



## Sunshine State Games Overview A Guide to the 2005 Summer Games June 15-19, Broward County



### ARCHERY

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19. Competition starts at 8:30 a.m. both days.

**Site:** Ft. Lauderdale Archers

**Expected participation:** 31 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9, number will increase with on-site registration

**On-site Registration:** Day of competition Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 a.m.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Tim Austin, Gainesville/25 years as Sunshine State Games archery director. Austin also serves as the Florida Archery Association Secretary & Treasurer and is the National Field Archery Association Director.

**Featured returning gold medalist:** Kiley Larrick, 12, of Longwood. At the 2004 Games, Larrick won a pair of gold medals, and set Sunshine State Games records, in the Cub Female Olympic Recurve events with a score of 862 (of a possible 900) and a score of 1252 (of a possible 1440).

**Archery Sunshine State Games Moment:** At the 2003 Games in Tampa, Robert Redding, of Homestead, misses the Adult Male Freestyle record in the 900 Round by two points. His total of 890 (of a possible 900 points) comes up short of the record of 892 set by Jerry Farris in 1992.

**Archery Sport Fact:** Not all archery competition involves shooting at round targets. The Sunshine State Games offers 3-D events, an archery course where archers shoot at realistic three-dimensional animal targets. Scores are based on the location of shot placement. For instance a heart shot rewards the most points - 10. A shot just outside the heart area (the lungs) awards 8 points. Any hit on the target outside these two areas gets a score of 5. Hooves or horns count zero.

### BADMINTON

#### USA Badminton Florida State Championships

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19. Competition starts at 9:00 a.m. both days.

**Site:** Tamarac Community Center

**Expected participation:** 16 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Philip Ayoung-Chee, Coral Springs/5<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Badminton Sport Director

**Featured returning gold medalist:** Sunita Goel, Tampa, won the junior mixed doubles and women's doubles gold medals at the 2004 Games. In the 2005 Games, Goel, who played tennis and volleyball at Clearwater High School, will compete in singles and mixed and women's doubles events.

**Badminton Sport Fact:** While badminton doesn't have a large following in some countries, it is widely played in Britain, Denmark, Sweden, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea and several other countries. Britain alone has 4 million players, about 8% of the population. As a spectator sport it is very popular in the Far East. The badminton events at the 1988 Seoul Olympics were among the first to sell out, despite it only being a demonstration sport. The estimated audience for the 1992 and 1996 Olympic finals ran into the hundreds of millions, up to 1.1 billion in total.

## BASEBALL

**Competition dates and times:** Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19. Check schedule for Friday start time. Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

**Sites:** Broward Community College – 13U, 14U, JV, V; Cooper City High School 13U, 14U, JV, V; Cooper City Sports Complex – 13U, 14U, JV, V; Nova High School – 13U, 14U, JV, V; Nova Southeastern University – JV, V; Plantation Central Park – 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U; Sunset Park – 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U

**Expected participation:** 41 teams total. 8 and under: 2 teams; 9 and under: 1 team; 10 and under: 1 team; 11 and under: 3 teams; 12 and under: 6 teams; 13 and under: 4 teams; 14 and under: 7 teams; Junior Varsity: 9 teams; Varsity: 8 teams

**Complete schedules are posted on [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com)**

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Richard Blalock, Gainesville/10<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Baseball Sport Director

**Tournament Director:** Monty Williams, Gainesville

**Featured returning gold medal-winning team:** St. John's PAL Bullets, winners of the 14-and-under division at the 2003 Games in Tampa. The 14-and-under Bullets participated in the 2004 Games in Tallahassee but did not win a medal. Kevin Kelshaw, a spokesman for the St. John's County Sheriff's Department, coaches the Bullets team.

**Baseball Sunshine State Games Moment:** At the 1993 Sunshine State Games, held in Tallahassee, David Ross was a member of the gold medal winning Team Tallahassee baseball squad and took part in the torch lighting ceremonies. Upon graduation from Tallahassee Florida High School, Ross attended Auburn University and the University of Florida. He was a 7th round draft pick by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1998 and is currently a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

**Baseball Sport Fact:** Two former Major Leaguers have been involved with the Sunshine State Games in recent years. Last year, former Minnesota Twins and California Angels pitcher Doug Corbett, coached the Jacksonville Bandits to a gold medal in the varsity division. Corbett spent seven seasons in the Major Leagues between 1980 and 1987. At the 2002 Games in Palm Beach County, former major league catcher Steve Nicosia, who spent eight seasons (1978-85) with the Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants, Montreal Expos and Toronto Blue Jays, coached the Miami Waves 18 & under fast-pitch softball team. Nicosia's 15-year old twin daughters Traci and Nikki were members of the team.

## BASKETBALL

**Competition dates and times:** Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19. Check schedule for Friday start time. Competition begins at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

**Sites:** Nova High School; Nova Middle School; University School

**Expected participation:** 35 teams total. Boy's 10 and under: 3 teams; Boy's 12 and under: 3 teams; Boy's 14 and under: 9 teams; Girl's 10 and under: 1 team; Girl's 11 and under: 3 teams; Girl's 12 and under: 5 teams; Girl's 14 and under: 11 teams

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Richard Blalock, Gainesville/1<sup>st</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Basketball Sport Director

**Tournament Director:** Erick Baker, Gainesville

**Featured returning gold medal team:** The Seminole basketball team won the boy's 10 and under division at the 2004 Games in Tallahassee and return to defend their championship. In the women's division, Orlando's 14-and-under Girls Got Game, winners of the 2003 gold medal, returns to Sunshine State Games competition.

**Basketball Sunshine State Games moment:** A member of the gold medal winning 16-and-under City of Pahokee Team in 1996 Sunshine State Games, Anquan Boldin was named age-group MVP. He was later a member of the Florida State Seminoles football team and was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in

the second round of the 2003 NFL Draft. In his rookie year of 2003, Boldin was a Pro Bowl selection and led NFL rookie wide receivers with 101 receptions and 1,377 yards.

**Basketball Sport Fact:** The 2005 Summer Games basketball features athletes in the 14 & under division and younger. The Boy's & Girl's High School Varsity & Junior Varsity competition will be held in Gainesville June 24-26, 2005 as part of the Sunshine State Games Basketball Festival. As of June 9, 18 teams have registered for competition. For the 2005 Festival, the competition has changed as teams are guaranteed a minimum of seven scheduled games. On Friday and Saturday, teams will play within pools and then be seeded and assigned into A and B divisions and play a single-elimination tournament on Sunday.

## **BOWLING**

**Competition date and time:** Thursday, June 16. Squad 1 begins at 9:00 a.m., Squad 2 begins at Noon.

**Site:** Strikers Family Sports Center

**Expected participation:** 14 pre-registered, as of Thursday, June 9.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Willy Mitcham, Fort Lauderdale/1<sup>st</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Bowling Sport Director.

**Featured returning gold medalist:** Boyce Turner, 13 of Temple Terrace, won a pair of medals bowling in the 110-134 average group at the 2004 Games in Tallahassee. Since last year, his average has improved and Turner will bowl in the 135-159 average group.

**Bowling Sunshine State Games moment:** Following her gold medal winning performance at the 2003 Games in Tampa, Kimberly Roe, of New Smyrna Beach, is named one of YABA Xpress Magazine's Top 20 Stars. Roe won a silver medal in the 2004 Games in Tallahassee.

**Bowling Sport Fact:** More than \$6 million in scholarship money is offered to youth bowlers each season by bowling associations and councils, sanctioned tournaments and proprietors throughout the United States.

## **BOXING**

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18 & Sunday, June 19. First bout, 1:00 p.m. both days.

**Site:** Omni Auditorium-Broward Community College, North Campus

**Expected participation:** 4 pre-registered as of June 9. Nearly 100 expected with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Friday, June 17 only. 4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Dr. Frank Filiberto, Malabar/10<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Boxing Sport Director.

**Featured returning gold medalist:** None pre-registered. Should Mario Hayes, of St. Petersburg's 4th Street Boxing Club and Ocala's Javier Irving register on-site in Fort Lauderdale, they will attempt to win their third consecutive Sunshine State Games boxing gold medal.

**Boxing Sunshine State Games moment:** At the 1982 Sunshine State Games in Gainesville, a pair of 13-year old boxers, Roy Jones of Pensacola and Antonio Tarver of Orlando meet for the gold medal in the Junior Olympic 90 lbs and under open division. The two met in November, 2003 with Jones retaining the light heavyweight championship. But in a May, 2004 rematch, Tarver defeated Jones for the light heavyweight championship. Both competed for the U.S. Olympic boxing team, Jones in 1988 and Tarver in 1996.

**Past Boxing Athlete of the Year:** 2003 Male Athlete of the Year Samuel Valentin of Plant City.

## **CANOE/KAYAK – Official Barton Cup Qualifier**

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18, first race begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19, first race begins at 9:00 a.m.

**Sites:** Tradewinds Park – Sprints (Saturday); Holland Park – Marathon (Sunday)

**Expected participation:** 13 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9. Total will increase with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Saturday, June 18, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Tradewinds Park for Sprints. Sunday, June 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Holland Park for Marathon.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** John Edwards, St. Petersburg/17<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Canoe/Kayak Sport Director

**Featured returning gold medalist:** Robert Terbush, 73 of Tarpon Springs, won the K-1 Grand Vet with a time of 2:26.36 at the 2004 Games in Tallahassee. Terbush will compete in the Marathon Men Grand Veteran (70+), 500M Sprint Men Grand Veteran (70+), 200M Sprint Men Grand Veteran (70+) events at the 2005 Games.

**Canoe/Kayak Sunshine State Games moment:** Eight Canoe/Kayak medalists used the 2003 Sunshine State Games as a tune up for a 60-mile trip from Key Largo to Bimini eight days after the completion of the Games. Among the crew making the trip were George Blakely of Tallahassee, John Edwards of St. Petersburg, Carl Poulsen of Sanford, Courtland Reilly of Tampa, Mike Seiber of St. Petersburg, Bob Terbush of Tarpon Springs, Terry Tomalin of St. Petersburg, Deven Anthony of Tampa and Doug Clifford of Crystal Beach.

Edwards and a team of 11 others paddled 60 miles from Key Largo to Bimini, proving that early Floridians could have had contact with their neighbors in the Bahamas. For more than a century, Florida historians debated whether pre-Columbian Indians of southeast Florida traded with the Lucayans of the Bahamas. Edwards and crew arrived in 9 hours and 55 minutes, averaging six knots per hour. The group consisted of two six-man teams and traded them out by the hour.

**Canoe/Kayak Sport Fact:** Sunshine State Games medal winners qualify for the 2005 USCA Marathon Nationals, held in Warren, Pennsylvania, August 9-14, 2005.

**Time to see Best Action:** Sprint races at Tradewinds Park, Saturday June 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Past Canoe/Kayak Athlete of the Year:** 2002 Summer Games Male Athlete of the Year, Larry Parzynski of Cape Coral.

## FENCING

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. both days.

**Site:** War Memorial Auditorium

**Expected participation:** 164 fencers competing in 337 individual events.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Jim Campoli, Oldsmar/26<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Sport Director

**Featured returning gold medalist:** Kristine Meaut, 16 of Gainesville earned a gold medal for the third consecutive year, at the 2004 Games, winning the Women's Epee competition. Meaut won gold medals in Sabre competition at the 2002 and 2003 Sunshine State Games. She will compete in the "D" and Under Epee, Women's Epee and Women's Sabre events.

**Fencing Sunshine State Games moment:** Andrew Stroud, of Safety Harbor, is named Florida's Sunshine State Games Male Athlete of the Year for the 2002 Spring Games in Lakeland. At the 2002 Games, Stroud won three gold medals. He will compete in the Men's Foil and Men's Sabre events at the 2005 Games.

**Fencing Sport Fact:** Fencing is one of only four sports that has been in every Olympics. At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Mariel Zagunis became the first American to win a gold medal in 100 years.

**Time to see Best Action:** Open Saber competition, Sunday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Past Fencing Athlete of the Year:** 2001 Spring Games Male Athlete of the Year, Andrew Stroud of Safety Harbor.

## **INLINE HOCKEY**

**Competition dates and times:** Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19 beginning at 8:00 a.m. daily

**Site:** Gold's Gym Sports Complex

**Expected participation:** 13 teams pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9. Up to 25 teams expected.

**Check [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com) for complete schedule on June 13.**

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Bill Peare, Jacksonville/5<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Roller Hockey Sport Director

**Inline Hockey returning gold medal team:** None pre-registered.

**Inline Hockey Sunshine State Games moment:** At the 2000 Games in Gainesville, the 8 and under Cyclones score 11 goals, the most recorded in a game since 2000. The Cyclones won the 8 and under division that year. Since that time, 10 goals have been scored in a single game five times. Game times for the Sunshine State Games is 30 minutes, three 10-minute periods.

**Inline Hockey Sport Fact:** Some teams, including the The Phat Boyz of Orlando, winners of the 2003 12 and under silver medal, play roller hockey as well as ice hockey.

## **JUDO**

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19. Competition begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

**Site:** Broward Community College

**Expected participation:** 168 pre-registered. Total will increase with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Friday, June 17, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Sport Directors/Years as Director:** Fred Hand, Tallahassee/13<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Judo Sport Director and Gwen Leys/9<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Judo Sport Director

**Judo returning gold medalist:** Carly Patton, 10 of the Florida School of Judo in Zephyrhills was named the Junior Female Outstanding Performer of the 2004 Games, winning the gold medal in the Women's 9-12 year old, 82 lbs+ division.

**Judo Sunshine State Games moment:** The 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney featured two Sunshine State Games alumni in Brian Olson and Ato Hand, both of Tallahassee. The pair grew up competing in Sunshine State Games competitions and were coached by Judo sport director, Fred Hand.

**Judo Sport Fact:** Judo is the second most practiced sport worldwide (soccer is the first), with over eight million players. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, Judo is the safest sport for children under age 13.

**Past Judo Athlete of the Year:** 2004 Male Athlete of the Year, Shane Simerly of Niceville. 2001 Spring Games Female Athlete of the Year, Melanie Vega-Borja of Wellington.

## **KARATE**

**Competition date and time:** Saturday, June 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Site:** Office Depot Center

**Expected participation:** 120 pre-registered. Total will increase with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Friday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Jason Sorgi, Gainesville/5<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Karate Sport Director

**Karate returning gold medalist:** Max Pegues, 14, of Cape Coral, won three gold medals in the 2004 Games in Tallahassee. He won his age division in the Kata, Bo and Kumite competitions. He will once again be in all three competitions in the advanced division of his age group.

**Karate Sunshine State Games moment:** Tyler Wolfe, an 11-year old black belt from Gainesville, earned the Sunshine State Games Female Athlete of the Year for the 2004 Summer Games. At the 2004 Games, Wolfe won three gold medals to increase her Sunshine State Games count to 10 over in the last

four years. She won three gold medals at the 2003 Games in Tampa, one at the 2002 Games in Palm Beach County and three at the 2001 Games in Orlando.

**Karate Sport Fact:** A total of 21 black belt athletes pre-registered to compete in the 2005 Sunshine State Games Karate competition. With on-site registration, the total may increase. The youngest of the Karate black belt competitors is 8-year old Matthew Tamayo of Gainesville.

**Time to see Best Action:** Sparring bouts on Saturday, June 18, 12:00 Noon-4:00 p.m.

**Past Karate Athlete of the Year:** 2004 Female Athlete of the Year Tyler Wolfe, of Gainesville.

## **RACQUETBALL**

**Competition dates and times:** Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19 beginning at 8:00 a.m. daily.

**Site:** Pembroke Shores

**Expected participation:** 49 pre-registered, as of Thursday, June 9.

**Schedule will be posted at [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com) on Wednesday, June 15**

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Mary Lyons, Jacksonville/20<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Racquetball Sport Director

**Racquetball returning gold medalist:** Renee Fish, of Dunedin, earned a pair of gold medals at the 2004 Games winning the Women's 45+ division and teamed with Ray Triplett to win the Doubles "B" Division. At the 2005 Games, Fish moves up to the 50+ singles division and will partner with Casey Galvanek in doubles competition.

**Racquetball Sport Fact:** Jean French, who is registered to compete in singles 70+ and mixed doubles competition, won a gold medal at the 2004 Florida Senior Games State Championships. Her gold medal made her eligible to compete in the 2005 National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, being contested during the same time as the 2005 Summer Games. Jean decided to keep her game instate and will play in Florida's only Olympic-style Sports Festival with her husband, Gerald.

## **ROWING**

**Competition date:** Saturday, June 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Site:** Holland Park

**Expected participation:** 135 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9 competing in 367 individual events.

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Martyn Dennis, Orlando/3<sup>rd</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Rowing Director

**Rowing returning gold medalist:** Brice Crossley, of Satellite Beach, and a member of the Lightwave Rowing Team won the Men's Open 1X with a time of 3:23.00. Crossley defeated the silver medalist, Scott Leonard, of Fort Myers by ½ second and the bronze medalist, Eric Snyder, of Satellite Beach by 1.2 seconds. Crossley was a member of the University of Central Florida Crew from 1984-87 and was a member of the gold medal winning Men's Lightweight 4+ team at the 1987 Dad Vail National Championship Regatta.

**Rowing Sunshine State Games moment:** The 2000 Rowing competition is held. Due to drought conditions in north central Florida during the summer of 2000, it was questionable whether or not Gainesville's Lake Alto would have a high enough water level to host the competition. But on Saturday, July 8, 48 Sunshine State Games rowing events were held.

**Rowing Sport Fact:** 10 Rowing Clubs will be represented at the 2005 Summer Games including members from the Fort Myers Rowing Club, Halifax Rowing Club (Daytona Beach), Hollywood Rowing Club, Lightwave (Satellite Beach), Melbourne High School, Miami Beach Rowing Club, Miami Rowing Club, Orlando Rowing Club, Palm Beach Rowing Association and the Tampa Rowing Club.

**Past Rowing Athlete of the Year:** 2003 Female Athlete of the Year Gertrude Zint, Edgewater.

## **RUGBY – “7’s”**

**Competition date and times:** Saturday, June 18. Games begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Site:** Tradewinds Park

**Expected participation:** 22 teams total. 13 in the men’s open division, 6 in the boy’s high school division and 3 in the women’s open division.

**State Director/Years as Director:** Dan Santoro, Fort Lauderdale/1<sup>st</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Rugby Sport Director

**Rugby Sunshine State Games moment:** When the first game begins on Saturday, June 18 at Tradewinds Park, it will be the first time Rugby has been contested in the Sunshine State Games.

**Rugby Sport Fact:** The Miami Tridents, playing in the men’s open division, finished the 2005 Spring season with a record of 7 wins and 1 loss coming against Boca Raton, the second-ranked team in the 2005 Spring standings. Besides a long coaching background, German Fernandez-Moores, head coach of the Tridents has been the anchorman for live TV transmissions of International Rugby games broadcasted to Latin America, including the Six Nations tournament in Europe (he follows and watches daily all the rugby events happening around the world). He was the voice of a rugby TV show broadcast weekly from Hollywood, Florida to all Latin America. He served as editor for an Argentina rugby magazine, rugby columnist for a Buenos Aires newspaper and a stringer for other publications in written media, radio and TV. He has been involved in rugby since the age of 7.

**Time to see Best Action:** Division Championship Games, to begin approximately at 2:00 p.m.

## **SOCCER – ADULT**

**Competition Dates:** Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19. Games begin at 8:00 a.m. daily.

**Site:** Pine Island Park

**Expected participation:** 13 teams pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9

**Complete schedule will be posted at** [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com)

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** James Bowen, Gainesville/6<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Soccer Sport Director.

**Returning gold medal winning team:** The Lakeland Celtics Coed Recreational team won four matches at the 2004 Games en route to the gold medal. The Celtics outscored opponents 23-4 in their four wins and defeated Bada Bing, of Tallahassee, 3-1 in the championship game.

**Soccer Sunshine State Games moment:** The most exciting action of the 2005 Games will be in the men's open division, according to sport director James Bowen. The Atlas A.C. team, from Tamarac, was the gold medal winner in the Open Division of the 2001 Sunshine State Games in Orlando and featured players who were once members of the Haitian National Team.

**Soccer Sport Fact:** Fort Lauderdale’s has a long history of soccer as Lockhart Stadium has been an integral part of South Florida soccer for more than 20 years. Between 1977 and 1983, it was the home of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, one of the most successful clubs in US Soccer history during the days of the North American Soccer League (NASL). The stadium has hosted many national and international competitions and was home to the Miami Fusion until 2001.

**Time to see Best Action:** Men's Open Division competition. See schedule for game times.

## **SOFTBALL – FAST PITCH - ASA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Competition dates and times:** Friday, June 17 – Sunday, June 19. Games begin at 8:00 a.m. daily.

**Site:** Brian Piccolo Park

**Expected participation:** 36 teams total. 10 and under: 3 teams; 12 and under: 6 teams; 14 and under: 5 teams; 16 and under: 5 teams; 18 and under: 17 teams

**Complete schedules are posted at [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com)**

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Tony Galloway, Maitland/4<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Softball Sport Director

**Returning gold medal winning team:** 18 & under Miami Mini Canes won the gold medal in the 2003 Sunshine State Games outlasting 21 other teams. The Mini Canes won six games en route to the gold medal defeating The Power 1-0 in the championship game. At the 2004 Games in Tallahassee, the Mini Canes won the silver medal losing the championships game to the Tampa Wildcats.

**Fast Pitch Softball Sunshine State Games moment:** When the final out was made, well after midnight on the final day of competition, in the 2003 Championship Game of the 18 and under division. The Miami Mini-Canes emerged as the gold medal winner after 60 games were played among the 21 teams.

**Fast Pitch Softball Sport Fact:** The top three teams in the 12 and under division, according to unofficial rankings on [www.eteamz.active.com](http://www.eteamz.active.com), will play in the 2005 Games. The West Pines Diamond Dusters are the top-ranked team in the age group while the Pembroke Lakes Bandits check in at second and the Caloosa Park Lightning (Coral Springs) is third.

## **SOFTBALL – SLOW PITCH - ASA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Competition Dates:** Saturday, June 18, games begin at 8:00 a.m.

**Site:** Brian Piccolo Park

**Expected participation:** 7 teams pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9

**Complete schedules are posted at [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com)**

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Tony Galloway, Maitland/4<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Softball Sport Director

**Returning medal winning team:** The 2002 Coed Division Gold Medalist and 2003 Coed Silver Medalist, Westside Allstars of Jacksonville, will compete in Broward County. At the 2003 Games in Tampa, the Allstars lost the championships game 5-4 to the Xecutioners of Deltona.

**Slow Pitch Softball Sunshine State Games moment:** Smash Softball wins the 2000 Sunshine State Games Gold Medal with a 16-15 win over Acti-Flex in a classic slow-pitch softball game. Smash had lost the previous game 7-4 to force a second game and started off with 12 runs in the first inning. Acti-Flex pulled ahead 13-12 with an eight run third inning. Smash scored three runs in the sixth to take a 16-13 lead. Acti-Flex scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull within one and had a runner on third with one out. Smash recorded the final two outs and left the tying run stranded on third.

## **SWIMMING**

**Competition Dates:** Thursday, June 16 – Sunday, June 19

**Start Times:** Thursday: Timed finals begin at 5:00 p.m.; Friday: Preliminaries begin at 8:30 a.m. and finals begin at 1:00 p.m.; Saturday: Preliminaries begin at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Finals begin at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday: Preliminaries begin at 8:30 a.m. and finals begin at 1:00 p.m.

**Site:** Plantation Central Park Aquatics Complex

**Expected participation:** 275 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9

**Sport Director/Years as Director:** Jim Kelly, Tampa/5<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Swimming Sport Director

**Returning gold medalist:** Ashley Hicks, Plantation Swim Team, won two gold medals at the 2002 Games in Palm Beach County in the 10 & Under 50 Meter Butterfly with a time of 36.37 and the 10 & Under 200 Meter IM with a time of 3:03.31. She will swim the 100, 200 and 800 Meter Freestyle, 100 and 200 Meter Butterfly, 200 and 400 Meter IM and the 100 and 200 Meter Backstroke events in the 13-14 year old age group at the 2005 Games.

**Past Swimming Athlete of the Year:** 2000 Summer Games Male Athlete of the Year, Alex Forbes of Casselberry. Forbes will swim in the 100 meter butterfly, 50 meter freestyle, 100 and 200 meter backstroke events at the 2005 Games

### **SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING**

**Competition Dates:** Friday, June 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m.; Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Site:** Coral Springs Aquatic Complex

**Expected participation:** 213 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9

**Teams competing:** Coral Springs Aquacades, Flagler County Synchro Belles, Gainesville Gaviatas, Lakeland YMCA Flamingos, Miami Waves Synchro Team, Palm Beach Coralytes, Suncoast Water Works (Largo), Synchro Spinners (West Palm Beach), Tallahassee Serinas, Tampa Bay Synchrays, Team Orlando Loreleis

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Mary Rose, Altamonte Springs/26<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Synchronized Swimming sport director.

**Returning gold medalist:** Kayleigh Whitman, 12 of Lakeland, won a gold medal in the Age Group Division Teams event at the 2004 Games. Whitman, along with her pairs partner, Abigail Noonan, have qualified in all three of their routine events for the U.S. ESynchro Age Group National Championships in Buffalo, New York, the week after Florida's Sunshine State Games. The pair has won first place in the 12-13 age group division duet event in each of the four meets this season including the Winter Invitational, Spring Invitational, Florida Association Championships and the South Zone Regional Championships.

**Synchronized Sunshine State Games moment:** At the 2004 Sunshine State Games, Bill Blanton, 50; Keith Bennett, 43; Chris Noonan, 41; Jim Spindler, 46; and Amado Chils, 60, entered the Open Division of synchronized swimming at the Florida Sunshine State Games in Tallahassee. The team entered the competition to understand the level of athleticism and grace their daughters master on a daily basis. What began as a joke became a tribute to their daughters. After two months of preparation, the team performed, a two minute, 20 second routine, on Father's Day, 2004, to the tune of "Macho Man."

**Synchronized Swimming sport fact:** Mary Rose, a former international synchronized swimming star and coach of the Team Orlando Loreleis, was the recipient of the 2002 Florida Amateur Sports Leader of the Year presented by the Florida Sports Foundation.

**Past Synchronized Swimming Athlete of the Year:** 2001 Summer Games Female Athlete of the Year, Alina Syukova of Longwood.

### **TAEKWONDO**

**Competition Date:** Saturday, June 18

**Site:** Office Depot Center

**Expected participation:** 120 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9. Total win increase with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Saturday, June 18, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Grand Master Jae Hak Lee, Tampa/7<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Taekwondo Sport Director

**Returning gold medalist:** 11-year old Austin Hoover of Clearwater won in black belt breaking and sparring competition, at the 2004 Games, marking the third consecutive year he earned gold medals. Hoover has been competing in Sunshine State Games competition since 2000 when he was five years old. He also won a silver medal at the 2003 Florida State Taekwondo championships in sparring.

**Taekwondo Sunshine State Games moment:** A moment not to be missed at the Sunshine State Games Taekwondo competition is the opening ceremony when top-level students perform high-energy

maneuvers, break a variety of boards and blocks and engage in sparring demonstrations. The demonstration will take place Saturday morning, June 18, at 10:00 a.m.

**Taekwondo Sport Fact:** Sunshine State Games Sport Director, Grand Master Jae Hak Lee, was appointed to be the National Team Coach of Saudi Arabia in 1978 and held the position for 12 years. For over a decade he instructed Saudi Arabia students who went on to win World Championships and Saudi Arabia's first Olympic medals.

## **TRACK & FIELD – OPEN & MASTERS**

**Competition date and time:** Sunday, June 19. Running and field events begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be contested on a rolling schedule.

**Site:** Coral Springs High School

**Expected participation:** 123 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Nate Johnson, Tampa/3<sup>rd</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Track & Field Sport Director

**Returning gold medalist:** Brian Hickey, 36, of Tallahassee and a duathlon national-team member, has won a gold medal in the 800 and 1500 meter runs for the past two years.

**Masters Track & Field Sunshine State Games moment:** Michael Brown, of Jacksonville, threw the javelin over 205 feet at the 2004 Games in Tallahassee. He had the longest throw of the javelin competition (youth and masters). Brown is the Masters Track & Field American record holder for the javelin throw in the 45+ age group (67.55 meters in 1999) and 50+ age group (69.58 meters in 2004). Brown, 51, also competes in the Florida Senior Games State Championships and has won the gold medal in the 50-54 age group javelin throw the last two years.

**Masters Track & Field Sport Fact:** Scott Manas, 39 of Miami, will compete in 10 events at the Sunshine State Games Open & Masters Track & Field competition on Sunday, June 19. Manas is registered to compete in the High Jump, Long Jump, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Shot Put, 100, 200 and 400 meter dash and the 800 and 1500 Meter Run.

## **TRACK & FIELD - YOUTH**

### **USA TRACK & FIELD / FLORIDA REGION IV JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Competition dates and times:** Combined Events: Wednesday, June 15 – Thursday, June 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. both days. Individual Track & Field Events: Friday, June 17 – Saturday, June 18 beginning at 7:30 a.m. both days with events being contested on a rolling schedule.

**Site:** Coral Springs High School

**Expected participation:** 655 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9.

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Nate Johnson, Tampa/3<sup>rd</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Track & Field Sport Director

**Returning gold medalist:** Marcus Stallworth, 17 of West Palm Beach, won the 2004 Intermediate Boys Decathlon as well as the Intermediate Boys 100 High Hurdles and 400 meter hurdles and the Long Jump with a leap of 6.14m, (20-01.75). In 2005, he will compete in the Young Decathlon, Young 400m Hurdles, Young Long Jump, 110M Hurdles

**Youth Track & Field Sunshine State Games moment:** At the 2003 Games in Tampa, Walter Dix, of Boynton Beach, won the Youth Division 100 meter dash with a time of 10.61 in rainy conditions. Fast-forward to this year and Dix can be found at Florida State University where he was recently named the 2005 U.S. Track Coaches Association East Region Athlete of the Year. Dix has crossed the line first in every collegiate individual event he has competed in during the outdoor season. The 2005 ACC Rookie of the Year won the 100 meter and 200 meter titles at the league title meet and helped FSU to its first 4x100m relay championship in program history. At the NCAA East Region Championship, he ran a

10.06 in the opening 100 meter race which is an American junior record, the third fastest junior time ever and broke the regional record.

**Youth Track & Field Sport Fact:** This event annually serves as a qualifying meet for the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships. The 2005 Championships will be held July 26 – August 31, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The top three athletes in each division from this event will advance to the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships.

**Past Track & Field Athlete of the Year:** 2002 Summer Games Female Athlete of the Year, Anita Perkins of Belle Glade.

## **WATER POLO**

**Competition dates and times:** Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19. First games begin at 8:00 a.m. daily and final games of day for Friday and Saturday are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Final games on Sunday begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Sites:** Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, Westminster Academy

**Expected participation:** 47 teams, a record number of teams participating

Boy's 14 and under: 3 teams; Boy's 16 and under: 5 teams; Boy's 18 and under: 6 teams; Men's 20 and under: 3 teams; Men's Open: 10 teams

Girl's 14 and under: 2 teams; Girl's 16 and under: 4 teams; Girl's 18 and under: 6 teams; Women's Open: 8 teams

**Complete schedules can be found at [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com)**

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Dan Hayes, Orlando/12<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Water Polo Sport Director

**Returning gold medal winning team:** The Men's Open Riptides from Miami won the 2004 gold medal defeating Florida International 7-5 in the championship game. Both teams return for the 2005 Games. The Men's Open Riptides went from a 1-3 record in Tampa's 2003 Games to a gold medal in 2004.

**Water Polo Sunshine State Games moment:** After winning 16 consecutive games and three gold medals from 2000 to 2002, the Raider Men's Open Water Polo team, from Miami, winds up deadlocked at 8-8 against Fort Lauderdale in the 2003 Games in Tampa. In the following championship game, Raider suffers their first loss in 17 games, 10-9 to Florida International and settled for a silver medal.

**Water Polo Sport Fact:** South Florida boy's and girl's teams won the Inaugural Florida High School Activities Association (FHSA) Water Polo Tournaments in April and members of the Miami Gulliver Prep Girl's team make up the roster of the Florida Coast Girl's 18 and under team. On the boy's side, members of the Oakland Park Northeast Boy's team will play for the South Florida Water Polo team. South Florida Water Polo has teams entered in six different divisions of the 2005 Water Polo competition.

## **WEIGHTLIFTING**

### **FLORIDA WEIGHTLIFTING LOCAL COMMITTEE #14 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Competition dates and times:** Saturday, June 18. Boy's and Girl's Schoolage competition begins at 9:00 a.m. Men's Junior, Senior and Master's competition begins at 12 Noon. Women's Junior, Senior and Master's competition begins at 4:00 p.m.

**Site:** Office Depot Center

**Expected participants:** 9 pre-registered as of Thursday, June 9. Total will increase with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Saturday, June 18, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

**Sport Director/Years as director:** Rich Lansky, Sarasota/6<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Weightlifting Sport Director

**Returning gold medalist:** Marilyn Hightower, 41 of Orlando, won a gold medal in the 75kg weight class and set a Florida State Record (Women's Absolute) with a snatch of 80 kg at the 2003 Sunshine State Games in Tampa.

**Weightlifting Sunshine State Games moment:** At the 2002 Summer Games in Palm Beach County, Robert Murphy, of Sarasota, set a Sunshine State Games record with a combined lift of 335 kg (738 pounds) in the 105kg weight group. His total was 95 kg more than the next closest competitor, Chris Follenius, a gold-medal winner in the 69kg weight group with a lift of 240 kg (529 pounds).

**Weightlifting Sport Fact:** Bob Neff, 67, of Tallahassee, won a gold medal in the 2004 Master's competition with a total lift of 105 kg (45 snatch, 60 clean and jerk). Neff competed in the inaugural Sunshine State Games in 1980 and won a gold medal in the 1981 Games competing in the Open Division, 148.5 lb weight class.

**Past Weightlifting Athlete of the Year:** 2000 Summer Games Female Athlete of the Year, Amber Davis of Chiefland.

## **WRESTLING**

**Competition Dates:** Saturday, June 18. First match, 12 Noon & Sunday, June 19. First match, 9:00 a.m.

**Site:** Coral Springs Gymnasium

**Expected participation:** 200 expected with on-site registration.

**On-site Registration:** Saturday, June 18, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Wrestling Sport Director/Years as director:** Gary Townsend, Wellington/6<sup>th</sup> year as Sunshine State Games Wrestling Sport Director

**Wrestling Sunshine State Games moment:** Clark Glass, a 12-year old from Brandon, won his fourth consecutive gold medal at the 2004 Games in Tallahassee. The 2003 Florida Amateur Wrestling Association Wrestler of the Year for the Novice Division, Glass' first Sunshine State Games gold medal came in 2001 when he won the midget division, 55 lb weight class. Also in 2003, he earned All-America status by finishing third in freestyle and sixth in Greco Roman at 70 pounds at the USA Wrestling National Championships.

**Wrestling Sport Fact:** At the 1993 Sunshine State Games, two female wrestlers competed and there were only 11 female wrestlers in the state. 10 years later, 120 girls competed in the State High School Wrestling Championships.

**Time to see Best Action:** Division finals in Freestyle and Greco Roman competition.

**Past Wrestling Athlete of the Year:** 2001 Summer Games Male Athlete of the Year, Robert Wimberly of Fort Lauderdale.