



Tennessee Police & Fire Games

Generally, the rules for each event will be similar to those adopted by the World Police and Fire Games. There are some exceptions, and the rules will be available at the TNPFGB Headquarters and the Host Hotel during the Games.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Tennessee Police and Fire Games is to encourage and promote a closer bond among members of federal, state, county and local police and firefighting agencies through athletic competition. Also, to improve community relations and encourage, promote and maintain a high standard of physical and mental well being of all participants who compete in these events. The Tennessee Police and Fire Games was established in 1980 in Nashville, TN.

CONDUCT

Un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time. Any competitor displaying such behavior will be subject to sanctions determined by the board of directors. Any physical or verbal assaults upon any official, competitor, spectator, event coordinator, or director will result in immediate dismissal from the Games. Depending upon the severity of the incident, dismissal may be for life, and the offending party may be referred to his or her department for disciplinary action, and the local authorities for prosecution. It is necessary for each participant and spectator to conduct him or herself appropriately at all times. The Board of Directors will determine if a refund is to be granted, and their decision is final. If an event is cancelled due to any such incident, all other competitors entry fees will be refunded.

ELIGIBILITY -*Eligibility is limited to the following:*

Sworn Division

- Active, or retired sworn law enforcement officers from federal, state, county, or local agencies.
- Active, or retired certified firefighters or EMS personnel from federal, state, county, or local agencies.
- Active duty United States military personnel.

Civilian Division

- Civilian employees of a federal, state, county, or local law enforcement or firefighting agency.
- Reserve-Auxiliary Law Enforcement / Volunteer Firefighter / National Guard-Military Reservist
- Friends and Family of public safety entrants.

In addition to the above:

- Law Enforcement officers must have completed an approved academy, and have at least three (3) months service (including training time).
- All firefighters must be full-time, certified firefighters or EMTs that work for a government agency.

PARTICIPATION

- There must be at least three (3) competitors per event, for an event to be held. This also applies to age and weight divisions, if applicable. If there are insufficient entries for a division/event, the entrant will be given the option of competing in the next higher division/class. It may be necessary in certain cases to combine or redefine certain divisions to evenly distribute all competitors. *Older participants may compete in a younger division, but younger participants may not compete in divisions above their age range.*
- Competitors may compete in as many events as they wish. However, it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have no scheduling conflicts. Any competitor who is late for an event because of scheduling conflicts will not be permitted to make up the event and will forfeit the entry fee.
- There are generally no restrictions on women competing in men's events, but men may not compete in women's events. In most events, there are separate male and female divisions.
- Protests shall be made known to the event coordinator immediately after or during the event. If the event coordinator cannot satisfactorily resolve the protest, the competitor may submit a written request to the Board of Directors for a determination. This request must be submitted within one hour of the conclusion of the event. The Board's decision is final.

REGISTRATION

- All competitors must register at the Police & Fire Games Headquarters no later than 2 hours prior to their first event. The Police & Fire Games Headquarters is located at the host hotel. Competitors who fail to register at the headquarters will not be allowed to compete and will forfeit their registration and event fees.

Registration Fees

- There is a \$10.00 per person registration fee. Each competitor is required to pay this registration fee in addition to any event fees. Each competitor is required to complete and sign a registration form and waiver.

Registration Deadline

- All entries are due by June 10, 2009. A \$10.00 per application late charge for entries received after this date applies. Applications and waivers must be filled out completely. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

EVENT CANCELLATION OR RESCHEDULE

- In the event of a schedule change or event cancellation, every effort will be made to contact affected competitors as soon as possible.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals will be awarded in each division/event based on the following: *There must be at least 3 competitors before an event will be held.*

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

First, second and third place trophies/plaques will be awarded to the department that accumulates the most points in their classification: Civilian and Sworn.

- Division 1 – large department – 201 or more sworn / certified personnel
- Division 2 – small department – 200 or less sworn / certified personnel

Point accumulation will be scored as follows:

Individual

- Gold - 5
- Silver - 3
- Bronze - 1

Team

- Gold - 15
- Silver - 10
- Bronze - 5

AWARD RECOGNITION

All awards will be given out 1 hour after each event at the host hotel