



NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR GAMES

2024 STATE FINALS QUALIFICATION

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- All participants must qualify through a NCSG sanctioned Local Senior Games program. Local Games qualification criteria returns to pre-covid with the exception of open events and is as follows:
 - The **top three male and female** qualifiers in each age category in each official North Carolina Senior Games sport/event will be eligible to participate in State Finals except:
 - **Bowlers: places 1-6**
 - **Golfers** must meet a minimum performance score (MPS) **and** finish 1, 2 or 3 to qualify.
 - **All** participants who complete and score in the following Local Games events will qualify: **Fun Walk, Football Throw, Softball Throw and Basketball Throw.**
 - **Teams:** The first, second and third place teams per the team sport age category will qualify.
 - In **SilverArts**, each Local Games may qualify:
 - One entry in **Performing Arts** and one entry in the **Cheerleader Showcase.**
 - First and second place in each **Literary Arts** sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist.
 - First, second and third place entry in each **Visual Arts and Heritage Arts** sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist (i.e. only one entry by the same artist per sub-category).
- Qualifying participants must maintain a minimum of **three months consecutive residency** annually in North Carolina. Verification is the responsibility of the Local Senior Games.
- **This statement should be on all Local Games Entry Forms.** *"I understand that it is my responsibility to check with my local Senior Games Coordinator immediately following my local Senior Games to determine if I qualified for State Finals and to register. My State Finals registration (Entry Form or on-line registration) with total payment and all required items must be received in the NCSG office in Raleigh by 11:59 pm on August 1st! I understand that this deadline is strictly enforced in fairness to all and it is my responsibility to make sure I am registered."*
- **Participants must complete and score** in each event entered at the Local Games to qualify for that event at State Finals (no score is necessary for team and tournament events).
- **Coordinators must** immediately (within 10 days of each completed activity) **enter Local Games Results**, using the Torch 1.0 Program, so qualifiers can be verified as they register for *State Finals*.
- **The Local Coordinator is responsible for notifying qualifiers in a timely manner; Torch 1.0 Qualifier Letter is recommended** since it is a quick and accurate way to notify them. After notification, qualifiers should be reminded that registration and payment must be received by NCSG by 11:59 p.m. on August 1st (online is preferred).
- **Local Coordinators will have access to the list of participants that have registered** on the PPA. **Coordinators should check the list frequently** for their registered participants and any issues. Local Coordinators are encouraged to send an email reminder. Email addresses for reminders are available through Torch 1.0.

- **All participants must individually register and pay. Registrations, with payment, (Entry Form or online registration) must be received by NCSG by 11:59 pm August 1".**
 - **For Doubles Events** – Each person must register and indicate their partner(s). For online registrants, the first partner must register and the second partner must select the first to pair them up.
 - **For Team Sports** – Basketball and Softball: Each player must individually register. *Team Captains must remit Team fees with their Registration – it should not be sent separately.*
 - **For Cheerleaders** – Each member of the squad must register individually and the Group Leader must also submit the "Cheerleader Information Form" and attachments.
 - **For Performing Arts** – Each member of the act must register individually and the Group Leader/Solo performer must also submit the "Performing Arts Information Form" and attachments.
 - **For Visual, Heritage and Literary Arts** – Each person must register individually and submit an Information Form and attachments for the correct SilverArts category for each entry to be entered.
- **It is the participant's responsibility to make sure they are registered for State Finals.** The *State Finals Entry Packet* states that the participant should mail the form directly to NCSG or register online. If a Local Games chooses to accept an individual's *State Finals Entry Form* to submit to NCSG for them, please realize the risks and responsibility involved if a form is lost or misplaced. If the Local Games chooses to send multiple Entry Forms and pay with one check, an itemized listing must be enclosed (form on PPA) and the payment must match the amount due.
- **Participants will receive** a *Preliminary Confirmation* with general information from NCSG within 4 weeks of receipt of their Registration or by August 5, or they should contact NCSG.
- **August 5** is the last day for participants to add an activity for participants who registered by August 1, and for Coordinators to make revisions to Local Game results.
- **Participants will receive** a *Final Confirmation* and Final Schedule information from NCSG by September 1, or they should contact NCSG!
- All cancellation deadlines are listed in the Entry Packet. Refund requests must be submitted in writing.
- At State Finals a photo ID with date of birth will be required to check in for every event every day.

Please share this information with your staff and participants and keep for reference.