



# Dixie Games Fact Sheet



**What:** 2010 Dixie Games

**When:** Thursday, May 6th through Sunday, May 9th, 2010 (see tentative schedule)

**Who:** All junior and adult athletes with a physical or visual disability. Disabilities may include but not be limited to:



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| Spinal Cord Injury      | Spina Bifida         |
| Traumatic Brain Injury  | Cerebral Palsy       |
| Muscular Dystrophy      | Amputation           |
| Osteogenesis Imperfecta | Dwarfism             |
| Blind                   | Congenital Anomalies |

If you are unsure as to eligibility for this meet, contact the Meet Director.

**Sanctioning:** Athletics will be calendared sanctioned by the International Paralympic Committee through US Paralympics. Results for IPC licensed athletes will count towards rankings. All other sports are sanctioned by WASUSA.

**Events:**

- **Archery:** (for classes AR1, AR2, and AR3) Athletes are expected to provide their own bows and arrows.



- **Field Events:** Shot put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Club Throw; and Softball Throw - International Paralympic Committee Calendared Sanctioned

- **Swimming:** Short Course, Outdoor pool-6 Lane 25 yard length; Colorado Timing System



- **Table Tennis:** 8 Stigga Expert (wheelchair adapted) tables available. Open Singles and Open Doubles will be contest for classifications TT1-TT10

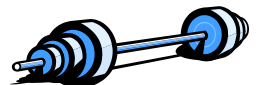


- **Track:** 8 Lane Mondo Super X surface 400 Meter Track made of the same material as the track used in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing with Lynx Timing System International Paralympic Committee Calendared Sanctioned



- **Weightlifting:** Power and Bench styles will be contested

- **Fencing:** contesting Epée and Sabre styles



**Where:** The Embassy Suites Host Hotel is located on the USF Campus which is approximately 16 miles northeast of Tampa International Airport. The All Peoples Life Center is approximately 5 miles from the Host Hotel. The Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex is located approximately 3.28 miles from Embassy Suites and 4 miles from All Peoples Life Center.

## Venue Sites:

### **Embassy Suites – USF**

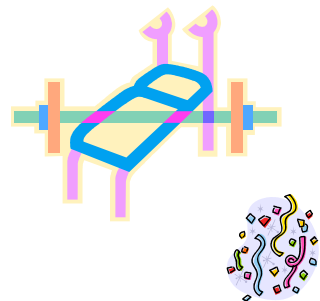
3705 Spectrum Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33612

800-EMBASSY or (813)-977-7066

www.embassysuitesusf.com

- ◆ Registration/Classification-Thursday
- ◆ Weightlifting
- ◆ Dixie's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash



### **Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex**

6610 East Whiteway Drive

Temple Terrace, Florida 33617-3215

(813) 506-6600

- ◆ Swimming



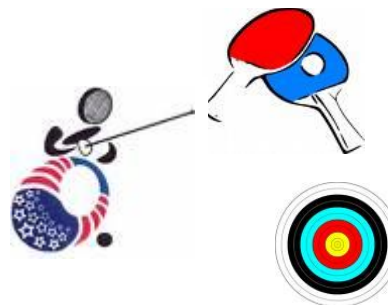
### **All People's Life Center**

6105 East Sligh Avenue

Tampa, FL 33617-9102

(813) 744-5978

- ◆ Day 2 Registration/Classification-Friday
- ◆ Fencing
- ◆ Field Events
- ◆ Table Tennis
- ◆ Archery



### **University of South Florida**

4202 E. Fowler Ave.

Tampa, FL 33620

- ◆ Track/Ambulatory Field-Javelin & Jumps



(All venues are subject to change before games)

### **Classification Format**

Each athlete will be classified according to his or her functional ability to allow fair competition between athletes with similar abilities. The adult international classification systems will be utilized. All athletes must have classifications minimally at the regional level to compete at the Dixie Games. Dixie Games will be completing **Domestic National Level Classifications** for Athletics, Archery, and Table Tennis with **Regional Level** only for Swimming for **USA domestic athletes only**. **All international athletes must have classifications to enter**. If you feel there is a change in your athlete's functional ability due to a change in medical status, you can complete the "**Request for Classification Review**" form included in this packet. All athletes needing classification must be classified during the scheduled time. Athletes needing classification will be notified via email. Athletes who fail to complete the classification process during this time will be scratched from those events where they do not have a classification.

Swimmers need to go through bench testing during registration/classification time and a water test **on Friday May 7, 2010 only from 11:00-12:30 at the Temple Terrace Recreational Center**. There will be **no exceptions** to this. Water test time will be assigned during classification.



## Registration

The registration fee is \$75 and will include the event t-shirt, competition entry fees for all events eligible to compete, Dixie's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash, and 2 box lunch meals. Coaches and parents/family can pre-purchase additional box lunches for \$10 per day as well as a ticket for Dixie's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash for \$10. **They must be pre-ordered so the proper number are available.** They will not be available to purchase during check-In. **The box lunches will be served at All Peoples Life Center.**



An **athlete summary** form to confirm your registration and what is missing will be emailed to you. With the exception of needing to be classified all items must be resolved by the registration deadline date **(postmarked by April 25, 2010).** **Late registrations will be assessed a \$30 late fee.** All athletes must be **checked-in** by 11:00 AM, Friday, May 7th or they will not be eligible to compete **unless prior arrangements have been made.** Athletes may be registered by their coaches if they do **not** need to be classified. Events will be heated based on classification, age division, gender and qualifying times. Due to limited numbers in some events various classifications and age group athletes may be heated together if qualifying times are competitive in order to expedite the running of the competition. However, placements will be based on classification, age and gender where applicable. Athletes can participate in a maximum of 7 individual swimming events with only 1 IM event allowed.

**When reporting to registration check-in coaches/athletes will be expected to verify by initialing each athlete's events, classification, date of birth, and gender. THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CORRECTIONS UNLESS IT IS THE ERROR OF THE LOC.**

## Junior Age Divisions

Competitive age for junior events is determined by the athlete's age by year of birth.



Division A – Under 11	Ages 7-10
Division B – Under 14	Ages 11-13
Division C – Under 17	Ages 14-16
Division D – Under 20	Ages 17-19
Division E – Under 23	Ages 20-22 with the exception Weightlifting is 19-23



## Medical Forms

**Everyone must submit** the attached **medical form** to be completed by the parent or athlete (if 18 years old). These forms will be provided to the staff covering medical.

## Dress Code



All athletes will be expected to dress according to the rules of competition. It is the **responsibility** of each athlete to know the dress code for each event in which they wish to compete. Failure to comply could result in possible DQ according to National Governing Body rules.



## Sport Rules

The rules for each US NGB will be enforced during all events. All competitors are expected to know the rules of each sport in which they compete. **The honest effort rule** will be in effect for the Dixie Games. In other words, if the Referee determines that an athlete intentionally missed an event without scratching the night before at the coaches meeting and does not have a medical reason for scratching, he/she can be disqualified from all remaining events in that sport.



## Equipment

Helmets will be required for all wheelchair track events for juniors. Adults are required for 800M and longer. Athletes will be expected to bring their own helmets for track; bows & arrows for archery; table tennis paddles, etc. All other equipment, such as field implements, and table-tennis tables will be certified and provided by the **LOC**. Athletes may use their **personal implements** for field events however they must be turned in to the trailer by 6:00 pm on Friday May 7, 2010 so they can be weighed and measured. **If the**

**trailer is locked, call Randy Chiavaroli at 727-271-6411.** They will then be available for all athletes to use in the specific field pit. They will not be returned until after the competition is over and the results verified in case it needs to be reweighed and measured for records.



### Protest

A protest procedure will be in effect for the **Dixie Games**. A **\$25 filing fee** will be required when submitting the protest. Protests must be submitted according to the appropriate sport rules. This filing fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld or the fee will be forfeited if the protest is declined.



### Conduct

The Local Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete from further competition for profanity, abusive behavior or other inappropriate conduct. Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco is to be used in the competition area by athletes, coaches, support staff, parents, or spectators.



### Awards

**Spirit of Excellence Awards** will be provided to one (1) male and one (1) female adult and junior athlete for each sport who displays exemplary vision, focus, commitment, persistence, discipline, and sportsmanship. Nomination forms will be available at the coaches meetings. Athletes will receive a certificate of official results at the end of the competition.



### Transportation and Equipment Storage

**Each team/individual will be responsible for their own ground transportation between the airport, hotels and venue sites.** Tampa is served by all the major car rental agencies. Storage of racing chairs will be available at the USF track during the scheduled warm up time pm May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm until the end of track the next day. Storage of seated throwing frames is available at All People's Center. This must be requested on the registration form so we make sure we have enough storage space available. Storage of competition equipment is at your own risk.



### Dixie's 30th Birthday Bash



Celebrate Dixie's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Embassy Suites on Saturday evening May 8<sup>th</sup> 8-10 pm. Join in the fun which includes pizza and Cesar salad appetizers, water/tea, cake, DJ with music, recognition of sponsors, and Sprit of Excellence Awardees. **You must have a ticket to attend.** This is included with the registration fee however non-registered coaches/parents/friends can purchase a ticket during **pre-registration** process for \$10.



### Weather Concerns



**Tampa could be hot in May!** Daytime temperatures can rise above 90 degrees during mid-day. Humidity levels can be as high creating very uncomfortable conditions. Bring a hat with you, limit your time in the sun, and drink plenty of fluids. The **LOC** will provide appropriate shade for staging and plenty of water. Some sunscreen will be available at the medical tent. Bottled water will be available at all competition venues. Head of delegations should plan to bring or purchase **shade tents for their individual teams.**



### Restrooms

Accessible restrooms will be available at each venue. Catheter bags are to be emptied in the restrooms only. Due to the heat and humidity athletes are expected to bag and tie their disposable hygiene items prior to disposing of them in the waste receptacles.