



Competitors

The National Veterans Golden Age Games are open to all military veterans, 55 years of age or older, who are receiving inpatient or outpatient care at a VA medical facility. The twelve events are divided into six age categories. Many of the events have divisions for wheelchair, visually impaired and female athletes.

History

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is an outgrowth of the Department of Veterans Affairs historic involvement in geriatric programs. Many of the events began as recreational activities at VA Medical Centers and Nursing Home Care Units across the United States.

Inspired by the health and fitness movement for America's senior citizens, the National Veterans Golden Age Games extends that concept to America's aging heroes. From a small start in 1985, the National Veterans Golden Age Games have grown to nearly 600 athletes competing for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

**All of the events
are open to the public.**

Information

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Athlete registration for the 2008 Games is expected to reach 650 participants, making this the nation's largest senior sporting event for veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs along with its co-sponsors is proud of the NVGAG and is dedicated to making this national program the premier senior sporting event in the United States.

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22nd National Veterans Golden Age Games



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Mission

The National Veterans Golden Age Games promote rehabilitation, wellness and camaraderie through athletic competition. The spirit of the games inspires each athlete to achieve their personal best for a lifetime.



Background

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is a program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Location

Come to Indianapolis to experience not only the excitement of the Games, but explore Indianapolis and what it has to offer. Compete in first class sports venues like the Major Taylor Velodrome, IUPUI Natatorium and the PGA Championship-Caliber Coffin Golf Course. Experience a self



guided three mile Veterans Memorial Walk, where you can visit eight impressively designed memorials to veterans. Enjoy our many attractions including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the NCAA Hall of Fame and a world class Zoo. Plenty of restaurants, shopping

and night life are just a few steps from your hotel in the heart of the city.



Purpose

The fundamental purpose of the National Veterans Golden Age Games is to improve the quality of life for all older veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. This event truly reflects the VA's mission to provide quality programs and

health care for America's aging veteran population. It is the most progressive and adaptive rehabilitative senior sports program in the United States and in the world.

The Indianapolis VA Medical Center is proud to host the 22nd National Veterans Golden Age Games. The week long event will feature five days of exciting competition, rewarding experiences and an opportunity to enjoy many of the first rate sports venues, which makes Indianapolis known as the "Amateur Sports Capital of America".



Competitive Events include

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| Swimming | Golf |
| Horseshoes | Checkers |
| Air Rifle | Croquet |
| Shuffleboard | Bicycling |
| Nine Ball | Bowling |
| Table Tennis | Dominoes |
| Discus | Shot put |

