

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. INTRODUCTION:**

The Western States Police & Fire Games (WSPFG) is a multi-sport Olympic-style athletic program, held annually, to promote physical and mental well-being of professionals in Police and Fire Services in the United States. The WSPFG provides a competitive and social environment to encourage and pay homage to the camaraderie among these men and women, through sports. The WSPFG is the current successor to the California Police Olympics, first organized in 1967. As the Games evolved, so has the name of the Games: California Police Olympics 1967-1989; California Police Summer Games 1990-1999; California Police and Fire Games 2000-2003; Western States Police and Fire Games 2004-present.

**B. PRIORITY OF RULES, INTERPRETATION & GUIDANCE:**

Western States Police & Fire Games Rules shall supersede all other rules. **IF ANY CONFLICT OF RULES OCCURS, INCLUDING CONFLICTS WITH THE HOST'S RULES AND/OR SPORTS' GUIDING BODY RULES, WSPFG RULES SHALL BE USED.**

**Rules Interpretation:** These Rules have been written by the WSPFGF to govern the operations of the WSPFG as conceptualized by the WSPFGF and shall therefore be interpreted by the WSPFGF. Any disagreement in the interpretation of any rule herein will follow the interpretation of the WSPFGF.

**SECTION II: ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

**A. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS:**

In order to be eligible to compete in the WSPFG, applicants:

~ Occupations and States Eligible:

Must be a publicly-employed Law Enforcement Officer\* or Firefighter from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**-OR-**

Must be a publicly-employed Law Enforcement Officer\* or Firefighter from any other state in the United States of America not included above, if approved by the WSPFGF.

\* See the "Agency Eligibility" list for specific law enforcement job-title designations eligible for the WSPFG, including eligible County Correctional Officers and other Peace Officers.

~ Must have formal Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter training;

~ Must have their primary occupation as that of a Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter;

~ Must be at least 18 years of age as of the first day of the WSPFG;

~ Professional Status: Must be an "active" member of an eligible agency; OR, must be a "retired" Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter from an eligible agency.

~ Must be "in good standing" with the WSPFGF (not subject to current suspension or permanent disqualification).

**B. RETIREMENT STATUS DEFINED:**

For the purposes of determining eligibility for "retired" Law Enforcement Officers or Firefighters; any person not otherwise qualified for competition by virtue of current employment status with an eligible agency, may compete in the WSPFG if he/she has retired, following one of the criteria below. **Any person terminated for less than honorable reasons shall not be considered eligible to compete, regardless of length of service or retirement status.**

**Normal Retirement:** The person has served an eligible agency for a time long enough to qualify for service retirement and has reached the age established by their retirement system for such retirement.

**Length of Service Retirement:** The person has completed no less than 20 years of good conduct service, and resigns from his/her service, with or without a retirement benefit.

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**Deferred Retirement:** The person resigns from his/her service following the completion of the number of years of good conduct service required (at least 10 years) to qualify the person for a retirement income upon arrival at a specific age. [NOTE: A termination without benefit of future recognition as a retired person does not qualify under this section.]

**Disability Retirement:** The person has attained retirement status due to disability, either job-incurred or otherwise, and receives, or is eligible to receive, a lump sum retirement payment or retirement income from the agency or retirement system. **Upon request from the Host or the WSPFGF, any medically retired entrant must provide a sport specific medical release, authorizing that person to compete in the sport.**

**C. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** Any person that enters the WSPFG as an actively-employed or retired Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter shall provide, when he/she registers at the WSPFG, identification in the form of an identification card or letter of identification from the agency involved. Retired persons may substitute a letter from their retirement system to fulfill this requirement.

### **D. INELIGIBLE ENTRY:**

#### **1. Unqualified Persons:**

If a person attempts to enter or enters the WSPFG when he/she does not qualify for entry, that person is immediately disqualified from competition and shall be permanently disqualified from future WSPFG.

If any competitor or coach enters another person that does not qualify for entry, that competitor or coach who submitted the entry shall be immediately disqualified from competition and permanently disqualified from future WSPFG.

If it is discovered that a team member has entered and does not qualify for entry into the WSPFG, that team is immediately disqualified from competition and is subject to appropriate discipline.

#### **2. Qualified Persons that are Ineligible for Specific Sports/Events:**

If a person, otherwise qualified to enter the WSPFG, enters a sport or event, which he/she is ineligible, that person is immediately disqualified from all competition in the current WSPFG and shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If it is discovered that a team member, otherwise qualified to enter the WSPFG, has joined a team (includes Doubles), but is ineligible to do so, that team is immediately disqualified from competition, and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If another competitor, Team Captain or Coach allows a person to join the team, who is otherwise qualified to enter the WSPFG, but who is ineligible for that team (includes

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Doubles), that team's representative shall be immediately disqualified from all competition in the current WSPFG, and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### **E. AGENCY ELIGIBILITY:**

All eligible agencies must be specifically approved by the WSPFGF (see below). The WSPFGF may approve additional agencies, job descriptions and individuals if, after examination, it finds they qualify under the WSPFG eligibility rules. (Refer to the WSPFGF office or Eligibility Committee for a current list.)

#### **1. Approved Agencies:**

If an otherwise qualified Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter is employed by one of the following agencies or their equivalent, he/she is eligible to compete in the WSPFG. "Equivalent" means; any duly organized governmental sub-division such as municipal, county, state or national. Any agency or representative from an agency not mentioned below, meeting the requirements of a Police or Fire Agency as defined, may petition the WSPFGF for inclusion in the WSPFG.

- Municipal, County, and State Fire Departments
- Municipal and State Police Departments
- County Sheriff's Departments
- County, State & Federal Corrections Officers
- County and State Probation Officers
- County and U.S. Marshal's Offices
- Federal Fire Services (Civilian)
- District Attorney's Investigators
- Harbor/Port Police and Fire Departments
- State & Federal Bureaus of Narcotics
- State & Federal Departments of Fish and Game
- State & Federal Departments of Forestry
- State Alcoholic Beverage Control Officers
- State Highway Patrol
- State Investigators
- State Lifeguards
- U.S. & State Parole Agents
- U.S. Border Patrol
- U.S. Bureaus of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
- U.S. Criminal Investigators
- U.S. Customs Services
- U.S. Department of Commerce: Special Agents
- U.S. Dept. of Treasury Criminal Investigators
- U.S. Federal Bureaus of Investigation (F.B.I.)
- U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Services
- U.S. Postal Inspectors
- U.S. Secret Service Agents
- Accredited University & College Police

**2. Agencies and Classifications Specifically Excluded:**

- Military Police and Fire Departments (non-civilian)
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- Los Angeles County Fire Department Lifeguards
- Private Business Fire Departments
- Sheriff's Reserves
- Police Cadets, Interns, or Community Service Officers
- Private Security Services
- Private Paramedic Services
- Paramedics (without Firefighter status)
- Police Reserves
- Auxiliary Police
- Pre-employment Police Science Students
- Seasonal firefighters or Smoke-jumpers
- Municipal Corrections Officers (Except as specifically approved)

**SECTION III: ENTRY MATERIALS**

**1. ENTRY FORMS:**

The WSPFG “Entry Forms” are defined as the Sports Entry Form, General Release of Liability/Acknowledgment of Rules & Regulations Form (“Waiver”) and Team Roster Form, as well as the Entry Instructions page and Team Information page. Forms submitted by an entrant may be a traditional paper copies, or electronically created and stored if received through On-Line Entry.

**2. ENTRY FEES:**

The “Basic Entry Fee” and “Event Fee” will be established by the WSPFGF. The Basic Entry Fee is the fee charged one time to every entrant into the WSPFG. The Event Fee is a separate fee of a uniform amount, charged for every event entered, and is in addition to the Basic Entry Fee. Additional Sport Fees, as agreed upon, may be added to the Event Fee. Every event offered is designated by a unique 8-character Event Code in the Entry Book. The last 3 digits of this code represent the Event Fee (plus any Additional Sport Fee; see following).

**Additional Sport Fee:** If approved by the WSPFGF, an Additional Sport Fee may be charged to the competitor to offset Host expenses that exceed normal costs. These types of expenses may include required WSPFG Officials, extraordinary venue charges or costs paid by the Host for a round of play for each competitor. Examples of sports typically having expenses that exceed normal costs are: Bench Press (officials), Golf (greens fees), Bowling (lane fees), Shotgun (clay targets), Motocross (venue) and Tennis (officials/venue).

**3. ENTRY REQUIRED:** Every competitor in the WSPFG must qualify for entry under WSPFG rules and must submit a completed Sports Entry Form, General Release of Liability (Waiver), medical form if required, and appropriate Entry Fees, by the Entry Deadline.

**4. RETURN OF ENTRY FORMS:** All completed Sports Entry Forms, Entry Fees, signed Waivers, Team Rosters and other required documents shall be mailed, completed on-line or otherwise submitted to the WSPFGF Entry Processing Center prior to the Entry Deadline. The return address for WSPFG entries is:

WESTERN STATES POLICE & FIRE GAMES  
8304 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD, #107  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 U.S.A.

**The WSPFG Web Site for On-Line Entries: [www.cpag.org](http://www.cpag.org)**

A entrant who elects to submit his/her entry using a mailed-in Entry Form (or other paper entry) will be charged a non-refundable Administrative Fee of \$10 to offset staff expenses incurred to process that entry. This is in addition to any other fees (Sports Entry Fees and/or Late Fees). This fee will go to the WSPFGF.

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**5. ENTRY DEADLINE:** The Entry Deadline for the 2009 WSPFG is April 15, 2009. Entries post-marked after the Deadline date must be specifically-approved by the WSPFGF and the Host.

**6. ENTRY CHANGES/REFUNDS:** Before the Entry Deadline, any competitor who has submitted an entry is entitled to make additions or changes, including withdrawing, without penalty and will receive the appropriate refund. After the "No Refund" Deadline, competitor-requested additions or changes may be made if they do not affect other competitors adversely. A refund for a withdrawal is at Host discretion except in the case of a verifiable "Injury on Duty" or death of a close family member of the competitor.

### 7. MAXIMUM COMPETITOR LIMITATIONS

**Limits:** Venues or other Host considerations may limit the number of competitors or teams that may enter a sport or event. Should the Host desire such a limit, the WSPFGF and Host will review the criteria for establishing these limits. The Host will then submit their recommended limits to the WSPFGF for approval at the Rules' Meeting. If approved, this information will be printed in the Entry Book under the appropriate sports/events. Applicants in these sports or events will be accepted on a first come-first served basis.

**EXCEPTION:** A limited number of positions may be reserved where it is deemed beneficial by the WSPFGF to encourage specific groups to participate. (Example: female competitors in Golf, a popular sport that can fill quickly.) These positions, if not filled, will be released on a date agreed upon by the Host and the WSPFGF and filled from a first come-first served reserve list established by the WSPFGF.

SECTION IV: SPORTS

A. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING SPORTS

1. **CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:** All sports will be offered in one or more of the following categories: **Men’s, Women’s and Unisex**. Unisex may be further defined using the categories **Mixed** or **Coed**. Each of these categories will include an age division. If all categories compete together, the term **Open** may be used to denote an all-inclusive age division. “Open” may have other meanings. For example, if “Open” is used with other age divisions, it includes only ages from 18-29. “Open” may indicate the highest skill level, unclassified skill level or all-inclusive skill level and must so state. See “**Glossary of Terminology**”, (last page of these Rules).

2. **“CONTACT SPORT”:** Woman may not compete against men in contact sports. All contact sports include Men’s and Women’s events.

3. **AGE RULES:**

**AGE DIVISIONS:** In sports with 5-year Age Increments, Individual events may range up to “85 years & Over”:

Open	Age 18 - 29
Senior (A)	Age 30 - 34
Senior (B)	Age 35 - 39
Master (A)	Age 40 - 44
Master (B)	Age 45 - 49
Grand Master (A)	Age 50 - 54
Grand Master (B)	Age 55 - 59
Grand Master (C)	Age 60 - 64
Grand Master (D)	Age 65 - 69
Grand Master (E)	Age 70 - 74
Grand Master (F)	Age 75 - 79
Grand Master (G)	Age 80 - 84
Grand Master (H)	Age 85 & Over

Other Age Divisions may be used in both Individual and Doubles/Team events that reflect specific conditions in that sport. Refer to each sport’s rules for details of the age divisions offered. (See the Boxing rules for an age limit exception.) Common examples include:

	Open	Age 18 - 29
	Senior	Age 30 - 39
	Master	Age 40 - 49
	Grand Master	Age 50 & Over
(and/or)		
	Senior (B)	Age 35 - 44
	Master (B)	Age 45 & Over

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**AN AGE IN A DIVISION NOT OFFERED IS INCLUDED IN THE NEXT YOUNGEST AGE DIVISION OFFERED.** If Open Division is the only age division offered, then Open includes ages 18 & Over. If only Open and Senior (B) divisions are offered, Open is 18-34 and Senior (B) is 35 & Over.

### **ADDITIONAL AGE RULES:**

~ Age is determined as of the first day of the WSPFG. The first day of the WSPFG is defined as the beginning date of all competition in the WSPFG.

~ A competitor in the Senior, Master, or Grand Master Division may elect to compete in a younger division as long as this is indicated on the original Sports Entry Form. This alternative is not available to late entries. (See #5 below and "Competitor's Request for Changes", Section V.D.13, for additional provisions.)

**EXCEPTIONS:** In all Individual events in Cycling, Individual Track & Field events (including Pentathlon) and Singles Golf, competitors will compete only in the age division of their actual age. Other sports such as weight sports have restrictions on how many age divisions a competitor may drop; review individual sport rules.

~ A competitor may enter only one age division in an event.

**EXAMPLE:** A competitor who qualifies as a Senior may compete in Senior Singles or Open Singles, but may not compete in both Senior and Open Singles in an event.

~ A Team (including Doubles) may compete in any age division eligible to its youngest member.

**EXCEPTION:** In Golf (2 Person Team), the team shall compete only in the age division of its youngest member.

~ Late entries, changes or adds in Individual sports/events may only enter into sports/events in their actual age, skill or weight category. Exception: An approved late entry joining an established team may enter in an age division younger than his/her actual age.

## **4. OTHER ENTRY RULES**

### **DUPLICATE EVENT ENTRIES:**

~ A competitor may enter only one Doubles event with only one partner in any sport.

**EXCEPTION:** One same-gender Doubles and one Mixed Doubles event may be entered.

**EXAMPLE:** If a male competitor enters Tennis Men's Senior Doubles with another male competitor, he may also enter Tennis Mixed Doubles with a female competitor.

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~ A competitor may be on only one team in any event.

EXAMPLE: If “John” enters Rescue Race (2-person team) in Equestrian with “Sue”, neither competitor may enter Rescue Race with anyone else.

~ A competitor may enter only one weight division in any one event.

EXAMPLE: A Wrestling competitor who weighs 68 Kg. may compete in any one of the following events, but only one: Men’s Freestyle 69 Kg & Under, Men’s Freestyle 76 Kg & Under or Men’s Freestyle 85 Kg & Under.

~ A competitor may enter only one age classification within a weight division.

EXAMPLE: A Senior may compete in either, but not both, Senior or Open Men’s 82.5 Kg & Under in Bench Press.

In weight-class sports, an athlete may compete in an age/weight class other than their own, ONLY if this is so noted on their original entry or if moved by the WSPFGF to another age/weight class after Weigh-Ins due to a lack of competitors in the event originally entered.

### COMBINED AGENCY TEAMS:

**Combined Teams** are governed by all of the following guidelines. Combined Teams may be formed by actively-employed competitors from more than one agency representing Police and/or Fire within a state. This includes Doubles events, which are considered a “2-Person Team”. In theory, a Softball team could be comprised of competitors from as many as 20 agencies. **Competitors on Combined Teams must all be from within their state.** For the purposes of combining teams, the “state” of the agency is the state of the competitor, whether or not entrant currently resides in that state. Federal personnel stationed within a state may form teams with other agencies within that state; or may form teams composed solely of officers from their agency without regard to the state where personnel are currently serving.

**Retired Competitors:** A retired competitor may combine with any other entrant(s), from any eligible agency and from any eligible state.

**SPORT DIVISIONS (“A”, & “B” (& “C”, etc.):** These categories are normally formed during preliminary competition in an event, based strictly on the team’s performance. (Note: There are a few sports where the designations “A”, “B”, etc. have existing skill criteria, as in Bowling. See individual sport rules.)

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### POOLING: (Draw for Partner/Team)

The following Core Team sports are specifically excluded from Pooling, as well as several others, as noted under the Optional Sports section:

Baseball	Soccer
Basketball (5 x 5)	Softball (Slow Pitch)
Flag Football	[except Women's]
Roller Hockey	

### Entrant Requesting Pooling:

In sports that allow Pooling, a competitor may enter the "Pool" as long as they have entered into the WSPFG in another non-pooled sport/event. This typically occurs when a competitor has entered a sport in the Individual competition and does not have a partner/team for the Doubles/Team event in that sport, but wishes one. In sports such as Bowling, competitors that have entered Doubles, may Pool as a pair for the 4-Person Team event. Several sports employ different disciplines. (Example: in Triathlon there is "Swimming", "Biking" & "Running".) In such cases, entrants must identify their specialty(s), but are not guaranteed that specialty.

Submitting a pool request does not guarantee entry into that Doubles/Team event. There may not be an available team/partner. In this case, fees for the pooled event will be refunded. **A request for a specific partner in the "Pool" will not be considered.**

Enter pool play by doing the following:

- ~ Enter the WSPFG in any other sport/event.
- ~ Enter the Doubles/Team event you wish to pool in and pay the fees.
- ~ Check the request for "pooling" box/space on the Sports Entry Form or where indicated during On-Line Entry.

The WSPFGF Bracketing Committee, working with the Host, shall form teams of eligible competitors "at random". (Please note that in sports using age or skill categories these qualifications may be considered during Pooling.) Pooled teams shall be selected in the following order:

- ~ From the same agency;
- ~ From agencies within the same city or county;
- ~ From any competitors remaining in the "Pool" within the same state;
- ~ From any remaining competitors in the "Pool", regardless of state.

All Pooling must be approved by the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee until the Bracketing Committee Meeting work has been completed. After the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee has approved the sports' brackets, no further pooling requests will be accepted without specific approval of the WSPFGF and then only if it does not adversely affect the bracketing or scheduling in that sport/event. Generally, after the Bracketing Meeting, only WSPFGF Directors may approve Pooling in their assigned sports.

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**EXCEPTION:** A competitor who is left in the “Pool” after all pooling has been completed may be substituted on a previously entered, eligible team, which has lost a member for legitimate reasons before the first competition in that event. This may be done by the Host, only as described under “Substitutions”, Section V.D.16.

Pooled players can not be used to create or augment a team once the event has begun, when such changes or additions would not normally be accepted.

**Incomplete Doubles Teams/Teams:** Any competitor who has entered a Doubles/Team event and whose Doubles Team/Team is incomplete at the time of the Bracketing Meeting, may be placed in the “Pool” and assigned a partner/team when possible. Once formed by pooling, teams will not be allowed to alter their makeup to exclude a pooled member. If a late entry enters a Doubles or Team event which has already been completed by a “Pool” entry, that late entry shall not take the place of the “Pool” entry. The late entry may enter into the “Pool” and be assigned to a Doubles Team/Team, if possible.

### 5. COMBINE OR CANCEL AN EVENT:

**ROUND ROBIN (GROUP PLAY) BRACKETING:** If a sport/event is bracketed as a Round Robin (Group Play) tournament for either preliminaries or divisional placement (“A”, “B”, etc.) and **less than eight competitors/teams enter**, these seven or less competitors/teams will compete in a single group and the final standings will determine the medalists.

**SINGLE ENTRANT:** If only one person/team enters any sport or event, that person/team will be combined, when possible, in the next most reasonable category of the sport. If combining is not possible and the event (or age/skill category) is canceled by the Host with concurrence of the WSPFG Bracketing Committee, the entrant/Team Captain will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the WSPFG and all applicable Entry Fees refunded.

#### Exceptions:

**Competitor Option in Changing Divisions:** Entrants may elect not to be combined as indicated above. To exercise this option, the entrant must have so indicated in the appropriate area on the Sports Entry Form.

**Cannot be Combined:** In Individual events where an opponent is not needed to compete, if only one person enters and cannot be combined (i.e., only one entrant in the Open division), or elects not to be combined, the event will be scheduled. In Individual events requiring an opponent where only one person enters, cancel the event. **The exceptions are in sports with Weigh-Ins.** See “Cancellation of a Sports Prior to the End of Bracketing”, (See #6 below.)

**6. CANCELLATION OF A SPORT PRIOR TO THE END OF BRACKETING:**

Any sport or event may be canceled by mutual agreement between the Host and the WSPFGF, observing applicable WSPFG Rules. The Host shall be responsible for notifying all entrants and returning appropriate fees. Cancellations of any sport/event must be accomplished prior to the end of the Bracketing Meeting. The WSPFGF Bracketing Committee Chairman with the concurrence of the WSPFGF Director for that sport may represent the WSPFGF in making this cancellation. **Exception: In sports requiring weigh-ins where any entry has been received, events will not be canceled until weigh-ins have determined that no one is in that weight class.**

**7. LATE ENTRIES, CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:**

Entries postmarked later than the Entry Deadline will not be accepted unless an exemption is made by the WSPFGF and the Host.

The Host shall not make competitor-requested changes to an athlete's original entry unless the changes can be accomplished without affecting other events or competitors. All changes that are accepted must be relayed in writing, and in a timely manner, to the WSPFGF.

**Late Fees:** Any late entries, and all event additions/changes by previously-entered competitors, accepted later than one month after the Entry Deadline may be assessed a late charge. Late entries shall not be assessed more than \$25.00 USD. Late added/changed events shall not be assessed a late fee of more than \$10.00 USD per event.

If a WSPFGF rule allows a late entry, change or add or if a Host or WSPFGF data entry error creates an entry mistake, the Host will make every attempt to correct or accept the entry, add or change. The WSPFGF Policy is to protect the interests of both the Host and the athlete, and to follow the WSPFG Rules. If a conflict occurs between the Host and an athlete, regarding such an issue, the WSPFGF shall be involved to arbitrate the conflict, and, WSPFGF recommendations in these matters shall be followed. This applies to all phases of the WSPFG, including after Host Registration has opened.

Event changes or adds cannot be made at the sport venue. However, a relay team may change its composition provided all competitors are already registered on that relay team and in that event Age rules apply. See Swimming rules for restrictions.

When accepting late entries, changes or adds in Individual events, entrants may only enter into sports/events in their actual age, skill or weight category.

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Adding Late Team Members to an Existing Team: See information under “No Entry or Changes Once Competition Begins”, Section V.D.12, to differentiate between late arrivals who are already entered but not registered, and late entries. Late Fees may apply in situations cited below.

- For Team sports that do not allow Pooling (see list – Section IV.A.4):

Before the Coaches’ Meeting: A team member, listed on the Team Roster submitted by the coach/captain, may enter late to fill that position on the roster.

After the Coaches’ Meeting: A team member, listed on the final Team Roster submitted to the Sport Coordinator at the Coaches’ Meeting, may enter late to fill that position on the roster only before competition begins in that event.

- For Team sports that do allow Pooling:

Before the Bracketing Meeting: A team member, listed on the Team Roster submitted by the coach/captain, may enter late to fill that position on the roster.

After the Bracketing Meeting: If the team member’s position has not been filled by a pool player A team member listed on the roster after the Bracketing Meeting may enter late to fill that position on the roster only before competition begins in that event.

### 8. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES:

In any case where a Host's action or inaction causes a competitor to be unable to compete in any sport/event, the Host will reimburse all documented reasonable expenses that can be attributed to that competitor attempting to compete in that sport/event.

Example 1: If a competitor flies in on Thursday to compete in the Road Race, but the Host changed Road Race to Wednesday without timely notification to the entrant and competition is over, the Host pays his plane fare.

Example 2: A competitor wrestles on Thursday and stays over until Friday for his Track event. When he gets to the track, he finds the 1/4" spikes on his shoes, which had been specified in earlier Host information, are not allowed and he cannot compete in Track, the Host pays his hotel expense for the extra day.

### 9. NON-PLAYING COACHES AND TEAM CAPTAINS

#### NON-PLAYING COACHES:

In specific Team events (usually those with 6 or more on the Roster), the WSPFG allows the team to have one Non-Playing Coach (only). The WSPFGF recognizes two categories of Non-Playing Coaches: **Sworn/Paid** and **Non-Sworn/Not Paid** (or Sworn, but not paying Entry Fees).

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A Non-Playing Coach may be either gender regardless of the makeup of the team. All Non-Playing Coaches must complete a Sports Entry Form and sign the Waiver prior to the Captains/Coaches Meeting. Both categories of coaches may accompany their team to all venues available to the team.

**Sworn/Paid Non-Playing Coach:** Teams may enter a Sworn Non-Playing Coach who is eligible to receive a medal provided he/she meets the same requirements as all other entrants, submits a Sports Entry Form, pays Entry Fees and participates as a coach. Sworn Non-Playing Coaches will receive the same Accreditation (Participant Pass) as other team members. Sworn Non-Playing Coaches may act as Team Captain. (See following section, "Team Captains".)

**Non-Paying, Non-Playing Coach:** This category of coach may be either Sworn or Non-Sworn. Non-Sworn coaches do not have to meet entry eligibility requirements, do not pay Entry Fees, and are NOT eligible to receive a WSPFG medal. As with all participants, the Non-PAYING, Non-Playing Coach must be in good standing with the WSPFG. The Accreditation issued to Non-Paying Non-Playing Coaches shall be similar to, but distinguishable from, the athlete's Accreditation. Non-Paying Non-Playing Coaches may NOT act as Team Captain.

The following Core Sports allow ONE Non-Playing Coach (as do Optional Sports with 6 or more on the roster).

Baseball  
Basketball (5 x 5)  
Basketball (3 x 3)  
Flag Football

Roller Hockey  
Soccer  
Softball (Slow Pitch)

### **TEAM CAPTAINS:**

Any team comprised of 3 or more competitors allowed on the roster will designate a person to represent the team as Captain. The Captain must be one of the team members or the Team's Sworn Non-Playing Coach. The Captain's name will be listed on the appropriate space on the Sports Entry Form of each team member and on the Roster submitted by the Team Captain.

If there is a change in a Team Captain or if the named captain does not attend the WSPFG, another eligible team member must be designated Team Captain by that team. The Host must be notified of any change. If the Team Captain does not attend a game involving his/her team, an Interim Captain must be selected by the team to assume the Team Captain's functions for that game. The Sport Coordinator shall be notified of this by the Interim Captain.

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### Captains Duties:

- Submit and play an eligible team; including verifying that all players are eligible/qualified to play on that team in the WSPFG.
- Provide a complete Roster of team members with his/her entry before the entry deadline.
- Make sure the players on the Roster have successfully entered on the team by reviewing the list of entered players designating him/her as Team Captain; as provided in the Team Confirmation information (mailed or on-line).
- Receive and disseminate information from the Confirmation Letter and/or from the Host/WSPFGF. If there is missing information, a cancellation or changes in conditions, brackets or venues, the Captain will be the only contact for the team.
- Attend Captains/Coaches' Meeting and distribute pertinent information to the team.
- At the Captains/Coaches' Meeting verify the final Roster and if necessary reduce the number of team members to the maximum allowed ("Extra Entrants" provision, Section IV.A.10 ).
- Be responsible for making valid team Substitutions through Host Registration.
- Assume responsibility for determining the team's schedule and for the team's punctual attendance at designated times and venues of competition.
- Ensure that all team members follow correct check-in procedures at the sport venue.
- In specified sports, collect and turn over to the Credentials Official stationed at the venue, all playing, legal and properly registered team members' Participant Passes (Accreditation) before each game; and, recover them after the game.
- Provide a game line-up for game officials, as per individual sports rules.
- Ensure that all team members are properly attired while at sport venues and other official functions.
- Be available to the Sport Coordinator and Officials before, during and after play to make decisions on behalf of the team and to receive information and Official's rulings that affect play or the team's progress throughout the tournament.
- Ensure that team members do not participate in unsportsmanlike and unruly behavior at WSPFG venues.
- Be responsible for recording and submitting written Protests within 8 hours of the perceived occurrence.
- Be available to represent the team in case of Appeals, Protests or other inquiry by the Host or WSPFGF.

**Actions Binding:** All actions by Team Captains, Coaches (Sworn or Non-Sworn), Managers or Seconds on behalf of a competitor or team will have a binding effect on that competitor or team and will affect that competitor's or team's play, status or eligibility in the WSPFG.

**10. EXTRA ENTRANTS:** In all Team sports/events (i.e. Track & Field relays or Soccer), more entrants than the maximum allowed may submit Sports Entry Forms and fees. At the Captain/Coaches' meeting prior to the first competition, the Roster shall be reduced to no more than the maximum number allowed; and shall be submitted to the Sport Coordinator. In all cases the final roster shall be given to the Sport Coordinator by the Team Captain prior to competition in that sport/event (refer to sport rules). **NO REFUND REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**11. UNIFORMS:**

“Uniforms” are defined as the attire worn during competition. The following markings are permitted:

- ~ Agency, Association, Team identification;
- ~ Brand name manufactured into or onto uniform;
- ~ Competitor's name and number;
- ~ Tasteful advertising in a rectangular area not to exceed 4" x 9". The advertising may be either silk-screened or embroidered and shall be color complimentary to the uniform.

Any advertising or other markings on the uniform not considered tasteful or in keeping with the high standards of the WSPFG will be removed before the uniform can be worn. Anyone unsure of what type of advertising or markings will be allowed should contact the WSPFGF.

Other attire not worn as a uniform (example: T-shirts, warm-ups, jackets) may contain sponsor logos, agency insignia, etc. without regard to the requirements in the “Uniforms” section above. Any attire worn or displayed by any participant or spectator must be in good taste and in keeping with the good name of the WSPFG, the Host and Law Enforcement and Firefighting services. Violations may result in expulsion from the WSPFG venues and/or disciplinary action.

**SECTION V - HOST PREPARATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. CONFIRMATION LETTERS:**

When an entrant or Team Captain receives a Confirmation Letter, it contains two parts. The first part is the General Cover Letter, which is sent to every person who receives a confirmation. The second part is the sports-specific letter(s) for each sport entered.

The Host shall provide each entrant with a Confirmation Letter that confirms the entry information and outlines how to find out when and where his/her first competition is scheduled except in the following sports. In these sports, only the Team Captain will receive the Confirmation Letter.\*

Baseball	Roller Hockey
Basketball (3 x 3)	Soccer
Basketball (5 x 5)	Softball (Slow Pitch)
Dodge Ball	Tug of War
Flag Football	Volleyball Indoor
Paintball	

\* In Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays, the Host may elect to send the Confirmation Letter to the Team Captain only for the Team events in these sports.

The Team Captain's Confirmation Letter will list all team members that, to date, have completed the entry process and are entered on that team. The Team Captain will also receive a list of Team Captain Duties that includes verifying that all team members are eligible/qualified to play on that team in the WSPFG.

The Confirmation Letter shall:

- ~ Inform competitors of equipment and/or specialized clothing that they must provide. (This does not necessarily include uniforms normally worn in that sport.)
- ~ Inform competitors of rules and/or information on conditions peculiar to that sport, such as terrain for cycling or running events.
- ~ **Advise the competitor to bring and present at Host Registration, an I.D. card from their agency or a letter from that agency specifying the position, identity and status of the competitor.**
- ~ Instruct the competitor to bring the Confirmation Letter with them to the WSPFG.

**Sending Confirmation Letters Using the Internet:** If the competitor has agreed to receive his/her Confirmation Letter via the Internet by providing an e-mail address on the Sports Entry Form, the complete Confirmation Letter may be e-mailed to the competitor.

## B. HOST HEADQUARTERS

### 1. HOST REGISTRATION:

Each competitor and Federation-sanctioned Non-Playing Coach must register at the WSPFG Headquarters before the beginning of his or her competition. Competitors and Sworn (Paying) Non-Playing Coaches will be required to show current agency identification cards for verification of eligibility. Non-PAYING Non-Playing Coaches will use appropriate photo I.D. such as a driver's license. Competitors in Individual events and Team Captains should bring their Confirmation Letters. The Host will check to see if all fees are paid and Waiver has been signed. There may be additional information or verification needed (i.e. date of birth).

**Required Medical Forms:** For Martial Arts competitors, the Host will verify that a medical release has been submitted; or, in the case of boxers, a WSPFGF's "Report of Physical Examination" form has been submitted. If a medical release is required of a "Disability Retired" competitor, the Host will verify that the medical release specifically releases the competitor to participate in the sport/event entered.

When this is satisfactorily accomplished, the Host will issue the competitor or Non-Playing Coach their Games' Accreditation (Participant Pass) that lists all the events he/she has entered and may include a photograph of the participant. Competitors and Non-Playing Coaches must get their Participant Pass prior to being allowed to compete in any event. The Host will ask each competitor/Non-Playing Coach to verify that the events listed on the Participant Pass are correct. The Host will then inform the competitor to present the Participant Pass at all sport venues before every competition.

**No Photo on Participant Pass:** If no photo appears on the Participant Pass, the competitor or Sworn/Paying Non-Playing Coach will be required to produce both the Participant Pass and his/her agency identification card during every venue check-in. Non-PAYING Non-Playing Coaches will use appropriate photo I.D. such as a driver's license.

### 2. BRACKETING, SCHEDULING & RESULTS AREA:

The Host shall reserve space at Host Headquarters in close proximity to the Host Registration area for the "Bracketing, Scheduling & Results" area. **Host will direct the competitor to this area to receive required information regarding the sport(s) entered. Each sports initial brackets, scheduling, venue assignments and starting times and locations will be posted here prior to the opening of Host Registration.**

**3. BRACKET BOARDS & SCHEDULING DURING COMPETITION:**

The Host will maintain and keep current Bracket Boards at all venues of bracketed sports/events. If there are multiple venues for a sport/event, current brackets for all competitions in that sport/event will be displayed at all venues of that sport.

At the end of each competition, each day, any ongoing sport will post the next day's schedule including brackets, scheduling, venue assignments and starting times in the Bracketing, Scheduling & Results area. All sports/events that are ongoing or that have finished competition shall post standings or results from competition immediately after that day's competition in this area.

**C. HOST SPORTS' PREPARATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. SPORT COORDINATOR:**

The Sport Coordinator is the person selected by and representing the Host responsible for organizing the competition within a given sport.

**D. RUNNING THE SPORTS**

**1. BRACKETING:**

All Bracketing will use WSPFGF-approved Bracketing Forms. All Brackets will be finalized during the Bracketing Meeting and approved by the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee. [Exception: Weight-Class sports. See "Bracketing Weight Sports", Section V.D.7.]

All changes made by the Host to times, dates, venues, entries into sports/events or brackets must be handled in strict accordance with the WSPFG General Rules. If circumstances/changes require adjusting brackets after the Bracketing Meeting, the Host is responsible for such changes, using WSPFGF brackets and bracketing rules. Upon completion, a copy of the revised bracket will be provided to the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee Chairperson.

**2. SPORT VENUE CHECK-IN:**

Each competitor must Check-In at each sport venue before competing. This will be repeated each day of competition or each time the competitor returns to the facility for a new competition. In some sports/events, Check-In may be required before each competition; particularly sports/events requiring a Credentials Official. During Check-In, each competitor will show the Host-issued accreditation (Participant Pass). Failure to have or show this Participant Pass will prohibit participation until this requirement is satisfied. Competition will not be rescheduled or delayed if the competitor does not have his/her Participant Pass.

**3. CREDENTIALS' OFFICIAL:**

In all Team sports that allow a Non-Playing Coach, the Host will supply a Credentials' Official who will be present at each venue where these competitions are being conducted. **The Credentials Official is responsible for verifying that each player in each game is identified and properly credentialed (Participant Pass). The Credentials Official, through the Sport Coordinator, shall disqualify any team that uses or attempts to use a player without proper credentials or is using fraudulent or another's credential.** At Check-In or before each game, each team's coach/captain will present the Credentials Official with Participant Passes for all team members on the roster that are present and playing in the game. [Note: Players may present their credentials individually but the coach/captain must see that each player in the competition has presented their credentials.] The Participant Passes will be returned to the team's coach/captain immediately after each game unless there is cause to investigate the eligibility or conduct of a player. **Any team not fully complying will be considered playing with an ineligible player and therefore forfeits the game.**

**4. ON-SITE ENTRY ARE PROHIBITED (at Sport Venues):** Proper entry procedures must be followed in all cases. Competitors that have not properly entered an event may try to form teams at the sport venue, a Track Relay Team for example. "On-site entries" to compete, either for a medal or on a "Just for fun" basis, are NOT ALLOWED.

**5. ON-SITE REGISTRATION (at Sport Venues):**

In situations where the physical location of the sport venue is so far removed from the Host Headquarters as to cause unnecessary inconvenience to competitors, the Host may request On-Site Registration.

In sports with On-Site Registration, the Sport Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring that competitors are duly-entered in that sport/event and that all phases of the registration process have been completed.

Any entrant whose first sport has On-Site Registration and is also participating in another sport without On-Site Registration, must also register at the Host Headquarters' Registration to receive their Participant Pass to compete in the other sport(s).

**6. MINIMUM TO HOLD AN EVENT:**

Any event(s) originally offered in the Entry Book and having at least one entrant after the Bracketing Meeting, will be held and medals awarded regardless of the number of competitors that show.

If one competitor shows, he/she may receive an automatic Gold Medal. If the sport is one in which the competitor can participate alone (examples: Cross-Country & Swimming), then those that show must participate before being awarded the medal. In sports like Boxing or

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Racquetball, where an opponent is required to compete, no competition is necessary to receive a medal.

**EXCEPTION:** If only one competitor shows for an event, he/she may participate in that event for the guaranteed Gold medal. Alternately, the competitor may elect to give up the guaranteed Gold medal and move to a younger age (or heavier weight) division. The Sport Coordinator must approve and be able to accommodate the change; and, the sport's rules do not prohibit changing age divisions.

**EXAMPLE:** The Men's 100 Meter Swim has one Master (A) show and three Senior (B)s show. The Master may swim the 100 meters as a Master and get an automatic Gold medal, or the Master may elect to move to the Senior (B) event to compete. In this example, if the Master comes in last (4th), he receives no medal.

### 7. BRACKETING WEIGHT SPORTS:

In all weight-class sports, competitors will weigh-in before their events. At this time, competitors will be bracketed according to their actual weight at the Weigh-In. (In sports where the rules dictate, although in the final analysis this rule applies, a competitor must attempt to "make weight" during the Weigh-In process.)

When brackets are completed, competition will be held and medals awarded. In cases where there is only one competitor in a weight class, the competitor may remain in that weight-class and be guaranteed a Gold medal. Alternately, the competitor may elect to move into a heavier weight-class (never lighter than qualified for) that has one or more competitors and compete in that weight-class if the Sport Coordinator approves and can accommodate the change.

In Boxing, a competitor may move up only one weight class. In Bodybuilding and the Lifting sports, the competitor may not move but will compete at his/her weight regardless of the number of competitors in that class.

### 8. SEEDING:

Sports that make use of seeding in their brackets will obtain the seeded players/teams from the results of the previous WSPFG. Seeding will be done by or in conjunction with the WSPFG Bracketing Committee at the Bracketing Meeting.

**Returning Teams:** In Team sports/event's brackets and where returning teams are seeded, a "returning team" is one in which 50% or more of the players are from the team that played in the last WSPFG.

**9. CAPTAINS/COACHES MEETINGS:**

The Captains/Coaches Meeting is restricted to 2 persons per team and is limited to the team Captain (or a team member representing the Captain) and the Coach (or another team member representing the Coach). These meetings are for Captains/Coaches, not for players. The time and place for this meeting, and a notice requiring attendance, will be in the Confirmation Letter.

A mandatory Captains/Coaches' Meeting will be held the day before competition begins in the following Core Team sports/events (and Host-selected Optional Sports that have 6 or more competitors allowed on the roster):

Baseball	Roller Hockey
Basketball (3 x 3)	Soccer
Basketball (5 x 5)	Softball (Slow Pitch)
Flag Football	

The Sport Coordinator, Assistant Sport Coordinator(s), and Head Official or representative should be present. The WSPFGF Director for this sport will be invited to this meeting. Each team in the competition will have their Captain and/or Coach or authorized representative in attendance to be eligible to compete. Final rosters of teams will be submitted to the Sport Coordinator at this time. Any "Extra Entrants" will be scratched leaving no more than the maximum number of entered team members on the final roster. New players will not be added to the roster or enter to play on that team after the Captains/Coaches Meeting. (See "Missing Competition", Section V.D.15, regarding late Registration.)

Rules, procedures, responsibilities, conduct, penalties and etiquette will be discussed. Any changes in schedules, bracketing or venues will be announced and shall not be changed thereafter without the agreement of the Host and the WSPFGF. Officials will be introduced. Their role, responsibilities and authority will be reviewed. Any sport's rule changes will be discussed.

**10. MANDATORY ADVANCE REGISTRATION:**

If the Host notifies entrants in the Entry Book and Confirmation Letter that "registration" is mandatory before a designated time in advance of competition, competitors not fulfilling that requirement are disqualified from that competition. The Host shall only require mandatory advance registration when registration immediately before a sport/event would be impossible or disruptive due to the hours the Registration Area is open, the starting time of the sport/event (including Mandatory Meetings) and/or anticipated travel time to the sport/event venue. If a competitor is disqualified for a violation of this rule but is able to successfully register and check-in before his/her competition or mandatory meeting, they may only be reinstated by the Sport Coordinator or the WSPFGF Director for that sport.

**11. ORIENTATION & MANDATORY MEETINGS:**

In all sports other than those with Captains/Coaches' Meetings, there will be Competitor Orientation before competition begins. This may be a meeting the day before or the day of competition and will follow the same guidelines as the Captains/Coaches' Meeting. In some cases, in lieu of a meeting, the information may be written and handed out in the Bracketing, Scheduling & Results area at Host Headquarters.

**Missing a Mandatory Meeting:** If sport rules designate a Coaches/Captains Meeting or a competitor meeting as mandatory and if this is announced in the Entry Book and Confirmation Letter, failure to attend disqualifies the team or competitor from competing in that sport/event. A competitor/team that has been disqualified for missing a mandatory meeting may only be reinstated by the WSPFGF Director for that sport. Reinstatement will be predicated on the understanding that the competitor/team is responsible for all information disseminated at the mandatory meeting and that protests for violations of topics that were reviewed at the mandatory meeting will automatically be found against that competitor/team.

**12. NO ENTRY OR CHANGES ONCE COMPETITION BEGINS:**

**ONCE COMPETITION BEGINS IN AN EVENT, THE HOST SHALL NOT ACCEPT A NEW ENTRY, SUBSTITUTION, ADDITION OR EVENT CHANGE, IN THAT EVENT.**

A person may not enter after competition begins merely because they are listed on a Team Roster. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the individual in an Individual event; or, immediate disqualification of the Team (or Doubles team) in a Team event.

**13. COMPETITOR'S REQUEST FOR CHANGES:**

Competitors shall NOT be allowed to add events, classes or age divisions that were not originally offered in the Entry Book.

After the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee has completed the Bracketing Meeting, competitors shall NOT change their age division, weight class or skill level in a sport/event in which they are already entered. The Host shall not make any of these changes for the competitor unless the competitor is the only entry in the sport/event and then only at the competitor's request, placing the competitor in the closest appropriate age/weight/skill division to the original entry (where sport rules allow).

After the WSPFGF Bracketing Committee has completed the Bracketing Meeting and with the Sport Coordinators approval, a competitor may only add an event in an age division that corresponds to his/her actual age.

In all sports with weight-classes, once the WSPFG begin, no age category changes will be made by competitor or Host. If only one competitor shows for an event, he/she will compete at the age designated on the Sports Entry Form

**14. LATE COMPETITORS & SCHEDULING:**

Competitors will adhere to scheduling as published or referred to in the Confirmation Letter. **Sports, events, games and/or matches will not be delayed to accommodate late competitors.** Some sports have grace periods in the rules. Adhere to those rules.

**15. MISSING COMPETITION**

A competitor who has properly “entered” BEFORE his/her competition begins may “register” any time during the WSPFG. This situation is commonly seen in “large team” sports such as Soccer, where one or more entered players do not arrive before the first competition in the sport. (See exceptions under “Mandatory Meeting”)

A competitor who has previously “registered” but misses competition for any reason or a competitor who “registers” after their competition begins may continue in that competition if sport’s rule allow, with the following provisos. Disqualification from the event or forfeiture of a game/match for missing competition will not be changed. Competitors who miss competition will NOT be allowed to “catch-up” or complete a portion of their competition that has been concluded unless specifically stated in the sport’s rules. If a competitor has advanced in the bracketing by virtue of a forfeit or if a competitor’s team (or Doubles team) is still in the competition, that competitor may compete in subsequent competition in that event if sport’s rules allow. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the individual in an Individual event and immediate disqualification of the team (or Doubles team) in a Team (or Doubles) event.

**16. SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions must be processed through the WSPFGF or the Host. All substitutions must be completed prior to the start of the first competition in that sport/event.

Substitutions for Team sports/events must be made by the Team Captain, either in person or in writing. A complete Sports Entry Form and signed Waiver for the substitute and any service fees, if needed, must be submitted by the Captain or Substitute

Substitutions for Individual sports/events must be made by the original entrant, either in person or in writing.

All substitutes must meet the same requirements as the original entries. In sports with Competitor Limits, substitutions will not be allowed when the number of entrants in the sport has reached the maximum limit and a waiting list has been established.

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It is the responsibility of the original entrant, Substitute, and/or Team Captain to request the substitution far enough ahead of the actual competition to allow the Host time to meet its responsibilities.

The Host shall accept valid substitutions and apply fees paid by the original entrant to the substitute. If the original entrant has registered for, or plans to register for, another of the sports/events he/she has entered, then only the event fees for the substituted event will apply to the substitute and the substitute will be responsible for his/her Basic Entry Fee.

No late entry fee will be charged for valid substitutions. A service charge, not to exceed \$10.00, may be charged for all substitutions requested after the published "no refund" date. EXCEPTION: A Substitution resulting from a verifiable duty-related injury, which prevents participation in that sport/event, will not be charged a service fee.

In Team sports, the final Team Roster shall be submitted to the Sport Coordinator by the Team Captain at the Team Captain/Coaches' Meeting. Any player substitution accepted by the Host or WSPFGF after the meeting, but prior to the start of the first competition in that sport/event, will be submitted to the Sport Coordinator. **Proper entry procedures must be followed, including submission of an entry and paying any fees prior to the start of competition in that sport/event.**

### 17. OFFICIALS - CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

If a sport's rules allow competitors to be used as officials, they may not officiate games/matches that include competitors from their own agency. Competitors may not officiate medal round games/matches in which any competitor is in direct contention with them for a medal or record. If any Host-contracted sports officials are also law enforcement officers/firefighters (active or retired), they may not officiate contests involving members of their agency. Officials shall not officiate contests where they hold the record being challenged. When feasible, officials will disqualify themselves when a "conflict of interest" may be seen as the reason for a decision. (The Sport Coordinator, considering the continuity of play, must concur.)

If any member of the Host organizing committee or the WSPFGF should become involved in any conflict or protest as an athlete, they will immediately remove themselves from any decision making capacity regarding the occurrence. They shall take a neutral position until and unless there is an inquiry into the occurrence, in which case they will receive no preferential treatment but will be treated as any other competitor.

### E. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

A Medical Plan is required in all sports. If the sports' rules require a doctor, E.M.T., ambulance or other specific medical personnel or equipment, no practice or competition shall begin until such medical aid is present at the venue.

In any sport where a doctor is required at the venue, the doctor's decision that a competitor will not continue to compete for medical reasons will be final.

The Sport Coordinator shall suspend a competitor immediately upon being made aware of an injury resulting in unconsciousness, no matter how short the duration of unconsciousness. If medical personnel are present, they will interpret the information to determine its validity, otherwise the coordinator's personal observations or other credible evidence is required. The competitor who has experienced unconsciousness during any WSPFG activity shall not be allowed to participate in any further athletic activity involving the WSPFG until acquiring a written release from a licensed physician.

In case of serious injury or the death of any person in attendance at, or associated with, the WSPFG, the Host/Sport Coordinator will immediately notify the WSPFGF.

Any cost incurred for medical treatment for a competitor is at the competitor's expense. The Host should provide treatment for minor injuries at the venues at no cost to the competitor, but this is at the Host discretion and does not imply that further expenses for treatment are covered by the Host.

## **F. MEDALS:**

### **1. DESCRIPTION & USE OF WSPFG MEDALS:**

The official WSPFG Medal is designed and procured by the WSPFGF.

**WSPFG medals will be presented for athletic performance only, and will not be awarded for any reason other than for athletic performance.**

In all sports/events, medals are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Exception: Sport rules may have an overall category awarding only a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal. Sport rules may have a type of bracketing which may require the award of a fourth medal.

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS:**

In every sport/event, there will be a presentation of medals for all winners present. The Sport Coordinator or his/her designee will conduct the presentation. The presentation should be at the event venue and as soon after the medal winners' final competition as possible.

**EXCEPTION:** When a Protest is lodged that might affect the awarding of medals, the Sport Coordinator will hold those medals pending the outcome of the Protest.

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In Team events, an entrant must have physically appeared at the sports' venue as a competitor or team member to receive a medal. A person shall not receive a medal simply by virtue of the fact that they paid their fees and are listed on the Team Roster.

In case of a tie where a remedy to break the tie is not dictated in the sport rules, all tied competitors will be awarded the same place medal. The next place awarded will be as though all tied competitors occupied consecutive places. (Examples: If 2 players/teams tie for First Place, the next medal awarded is Third Place. If 3 players/teams tie for Third Place, all receive a Third Place medal.)

### **G. RESULTS:**

**1. Posting of Results at Host Headquarters:** Each day's results must be posted at the Bracketing, Scheduling & Results area as soon as possible after the conclusion of that day's competition.

**2. Event Venue:** Bracket Boards showing continuing competition must be kept current at each venue where the sport/event is being held. Competitors will rely on this information to Check-In at the correct time and location for their next competition. Each day's results should be posted at each sport venue for viewing by competitors as well as spectators. In Bracketed sports/events that continue to the next day, results **MUST** be posted promptly at each sport/event venue and the Host Headquarters Bracketing, Scheduling & Results area each day.

**3. Final Results:** Results from a sport/event are not final until approved by the WSPFGF. Final Results shall be published on the WSPFGF Web Site ([www.cpaf.org](http://www.cpaf.org)) and in the WSPFG Results Book. Final Results approved by the WSPFGF are the only "Official Results". All others, including results posted by the Host are "Unofficial Results".

**SECTION VI: COMPETITOR CONDUCT:**

**A. INTIMIDATION:** Competitors shall not be allowed to intimidate or influence a Sport Coordinator regarding rule changes. Taking a vote of competitors or otherwise obtaining a consensus of competitors' wishes to make rule changes is prohibited.

**B. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be condoned before, during or after competition. Any behavior that brings discredit upon the WSPFG, or Law Enforcement and Firefighting services in general, will not be tolerated. Any physical or verbal assaults on officials, competitors, spectators, coordinators or ex-officials will meet with immediate and the severest of penalty. (See Disciplinary Action, Section VI.I.) Unsportsmanlike conduct of non-competitor Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters or other supporters may reflect on their competitor associates and the competitor's continued participation in that Individual or Team event.

**C. ALCOHOL:**

Competitors are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during competition and alcoholic beverages are prohibited from the field or area of competition.

Spectators may consume alcoholic beverages, with the concurrence of the Host and the venue, as long as they are separated from the area of competition.

**D. UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY:** All persons who are associated with the WSPFG shall abide by all Local, State and National laws that apply to those in attendance at the WSPFG. Unlawful activity during this time will result in disqualification from competition and/or in the reporting of the activity. Unlawful activity may result in exclusion from all future WSPFGF events.

**E. DRUGS:** Controlled substances are prohibited from being used unlawfully by any person associated with the WSPFG.

**F. DANGER TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS:**

No participant may compete in any WSPFG sport/event "under the influence" of alcohol or a controlled substance. Nor may any participant compete "under the influence" of any drug or substance, and/or in a condition where his/her comprehension or alertness is obviously diminished, and where he/she may be a danger to himself/herself or others. If any of these conditions exist, the participant shall be removed from competition and an immediate inquiry shall be conducted by the Host, to include a written report.

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A report of such an incident must be immediately forwarded to the WSPFGF. The inquiry may result in findings such as the following; or other appropriate resolution:

**Unconfirmed:** Re-instatement into competition or voluntary withdrawal from competition.

**Confirmed:** Disqualification from competition; and, possible medical intervention and/or law enforcement intervention.

**G. GAMBLING:** No gambling of any kind will be permitted during the WSPFG.

**H. CHEATING AND SANDBAGGING:** Cheating and Sandbagging is prohibited.

### **I. DISCIPLINARY ACTION / INTERVENTION:**

The WSPFGF may impose Disciplinary Action on any person or persons under the auspices of the WSPFG for cause, and may take immediate action known as Intervention, for violations of WSPFG Rules, for reasons of safety or security or for inappropriate or unprofessional conduct not in the best interest of the WSPFG.

Allegations of Misconduct/Incidents that do not require immediate Intervention will follow the "APPEALS AND PROTESTS" section of the Rule Book or may be independently brought by the WSPFGF.

**1. Types of Discipline:** Oral Reprimand, Written Reprimand, Probation, Suspension and Permanent Disqualification.

**Oral Reprimand** is for incidents not likely to be repeated but requiring censure. This type of Discipline may be administered by one or more WSPFGF Director(s) or the WSPFGF Attorney. A record of this oral reprimand will be retained in the Incident file.

**Written Reprimand** is given/sent to the involved person(s) by the WSPFGF Attorney as discipline for incidents that require a behavioral change and/or if repeated, is cause for an escalation of discipline.

**Probation** is a conditional eligibility status which requires that there be no further incidents requiring discipline. Any like incidents will result in an escalation of discipline.

If a team (including Doubles team) is placed on probation; probationary status will apply to all team members, including the team captain and non-playing coach. Probationary status will follow each of these individuals into any WSPFG activities for the term of the probation.

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If a team is formed which includes participants currently on probation, that team is deemed to be on probation if any of these conditions exist:

- 1) The coach or captain is on probation.
- 2) 50% or more of the team members are on probation.

**Suspension** means a person or team is ineligible to participate. If a team (including Doubles team) is placed on suspension, the term of the suspension applies to all team members, Non-Playing Coach, and the Team Captain. Suspension may be administered for a game/match, multiple games/matches, an event, a sport, the current WSPFG or multiple WSPFG.

**Permanent Disqualification** is disqualification for life.

If an incident occurs in Team play and an individual team member (or members) is identified as culpable, the WSPFGF may impose Disciplinary Action on the team or only on the individual team member(s), depending on circumstances, as determined by the WSPFGF.

**2. Intervention:** Intervention, which is immediately necessary and intended to mitigate or quell an impending incident, may be administered by any WSPFGF Director and will remain in effect until reviewed by the WSPFGF. This type of Intervention will most often be a warning, an ultimatum, temporary suspension from play and/or temporary expulsion from the venue. Intervention affecting play will be reviewed as soon as practical by a panel of three or more non-involved WSPFGF Directors, who will reaffirm, modify or withdraw this action taken during Intervention.

Other incidents may require Intervention by the WSPFGF. These incidents may be brought to the attention of the WSPFGF by any means, including Protests from competitors or coaches/representatives, the Host (including Sport Coordinators) and other WSPFGF Directors or staff. These incidents will be reviewed by a panel of three or more non-involved WSPFGF Directors. After reviewing an incident, this panel may initiate Intervention.

As soon as practical, all incidents resulting in Intervention and/or requiring Incident Review for possible Disciplinary Action, will be documented in writing and routed to the WSPFGF Incident Review Committee. The Incident Review Committee will investigate and report to the WSPFGF in a timely manner all incidents brought to their attention. The WSPFGF will hold a Hearing(s) as set forth in the "Appeals and Protests" section and make a finding according to WSPFG Rules. The Appeal Process, timelines and notifications designated under "Hearing" shall be followed. An Incident file, to include all reports and findings of all such Disciplinary Actions, will be created, reviewed by the WSPFGF Attorney and retained by WSPFGF for a reasonable period past the term of any penalty imposed.

**J. APPEALS AND PROTESTS:**

**1. Appeals:** A proceeding by which a cause is brought before the WSPFGF for re-examination or review.

It shall be the policy of the WSPFGF that when any incident occurs in conjunction with the WSPFG where an action against a participant is pending and the nature of the action is such that immediate adjudication is not required, the recipient is entitled to a hearing before the WSPFGF prior to a finding being made.

Any action taken by a WSPFGF Director(s) or committee of WSPFGF, which is construed by the recipient to be punitive in nature, is appealable to WSPFGF.

**2. Hearings:**

If an incident occurs during the course of the WSPFG that causes or may cause an action to be taken, the individual(s) involved may be notified verbally or in writing and a hearing will be held during the course of the WSPFG to determine the disposition and possible penalties if time permits.

If an incident occurs during the course of the WSPFG which causes or may cause an action to be taken, but the individual(s) involved is unavailable, time does not allow for a hearing during the WSPFG, circumstances of the incident do not come to the attention of the WSPFGF or evidence is not available until after the close of the WSPFG, the individual(s) involved shall be notified in writing. Such notification shall advise the nature of the incident, date, time and location of the incident and persons involved, and that a Hearing into the matter to determine the disposition and possible penalties will be held at the next regular meeting. A special meeting may be held if the WSPFGF so determines.

If an incident occurs at a time other than during the WSPFG, the WSPFGF shall determine if such incident is an appropriate subject for a hearing and possible punitive action. If so determined, the individual(s) shall be notified in writing as in (B) above and a hearing scheduled.

In any of the above situations, if the WSPFGF determines that punitive or disciplinary action(s) shall be taken against any individual(s), such individual(s) shall be notified in person or by registered mail of the WSPFGF's intent and shall be given 30 days in which to request an Appeal before the WSPFGF. Such appeal may also be presented in writing instead of a personal appearance if the appellant so chooses. Failure to request an Appeal or submit an Appeal in writing within 30 days will result in automatic institution of the recommended action. Following a Hearing or Appeal, the individual(s) involved shall be notified as soon as practical of the disposition reached by WSPFGF and in all cases within 14 days.

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It shall be the WSPFGF's discretion as to whether or not an individual's agency Chief Administrator is notified of an incident involving a WSPFG participant.

**3. Protest:** A Protest is an objection lodged with an official, such as one against a player because of ineligibility. **Official's/referee's calls, consistent with the rules of the sport, are not protestable.**

All Protests must be lodged with the Sport Coordinator, or his/her designee, immediately after the violation is detected. If the Sport Coordinator or the group within the sport designated to hear protests, cannot resolve the Protest, the competitor will be allowed to compete "Under Protest".

**The Protest shall then be submitted in writing to the WSPFGF within 8 hours of the initial protest.** If the presentation of awards is affected by the possible results of the Protest, the awards shall be withheld pending the WSPFGF decision.

All individuals or team representatives shall be notified of all findings by the WSPFGF as soon as possible and in all cases within fourteen (14) days. All WSPFGF decisions are final.

**GLOSSARY OF TERMINOLOGY:**

**Bracketing:** Establishing which competitors/teams will compete with or against other competitors/teams according to the requirements of the sport. (See Section V.D.1)

**Check-In:** When a registered competitor has arrived at a sport venue and presented his/her correct Participant Pass, which shows that sport/event and other documents that may be required in that sport. (For team check-in, see Credentials Official, Section V.D.4)

**Contact Sports:** Boxing, Kumite Karate, Judo, and Wrestling are contact sports. Women may NOT compete against men in contact sports.

**Entered:** When an applicant has successfully submitted the required documents and fees for entry into the WSPFG.

**Event:** A sub-category within a sport; gender, age, weight, skill categories and individual, doubles, team or any combination of these, where a medal can be awarded.

**Mixed Event:** In Mixed Team and Doubles events, both male and female team members are required. The number or limits of each gender may be specified within the sport's rules.

“Co-Ed” events are a form of Mixed events, where there are generally an equal number of female and male competitors on a team. (See Sport Rules.)

**Registered:** When an entrant has successfully completed the Host Registration process and has received accreditation. (Participant Pass).

**Returning Team:** If 50% or more of the players on a team are returning players from a team in a past WSPFG, the team is considered a returning team.

**Seeding:** Placing past winners in predetermined positions in the brackets to avoid the proven successful players/teams competing against each other until late in the play-offs.

**Unisex Event:** In Unisex events, entrants may be all male, all female, or any combination thereof. In Team sports, there is no requirement for a specific number (or team make-up percentage) of either gender. In Unisex events, men and women will compete together as a team or as opponents.