## Senior Games Liaison Report Mike Whaley August 2020

1. The 2022 State Games of America will be held July 27-31, 2022.

The Iowa Games, in collaboration with, Iowa State University, Ames Convention announced that the 2021 State Games of America will be moved to 2022. The rescheduling of the event comes in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused many state games to cancel or modify their games this 2020 summer.

Over 30 state games from across the country serve as qualifying events for the State Games of America. The Olympic-style competition brings together medalists from other state games. The 2022 State Games of America will be held in conjunction with the Summer Iowa Games. An estimated 6,000 out of state athletes are expected to join the nearly 13,000 Iowa Games participants. Athletes from qualifying states must receive or have received a gold, silver or bronze in their state games in 2019 (after July 1), 2020, 2021 and 2022 (before July 1). Any medalists from the 2019 State Games of America are eligible to compete in 2022 if they participate in their respective state games between July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2022.

## 2. The 2020 Florida State Senior Games

The Florida Sports Foundation is currently in planning for the 2020 Florida Senior Games Swim Meet. As of early May, Florida's Senior Games Swim Meet will be held at the Coral Springs Aquatic Center, Saturday, 5 & 6 December. The Meet Referee will be Silkie Labie, from Tallahassee. Meet specifics will be announced as plans solidify and are announced by the FSF Events Coordinator.

## Qualification and Registration Period

If a state qualifying senior games is able to conduct specific sports/events in 2020, the qualification standards for the sports/events as specified in the 2021 NSGA Rulebook will determine qualifiers. In addition, athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will also qualify in the respective sports/events for the National Senior Games in 2021 (i.e., qualifiers from 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).

If a state qualifying senior games is unable to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2017 National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL and/or 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will qualify in the respective sports/events for the 2021 National Senior Games (i.e., qualifiers from 2016 and/or 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).

An Open Registration period will also be offered to athletes age 50+, who were unable to attend or qualify at a state senior games in 2020. This will follow the Priority Registration Period.

## 3. The 2021 National Senior Games (NSGA)

2021 National Senior Games plans remain unchanged: November 5-18, 2021, held in the Ft. Lauderdale area. NSGA is analyzing potential impacts on State Senior Games and the qualifying process for the 2021 National Senior Games. The NSGA is reviewing several potential scenarios and considering many factors. If the situation requires that changes are made to the current qualification process, NSGA will continue regular communications with State Senior Games to share information to athletes.