrieve implements, assist with measuring, and mark where the implements landed. Volunteers do not need prior experience. There will be a certified official to run the field pit and make any needed official calls.

Rackers: Need to be weightlifters themselves. They will add and take off weights from the rack for the lifters. I believe some of the athletes lifted over 300lbs.

Equipment/Logistics: Volunteers will assist with setting up venues such as tents, fans, water, ice, lines, tables, chairs, checking athlete equipment in/out of storage area etc. Must be able to lift 40 pounds and includes bending and stooping.

Runners: Posting results immediately following the completion of a race. Deliver infraction sheets from corner officials on the track to the finish line.

Water Provider: Ensure athletes, officials, and volunteers maintain hydrated by delivering water to them.

Back up Timers: Volunteers operate back-up stopwatches for track and swimming.

Archery: Will retrieve arrows between rounds and score points.



2019 DIXIE GAMES
Volunteer Information Sheet
 (Must be 15 years or older)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip, Country: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Save as file DG Volunteer (your name) and sent to email below

2019 Dixie Games Volunteer Opportunity Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>
May 9, 2017 Thursday			
____ Registration/Classification	3:00-9:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn	3
May 10, 2017 Friday			
____ Registration/Classification	8:00 -12:30 pm	Hilton Garden Inn	3
____ Air Rifle Set up/tear down	7:30 -1:00 pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	4
____ Air Rifle Competition	8:30 -12:30pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	16
____ Field Clinic	8:30 – 12:00 pm	Land O Lakes Rec center	3
____ Archery Set Up/tear down	12:00-1:00 pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	4
____ Archery Competition	1:00 - 5:00pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	16
____ Field Clinic -	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	3
____ Power Lifting Set Up/Weigh In	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn	2
____ Power Lifting Spotters/Rackers	5:30 -9:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn	4
____ Power Lifting tear down	9:00 – 9:30 pm	Hilton Garden Inn	2
(must be able to lift heavy weights)			
May 11, 2018 Saturday			
____ Track Competition	7:30 am-12:30 pm	Cypress Creek H S	6
____ Equipment/Logistics	7:00am-1:00pm	Cypress Creek H S	4
____ Equipment/Logistics	1:00 pm to 6:00pm	Cypress Creek H S	6
____ Junior Jumps	12:30 -6:00 pm	Cypress Creek H S	3
____ ALL Field Competition	12:30 -6:00pm	Cypress Creek H S	30
May 12 ,2018 Sunday			
____ Swimming Competition	7:30 am - 11:30 pm	Land O Lakes Rec Center	15

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2019 Dixie Games
Insurance Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of my and/or my child's participation in the **2019 Dixie Games**, I, the undersigned, for myself, and/or for my child, _____ our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby waive and release any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury, loss of property or property damage I and/or my child may have, or that may subsequently accrue to me, my child, or to our heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. Further, I, the undersigned, and/or my child discharge and release in advanced the organizers, promoters, volunteers, sponsors, and Pasco County Department of Tourism; Pasco Board of Education; Pasco County Parks and Recreation; Hilton Garden Inn, Wesley Chapel, Adaptive Track and Field; Adaptive Sports, USA, Dixie Wheelchair Athletic Association, their respective agents, boards, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my and/or my child's participation in the above-mentioned **2019 Dixie Games**, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I and/or my child voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage or injury that may be sustained while participating in the above-mentioned event. I and/or my child attest that I am physically fit to participate in the **2019 Dixie Games**. I and/or my child understand and agree that medical or other services rendered to me and/or my child by, or at the instance of, any of the persons or entities mentioned above is not an admission of liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services, and is not a waiver by any of the persons or entities mentioned above of any right hereunder.

I and/or my child further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during the programming involved in the **2019 Dixie Games** and that participants in such events occasionally sustain personal injury and/or property damages as a consequence thereof. Knowing of such inherent risks, I and/or my child nevertheless hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons and entities mentioned above, who, through negligence, carelessness or otherwise, might be liable to me and/or my child, or our heirs, personal representatives or assigns for damages. I and/or my child agree to accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the events as established and provided by the organizers and sponsors of the **2019 Dixie Games** and to obey the directions of the designated officials.

In further consideration of my and/or my child's participation in **2019 Dixie Games**, I and/or my child hereby grant full permission to any persons or entities mentioned above and/or agents authorized by said persons and entities, to use photographs, videotapes and any other records of **2019 Dixie Games**, including my and/or my child's name, likeness, and/or voice for any legitimate purpose without compensation or remuneration to me, my child, or our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Name (Please Print)

Date

Signature (Parents Signature if under 18 years of age)

Date



DIXIE GAMES DIVERSITY GUIDELINES

For review with all Volunteers



Person referenced first, then the disability. Say “a person with a disability” instead of “a disabled person”.

Avoid portraying athletes with a disability who succeed as “extraordinary” or “superhuman”.

It is OK to offer assistance to a person with a disability, but wait until your offer is accepted BEFORE you help. Your help may not be needed. Listen to instructions the person may give.

Athletes do not want to receive charity or pity. Remember that an athlete with a disability is not necessarily chronically sick or unhealthy.

Do not assume an athlete with a physical disability also has a hearing disability or that their mental capacity is diminished in any way. Speak in a normal tone and do not use language that is condescending.

If an individual’s speech is difficult to understand, do not be afraid to ask the person to repeat the comment or question.

Do not push anyone in a wheelchair unless you are asked and do not lean against his or her chair or hang off it in any way. The chair is part of the athlete’s personal space.

Never pat or touch a service animal without the owner’s permission. The animal is working and usually wears a cape indicating that it is a service animal - it has a very important job to do and distracting it may harm its owner.

These are a few key things to keep in mind. But if you can remember only one of them remember this: act naturally at all times. The athlete will tell you if they require any assistance. Otherwise just carry on and enjoy their conversation and company.

Thank you for volunteering for the Dixie Games.