



## July 30-August 2 – Colorado Springs

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The **State Games of America** is the premier national multi-sport event for athletes of all ages and abilities held every biennium, under the banner of the **National Congress of State Games**. Medal winners from 49 State Games nationwide earn the right to compete against other winners and match their skills and competitive desire in a national arena.

The 2009 edition marks the third time that Colorado Springs has hosted the national event, with the city hosting the games in 2005 and 2007 with record numbers of athletes. Other host cities have included Hartford, CT and St. Louis, MO.

The State Games concept was developed in New York in 1978 with the Empire State Games. Annually, more than 500,000 athletes compete in State Games nationwide. State Games feature various sports from the Olympic and Pan American Games programs, as well as sports that have regional popularity within each state.

Organized and managed by the **Colorado Springs Sports Corporation**, the **2009 State Games of America** will be combined with Colorado's **Rocky Mountain State Games** and will take place **July 30 – August 2** in Colorado Springs and along the Front Range.

The **U.S. Air Force Academy** will be the primary venue with competition also taking place at the **U.S. Olympic Training Center**, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs World Arena, Colorado College and other venues in Colorado Springs. Participation in the **2009 State Games of America** is expected to reach **10,000 athletes** and involve more than **1,200 volunteers**.

### **Sports for the 2009 State Games of America (31) include**

- 5K Run/Walk
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Billiards
- BMX
- Bowling
- Cycling
- Diving
- Field Hockey
- Figure Skating
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Inline Hockey
- Judo
- Karate
- Powerlifting
- Racquetball
- Rock Climbing
- Shooting
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Triathlon
- Volleyball
- Weightlifting
- Wrestling

In 2007, a record 10,800 athletes participated in the SGA with competition taking place in 29 sports. The primary venue for the State Games of America was the United States Air Force Academy with competition also taking place at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs World Arena, Fort Carson, Colorado College and other venues in Colorado Springs.

Athletes May register at [www.StateGames.org](http://www.StateGames.org) or call  
(719) 634-7333, ext. 1000 for more information. Or visit the Sports Corp at  
[www.thesportscorp.org](http://www.thesportscorp.org)