

CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES

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 include 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. Also, adult children and their spouses, over 18 years of age, of eligible law enforcement, fire service and E.M.S. are eligible

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to compete. A spouse, adult children and their spouse must complete the on-line registration process listing the agency information representing the eligible spouse. However, Spouses and adult children may not participate in the following sport/event: SWAT, Canine, Narcotics Dog, police sniper and all pistol events.

NOTE: Eligibility rules will be strictly adhered to. An eligible participant may be disqualified from participating in a Can-Am Police-Fire Games event if they have been convicted of a felony or its equivalent in any country.

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/State Patrol
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
Canadian Police Auxiliaries*	Canadian Police Cadets*

*Canadian Police Auxiliaries and Canadian Police Cadets must have been appointed 180 days in advance of the Games and must be a minimum 18 years of age.

Agencies specifically excluded:

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

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MOST COMMON AGE DIVISIONS/CLASSIFICATIONS

Age Divisions: 10-year increments

Under 30 18 to 29 years of age
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 over

Age Divisions: 5 year increments

Under 30..... 18-29yrs
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)...70-yrs and over

Some Sports/Events may have an “OPEN” AGE DIVISION.

Some Sports/Events will have Women’s Under 35 and Women’s Over 35 classifications. (IE: Powerlifting)

OpenShall refer to all competitors who meet or exceed the minimum eligibility age of 18 years old. Any competitor of any age may enter the Open Division.

Unisex.....Shall refer to sports where *either* men or women may compete in the same classification. (IE: Cook Off)

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

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

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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 may enter only their age division in an event, unless the event has an OPEN Division, then the competitor may enter the OPEN Division, but cannot enter both.

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.

DOUBLES/PARTNERS

Competitors may enter only one sport/event classification. Competitors entering sports/events that offer doubles competition may only enter the Open Classification (if available) 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 must enter 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

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age 47 and one age 35. The team may enter the Open Classification (if available) 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 registration and signed waiver for the substitute and additional fees if needed.

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

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:

The online registration program is provided to the Host and is the only form of registration to be used and is the exclusive property of the CAN-AM POLICE-FIRE GAMES FEDERATION.

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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, Baseball, Slow Pitch Softball, Hockey, Soccer 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. They must register via our online program only.

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 registrants 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, registrants have the option to compete in a younger age division. In these situations, the sport coordinator must contact the applicant. If the registrant 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 registration. All registrations will be accepted no matter how few in each weight class, as long as there are at least three registrations 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 registration and fees are received prior to the competitor participating in the sport/event.

There is 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.**

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

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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 ensure 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 attend and check-in at the Registration Center at the Games Headquarters prior to competing in the games. At this time, they must present their Agency Identification, verify all fees have been paid for all events they have entered and receive their games Identification Card Participant Pass (as provided by the host).

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Competitors will be required to produce their Games identification when attending the on-site check-in location at the sports venue. 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.

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.

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 the host changed power lifting to Wednesday without timely notification the competitor arrives to find that the competition is over, the host pays the plane fare.

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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:

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.

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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. Exception to this would be if the Sport Association or Governing Body has a documented method of breaking the tie (ex: Shooting events have a shoot off). Refer to each sport/event for exceptions.

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

If three ties 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:

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 and shall include all pertinent information used in determining competitor placement, such as weight lifted, points, games won, total scores, elapsed time, times on target, etc. This list is to include every competitor

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registered in the event, DNS, DNF, etc. (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. On significant protests the Host or sport/event coordinator will 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.

Compulsory Events and Optional 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.

Compulsory

Bench Press
Biathlon
Bowling (10 Pin)
Cross Country (5K)
Cross Country (10K)
Cycling (Criterium)
Cycling (Road Race)
Cycling (Time Trials)
Golf
Mountain Bike

Optional

Angling
Archery (Target, Field, 3-D)
Bocca
Cook Off
CrossFit
Darts
EMS Skills
Mt. Bike (Obstacle)
Narcotics Dog
Pickleball
Police Service Dog (Canine)

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Pistol (Duty)	Running (21K)
Pistol (Police Action)	Submission Grappling
Pistol (PPC)	SWAT
Power Lifting	Swimming
Running (5K)	Track and Field
Running (10K)	100 M Sprint 200 M Sprint
Skeet	400 M Sprint 800 M sprint
Slow Pitch Softball	1500 M Run 110 M Hurdles
Sporting Clays	400 M Hurdles High jump
T.C.A. (Toughest Competitor Alive)	Long Jump Triple Jump
T.F.A. (Toughest Firefighter Alive)	Shot Put Discus
Texas Hold'm	4 X 100 M Relay
Trap Shooting	Triathlon
	Tennis
	Volleyball