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2018 Sunshine State Games Feature 30+ Sports for Florida Amateur Athletes

TALLAHASSEE – The 2018 Sunshine State Games Schedule of Events features more than 30 sports in 19 different Florida communities. Now in its 39th year, the Games are an Olympic-style sports festival offering Floridians of all ages the opportunity to compete in a wide variety of sports.

Competition begins this weekend with the Sunshine State Games Dominoes Championship in North Lauderdale. The schedule picks up again in April, with competition running through November. The busiest schedule will be between May 18 and July 1, when events will be held in six of the seven weekends during that time.

“The Sunshine State Games are played at some of the finest athletic venues the state has to offer,” said Florida Sports Foundation President Angela Suggs. “Athletes might compete indoors at spacious and state-of-the-art facilities. Or they might test themselves outdoors on our pristine waters, beautiful grass fields or well-maintained courts.”

The Sunshine State Games began in 1980 as an opportunity to give amateur athletes a starting point on their way to national and international competitions, including the Olympic Games. In 2016, three Floridians – Ryan Lochte, Ashleigh Johnson and Angelica Delgado – participated in the Olympics after beginning their journey at the Sunshine State Games. Lochte, from Daytona Beach, won a gold medal in swimming. Johnson, from Miami, won gold as the goalkeeper for the U.S. water polo team. And Delgado, also from Miami, was a member of the U.S. Olympic judo team.

For further competition and registration information about the 2018 Sunshine State Games Calendar of Events, please visit www.sunshinestategames.com, send an email to games@flsports.com, or call toll-free 1-866-FL-GAMES (354-2637).

The Sunshine State Games are presented annually by the Florida Sports Foundation, a Division of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the state’s lead sports promotion and development organization.

2018 Sunshine State Games Calendar of Events

Schedule Subject to Change

February 3, 2018

Sunshine State Games Dominoes Championship, *Somerset Prep Academy Charter, North Lauderdale, Florida*

April 1, 2018

Sunshine State Games Artistic Roller-skating Championships, *Semorán Skateway, Casselberry, Florida*

April 14-15, 2018

Sunshine State Games – AAU Volleyball Super Regional, *Estero Recreation Center and Wa-Ke-Hatchee Park Recreation Center, Lee County, Florida*

May 18-20, 2018

Sunshine State Games – Spring Festival, *Pasco County, Florida*

Sports offered: – Figure Skating, Rugby

May 19-20, 2018

Sunshine State Games Basketball Championships, *Alachua County, Florida*

May 19-20, 2018

Sunshine State Games – Lacrosse Championship, *Pine Trails Park, Parkland, Florida*

June 2-3, 2018

Sunshine State Games – Manatee –Sarasota County Festival, *Manatee-Sarasota County, Florida*

Sports offered: Paddling Marathon, Paddling Sprint, Ultimate, Weightlifting

June 8-10, 2018

Sunshine State Games –Alachua County Festival, *Alachua County, Florida*

Sports offered: Archery, Swimming

June 8-10, 2018

Sunshine State Games – Synchronized Championships, *Southwest Pool, Largo, Florida*

June 16-17, 2018

Sunshine State Games – Summer Games, *Charlotte County, Florida*

Sports offered: Baton Twirling, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo, and Track & Field

June 16-17, 2018

Sunshine State Games Fencing Championships, *The Long Center, Clearwater, Florida*

June 16-17, 2018

Sunshine State Games Powerlifting Championships, *Highland Recreation Center, Largo, Florida*

June 16-17, 2018

Sunshine State Games Table Tennis Championships, *Simpson Recreation Center, Lakeland, Florida*

June 22-24, 2018

Sunshine State Games Water Polo Championships, *Coral Springs and Pompano Beach, Florida*

June 30- July 1, 2018

Sunshine State Games Badminton Championships, *Shula's Athletic Club, Miami Lakes, Florida*

September 28-30, 2018

Sunshine State Games – International Beach Games, *Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater, Florida*

Sports offered: Beach Powerlifting, Beach Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Beach Weight Throw, Beach Wrestling, Highland Games, Open Water Swim

September – November, 2018

Sunshine State Games Sport Shooting Festivals, *Hernando Sportsmans Club, Volusia Hunt & Gun Club, Hollywood Rifle & Pistol and Sarasota Military Academy*

November 3-4, 2018

Sunshine State Games Lacrosse Fall Classic, *Location TBD*



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