



**2024-2026**

**Sunshine State Games**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**



## History of Sunshine State Games

First created in 1980 as only a Summer Festival, the Florida's Sunshine State Games has become the nation's oldest State Games and is Florida's largest and longest standing multi-sport festival. For over 40 years, Florida's amateur athletes of all ages have participated in Florida's Sunshine State Games and while most athletes come from Florida, athletes from around the country compete as well. In supporting the state of Florida, the games' event are hosted in various local Florida communities.



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## Previous Sunshine State Games

- 2015 – Broward, Palm Beach, & Sarasota-Bradenton
- 2016 – Broward, Palm Beach, Sarasota-Bradenton
- 2017 – Clermont, Manatee, Palm Beach
- 2018 – Alachua, Bradenton-Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee
- 2019 – Alachua, Broward, Leon, Sarasota, Manatee
- 2020 – Broward, Manatee
- 2021 – Alachua, Clay, Polk



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## Sunshine State Games Fast Facts

- On average, Florida's Sunshine State Games participants bring just over one person with them to the event.
- On average, out of town participants stay for over 2 days to compete in the Games.
- The Games will generate approximately 200 - 400 room nights for the host community.
- Based upon a participation projection of 11,000 the total direct economic impact for the host community is \$9.5 million.



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## Host Community Requirements

- The financial obligation of the host shall include all venue and security expenses.
- The Host Community is responsible for initial contact with all facilities.
- The Host Community shall assist the Foundation with the distribution of requests for proposals to area hotels in order to secure athlete and staff room blocks and rates.
- The Host Community shall provide or identify a volunteer coordinator to assist with the local recruitment / coordination of volunteers.
- Support from a local medical provider(s) to assist in the organization and recruitment of medical personnel at no cost to the Foundation.
- Support from local municipalities or County to provide security for the Games at no cost to the Foundation.
- Host Community shall assist in identifying potential local in-kind partners for hospitality and other Game's needs.



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## Sports Offered

- Archery
- Artistic Swimming
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Baton Twirling
- Bowling
- Canoe/ Kayak
- Disc Golf
- Fencing
- Figure Skating
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Judo
- Lacrosse
- Pickleball
- Rowing
- Softball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Track & Field
- Ultimate
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

**Note:** Additional sports can be hosted.



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## Sports



### Archery

- 25 targets
- Large Open Field



### Artistic Swimming

- One (1) 70' x 60' pool with at least 30' - 35' at 9-13 depth



### Badminton

- Large Gymnasium with high ceilings



### Basketball

- Gymnasium with hardwood floors
- Six regulation courts



### Baton Twirling

- Gymnasium with high ceilings and seating



### Bowling

- Full-service bowling enter with 60 lanes



### Canoe/Kayak

- Canoe/Kayak Sprints
- Canoe/Kayak Marathon



### Disc Golf

- Sanctioned course



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## Sports



### Fencing

- Large gymnasium or 150" x 150" space



### Figure Skating

- Two-rink facility



### Golf

- Two 9-hole championship courses



### Ice Hockey

- Two-rink facility



### Lacrosse

- Regulation Lacrosse field



### Pickleball

- Eight regulation pickleball courts



### Rowing

- Protected waterway, 1500m course; 80m (width) with appropriate depth.



### Softball

- Eight regulation fast-pitch softball fields



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## Sports



Swimming

- One regulation swimming pool with 8 lanes



Table Tennis

- Large gymnasium or 100x100 space



Taekwondo

- Large gymnasium or 100x100 space



Track & Field

- Eight lane regulation track
- Synthetic surface with field event space



Ultimate

- 6- 8 regulation ultimate fields 130 yards x 40 yards



Volleyball

- Gym with 8 courts available



Water Polo

- Three regulation Water Polo courses with appropriate equipment



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# Request for Proposal Calendar



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