

# 2009 Desert Challenge Regional Games

## April 24-26, 2009



## Information Packet

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[www.desertchallengegames.com](http://www.desertchallengegames.com)

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**What:** 2009 Desert Challenge Regional Games for athletes with physical disabilities

**Events:** Archery

Field (Shot Put; Javelin; Discus; Long Jump; Distance Toss; High Toss; Spungdisc; Club Throw; Precision Toss; Thrust & Distance Kick; Softball & Tennis Ball Throw)

Track (Tartan-8 lane track; Lynx Timing System)

Swimming (Short course pool-25 yards length; Colorado Timing System)

Weightlifting

**Where:** **Brimhall Junior High Aquatic Center**

**4949 E. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206**

Swimming

Weightlifting

**Mesa High School**

**1630 E. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204**

Field

Track

**Papago Park Sports Complex Archery Range**

**1802 N. 64<sup>th</sup> Street; Phoenix, AZ 85008** (Archery Range on Oak St and 62<sup>nd</sup> St)

Archery

**When:** Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26, 2009.

**For Whom:** This event is open to U.S. and international male and female athletes with permanent physical disabilities ages 6 years through adulthood that are interested in competitive athletics. Disabilities may include but are not limited to:

Amputation	Muscular Dystrophy	Stroke
Cerebral Palsy	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	Traumatic Brain Injury
Dwarfism	Spina Bifida	Visual Impairment
Multiple Sclerosis	Spinal Cord Injury	

**Fee:** A registration fee for athletes and coaches of \$35.00 includes competition, Sunday Awards lunch and event plaque.

**Awards:** Each registered athlete will receive a plaque. Awards will be given to all top three finishers in each event. IF PROVIDED MEDALS, recognize the minus one rule for all races. This means that in order for a gold medal to be awarded, there must be a minimum of two individuals competing in any one division. In order for a gold, silver and bronze medal to all be awarded, there must be a minimum of four individuals competing in the division.

**Classification:** Each athlete will be classified according to his or her functional ability, allowing him or her to compete against athletes with similar abilities. Athletes in need of a swim classification will be assigned an appointment time and must check-in on Friday morning.

Events will be heated based on classification and age division. All awards will be separated based on classification, age and gender.

Age Divisions are as follows:

Futures	Age 6	Division D	Ages 16-18
Division A	Ages 7-9	Division E	Ages 19-21
Division B	Ages 10-12	Adults	Ages 22-39
Division C	Ages 13-15	Masters	Ages 40 and up

*Please Note:* Competitive age for Wheelchair Sports, USA is determined by the athlete's age as of January 1, 2009.

**Coaches:** The registration website ([www.active.com](http://www.active.com)) offers the option to register the entire team. The team's information can be picked up by one representative at Check-in.

**Communication:** Co-Games Directors can be reached by telephone or email.

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**Disabled Sports Organizations & Membership Info:**

Juniors must be a member of Wheelchair Sports USA to participate in National Junior Disability Championships (NJDC). Even if the individual belongs to DSUSA or NDSA/Blaze, the athlete needs to be a member of WSUSA for NJDC. Athletes do not need to be registered with a Disability Sports Organization (DSO) to attend the adult nationals.

**Wheelchair Sports, USA**

[www.wsusa.org](http://www.wsusa.org)

**Equipment:** The Desert Challenge Games committee will provide all sanctioned field implements, archery targets and starting blocks. Athletes must provide their own helmet for all junior events and middle and long distance track events. Implement weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm-5:30pm at the track and field venue for athletes bringing their own implements. Guide runners must provide their own vests. Track spikes that are longer than a quarter inch are not allowed. Quarter inch pyramids or "Christmas trees" are allowed. No "needles" of any kind are allowed on the track.

**Lodging:** Lodging arrangements are the responsibility of each team or individual athlete. When making reservations, state that you are part of the "Desert Challenge Games" to receive the discounted rate available through **April 3, 2009**.

**Hampton Inn and Suites      1563 S. Gilbert Rd, Mesa, AZ 85204      480-926-3600**

Discounted Room Rate: \$89 per night + tax      52 rooms in block – cut off date April 3, 2009

Continental breakfast Included with room reservation.

**Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau      800-283-6372**

[www.visitmesa.com](http://www.visitmesa.com)

**Meals:** Sunday Awards lunch is provided with the registration fee. Snacks including power bars and fruit will be available throughout the event. Information on local restaurants is available at the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau website listed above under "Lodging".

**Medical:** Athletes must have clearance from a physician or physician's assistant in order to compete in the sports competition. Each registrant is required to accept the waiver of liability forms on the [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) website.

**Sanctioning:** Sanctioning and rules to be determined.

\*Athletes can qualify for competition in the National Junior Disability Championships, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and various other events and meets by meeting the qualifying standards in their respective events.

**Transportation: Each Team will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.**

**Wheelchair Getaways**  
602-494-8257 or 888-824-7413  
[www.wheelchairgetaways.com](http://www.wheelchairgetaways.com)

**A-1 Rent-A-Car**  
800-899-4320  
[www.A1Leasing.com](http://www.A1Leasing.com)

**Wheelchair Van Rental**  
800-422-7382  
[www.azwheelchair.com](http://www.azwheelchair.com)

**Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association**  
Michael Bruning 602-239-5929  
[www.azspinal.org](http://www.azspinal.org)

**Ability Center**  
877-879-0805  
[www.abilitycenter.com](http://www.abilitycenter.com)

**Wheelers Accessible Van Rentals**  
800-456-1371  
[www.wheelersvanrentals.com](http://www.wheelersvanrentals.com)

**AVA Wheelchair Van Rentals**  
866-333-1594  
[www.wheelchairvanrental.com](http://www.wheelchairvanrental.com)

**Accessible Taxi Service (call for rates and services)**

American Hts, Inc.	602-253-0911
Arnett	602-256-4646
Discount Cab	602-266-1110
Triple A Cab	602-437-4000

**Registration:** Registration will begin on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 on the event website: [www.desertchallengegames.com](http://www.desertchallengegames.com) and [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Each athlete/coach/guide must register on-line. Registration includes access to the competition and Sunday Awards Lunch. The registration fee will be based on the following schedule:

\$35.00 on or before April 10, 2009 at 5:00pm PST

\$50.00 from April 10 at 5:01pm PST to April 17, 2009 at 5:00pm PST

Registration will be closed on April 17, 2009 at 5:01pm PST

**Results:** Once all results are reviewed and verified, they will be posted at the competition venue. Athlete's results for all events are given to each registrant at the awards lunch and final results will be posted on the games website after the completion of the event.

**Additional Info:** **Arizona can be HOT in April!** The sun is strong and the daytime temperatures can range from the high 80's to the mid 90's. Therefore, outdoor events have been scheduled for either early morning or evening. The Games Committee is committed to providing appropriate shade and water for all competitors. You will benefit from bringing the following items: a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, a water bottle and a light jacket.

A **protest procedure** will be in effect for the Desert Challenge Regional Games. The protest table will be at the Information Booth at the competition venues. A \$25 filing fee will be required when submitting the protest. This filing fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or the fee will be forfeited if the protest is declined. The protest committee including Games Directors, head official and sanctioning delegate will make decision and it will be announced at the coach's meeting.

The Games Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete or coach from further competition for profanity, abusive behavior or other inappropriate conduct. Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco is to be used at any venue.



# 2009 Desert Challenge Regional Games Tentative Schedule

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

Check-in	9:00am-5:30pm	Hampton Inn
Classification	9:00am-4:00pm	Hampton Inn
*Swim classification by morning appointment only.		
Open Track and Field Practice	3:30pm-5:30pm	Mesa High School
Implement Weigh-in	3:30pm-5:30pm	Mesa High School
Swimming Warm-Up	5:30pm-6:30pm	Brimhall Jr. High Pool
Swimming	6:30pm-9:30pm	Brimhall Jr. High Pool
Weightlifting	7:00pm-8:30pm	Brimhall Jr. High

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

Field	8:00am-11:00am	Mesa High School
Track Warm-Up	4:00pm-5:00pm	Mesa High School
Track	5:00pm-9:00pm	Mesa High School

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

Archery	8:30am-11:30am	Papago Park Archery Range
Awards Banquet and Lunch	12:00 Noon	TBD

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