

Desert Challenge Games

May 6-8, 2011



Information Packet

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www.desertchallengegames.com

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What: Desert Challenge Games for athletes with physical disabilities

Events: Archery

Field (Shot Put; Javelin; Discus; Club Throw; Long Jump; High Jump; Triple Jump)

Track (Polyflex200 surface-8 lane track; Lynx Timing System)

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

Weightlifting

Where: Skyline High School Aquatic Center

845 S. Crismon Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Swimming

Red Mountain High School

7301 E. Brown Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Field

Track

Weightlifting

Usery Mountain Park Archery Range

3939 N. Usery Pass Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Archery

When: Friday, May 6 to Sunday, May 8, 2011

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 \$50.00 includes unlimited number of events, commemorative event technical shirt and event awards. Guide runners must also register through www.active.com but will not be required to pay the registration fee.

Awards: Each registered athlete will receive an award. Awards will be given to all top three finishers in each event. The host organization will recognize the minus one rule for all races. This means that in order for a 1st place medal to be awarded, there must be a minimum of two individuals competing in any one division. In order for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medal to all be awarded, there must be a minimum of four individuals competing in the division. The awards will be distributed at the conclusion of each competition.

Classification: Each athlete will be classified according to his or her functional ability, allowing him or her to compete against athletes with similar abilities. Each athlete who submits an entry to compete at the event must provide proof of permanent IPC (International) or National classification. Athletes who do not have an international or national classification issued by their country of residence must complete a request for classification.

The Desert Challenge Games will offer National Classification on Friday, May 6th between 7:30am-2:00pm. Athletes in need of a swim classification will be assigned an appointment time and must check-in on Friday between 7:30am-11:30am at the Skyline Aquatic Center.

Athletes in need of a national classification for archery, track or field will be assigned an appointment time and must check-in on Friday between 8:00am-2:00pm at the Host Hotel. Athletes registered for the weightlifting competition will be required to weigh-in approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of competition at the venue.

Events will be heated based on classification and age division. All awards will be separated based on classification, age and gender. The Desert Challenge Games will recognize the age divisions for athletes under the age of 14 in the competition year (6-13). The competition will recognize the age divisions of IPC Athletics for 14 years of age through adulthood.

The following age groups are recognized by IPC Athletics:

(a) Junior Males and Females: Any athlete of 18 or 19 years

(b) Youth Boys and Girls: Any athlete of 16 or 17 years

(c) Under 16 Boys and Girls: Any athlete of 14 or 15 years

An athlete must be 14 to compete in an open event.

Please Note: Competitive age for IPC Athletics is determined by the athlete's age by December 31st in the competition year (athlete age in 2011).

WASUSA Age Divisions are as follows:

Futures	Through age 6	Division D	Under 20 (17,18,19)
Division A	Under 11 (7,8,9,10)	Division E	Under 23 (20,21,22)
Division B	Under 14 (11,12,13)	Adults	Ages 23-39
Division C	Under 17 (14,15,16)	Masters	Ages 40 and up

Please Note: Competitive age for Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA is determined by the athlete's age in the competition year (athlete age in 2011).

Coaches: The registration website (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 on Friday.

Communication: Games Director can be reached by telephone or email.

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Information also available at the event web site: www.DesertChallengeGames.com.

Disabled Sports Organizations & Membership Info:

Juniors must be a member of Wheelchair and Ambulatory 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 WASUSA for NJDC. Athletes do not need to be registered with a Disability Sports Organization (DSO) to attend the adult nationals.

Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA www.wasusa.org

Athletes must have a 2011 IPC License in order for their results to count for the IPC World Rankings, IPC World Records and World Championships qualification.

IPC Licensing – Paralympics <http://usparalympics.org/pages/5592>

Drug Testing: Drug testing will be conducted by and follow all U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) policies and procedures. All athletes who enter track and field events will be subject to drug testing. For more information about USADA please visit: www.usantidoping.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, May 6th from 5:00pm-7:00pm 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 20, 2011**.

Country Inn & Suites 6650 E. Superstition Springs Blvd, Mesa, AZ 85206

Discounted Room Rate: \$89 per night + tax 45 rooms in block – cutoff date April 20, 2011

Contact reservations: 480-641-8000 or 800-456-4000

Continental breakfast Included with room reservation. Country Inn & Suites will host check-in and classification on Friday. The hotel is approximately 5 miles from the competition venues and is surrounded by numerous restaurant chains that are within walking/pushing distance.

Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau www.visitmesa.com

Meals: 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 at www.visitmesa.com.

Medical: Athletes must have clearance from a physician or physician’s assistant in order to compete in the sports competition. A copy of a medical physical can be faxed to 480-610-2257. Each registrant is required to accept the waiver of liability forms on the www.active.com website.

Registration: Registration will begin on Monday, March 14th, 2011 on the event website: www.desertchallengegames.com and www.active.com. Each athlete/coach/guide must register on-line. Registration includes access to the competition, event shirt and awards. The registration fee will be based on the following schedule:

\$50.00 on or before April 18, 2011 at 5:00pm PST

\$75.00 from April 18 at 5:01pm PST to May 2, 2011 at 5:00pm PST

Registration will be closed on May 2, 2011 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.

Athletes must have a 2011 IPC License in order for results to count for the IPC World Rankings, IPC World Records and World Championships qualification. Indicate the athlete’s 4-5 digit Participant ID on the registration form. Information on how to obtain an IPC License can be found at: <http://usparalympics.org/pages/5592>

Sanctioning: International Paralympic Committee (IPC), USA Track and Field (USATF) and Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports USA will sanction the track and field events and the IPC and IAAF rules will govern the track and field competition. A copy of the rules is located at www.paralympic.org. Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports USA will sanction the archery, swimming and

weightlifting events and the WASUSA rules will govern the competitions. A copy of the rules is located at www.wasusa.org.

The Games will be offering two All-Comers events – 60 M for ambulatory runners only and the 1500 M cycling event for experienced cyclists. Athletes will be required to register online under Track Events. The times for these events will not count for World Rankings and will not qualify individuals for National competitions. Athletes will be placed into heats with various classifications and ages for the All-Comers events.

*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

A-1 Rent-A-Car
800-899-4320
www.A1Leasing.com

Wheelchair Van Rental
800-422-7382
www.azwheelchair.com

Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association
Michael Bruning 602-239-5929
www.azspinal.org

Ability Center
877-879-0805
www.abilitycenter.com

Wheelers Accessible Van Rentals
800-456-1371
www.wheelersvanrentals.com

AVA Wheelchair Van Rentals
866-333-1594
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

Additional Info:

Arizona will be HOT in May! The sun is strong and the daytime temperatures can range from the high 90's to the low 100'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 and a water bottle.

A **protest procedure** will be in effect for the Desert Challenge 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 Director, head official and sanctioning delegate will make the decision and it will be announced at the conclusion of the competition.

A **Team Manager Manual** will be distributed with the complete rules of competition and schedule for the Desert Challenge Games. The manual will be available on the event web site and distributed by email to the head coach registered for each team.



Desert Challenge Games 2011 Tentative Schedule

Friday, May 6th		
Registrant Check-in	8:00am-5:00pm	Country Inn & Suites Hotel
*National Swim Classification	7:30am-11:30am	Skyline Aquatic Center
*National Classification	8:00am-2:00pm	Country Inn & Suites Hotel
Open Track and Field Practice	5:00pm-7:00pm	Red Mt High School – track/field
Implement Weigh-In	5:00pm-7:00pm	Red Mt High School – track/field
Swim Coach Meeting	5:00pm-5:30pm	Skyline Aquatic Center
Swimming Warm-up	5:30pm-6:30pm	Skyline Aquatic Center
Swimming	6:30pm-9:00pm	Skyline Aquatic Center
Track & Field Coach Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm	Red Mt High School – classroom
Weightlifting	7:00pm-8:30pm	Red Mt High School – wt room
Saturday, May 7th		
Track & Field Officials Meeting	7:00am-7:30am	Red Mt High School – classroom
Field	7:30am-11:30am	Red Mt High School – field
Track Warm-up	5:00pm-5:45pm	Red Mt High School – track
Welcome Ceremony	5:45pm-6:00pm	Red Mt High School – track
Track	6:00pm-10:00pm	Red Mt High School – track
Sunday, May 8th		
Archery – adults (22+)	7:00am-9:00am	Usery Park Archery Range
Archery – juniors (6-21)	9:30am-11:30am	Usery Park Archery Range

**** indicates that event will be by scheduled appointment only***

Host Hotel

Country Inn Suites Mesa – 6650 E. Superstition Springs Blvd, Mesa, AZ 85206

Competition Venues

Red Mountain High School – 7301 E. Brown Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Skyline High School Aquatic Center – 845 S. Crismon Road, Mesa, AZ 85208

Usery Archery Range – 3939 N. Usery Pass Road, Mesa, AZ 85207