

Greetings Athletes!

Welcome the the “lite” version of our Ohio Senior Olympics newsletter. Hope this finds you well after the winter that seemed like it would never end!

We’ve received the preliminary copy of our list of athletes attending the *National Senior Games: The Senior Olympics, presented by Humana* this summer in Louisville. This early list includes just the athletes competing in individual sports, so the list is 368 individuals. That number will, of course, grow once we add in all the team sports participants and see a final list of registrants.

Ohio will NOT be hosting a party for athletes at the national games this year. The logistics of planning a party at a time when the majority of athletes could attend combined with the expense of a party proved to be too much this year.

The best of luck to all of Ohio’s athletes competing in the national games! Do your best, enjoy your competition and savor the experience of being an athlete in national competition!

Looking for some Ohio Senior Olympics “gear” to wear while you compete nationals? Check out the merchandise section of the web site: www.ohioseniorolympics.org to see what’s available!

The Board of Ohio Senior Olympics has adopted an Athlete Code of Conduct which takes effect with the 2007 cycle for the state Senior Olympics. The Code of Conduct provides guidelines for athlete behavior during the course of the games and explains the consequences for behavior that does not meet these standards. The Code of Conduct will be included in the rules athletes receive as part of their confirmation packet for this year’s games. In addition, the Code of Conduct is included here for your convenience.

Ohio Senior Olympics Athlete Code of Conduct

Preamble

Participants in the Ohio Senior Olympics are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct as outlined in this Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct

1. All participants shall treat one another and all other people with dignity and respect. Participants shall behave according to the rules of their sport(s) and shall avoid conduct that demeans, harasses or threatens any person. The breadth and force of this principle would prohibit any participant at any time from physically or verbally abusing another person; from using excessive profane language or vulgar gestures; from demeaning or belittling another person or making derogatory comments about his or her race, sex religion, age, disability, national origin or sexual orientation; and from engaging in conduct intended, or so reckless as to be likely, to cause harm to another.
2. All participants shall promote honesty and integrity in their statement and actions.
3. All participants have not and will not engage in any conduct which is criminal under any local, state or federal laws.
4. All participants will respect the property of others, whether personal or public.
5. All participants will remember that all time they are the ambassador for their sport, their state and the Ohio Senior Olympics movement.

Enforcement

Ohio Senior Olympics, or those acting in its stead, shall have complete authority to enforce the above Code. Those violating the Code shall be subject, but not limited, to either reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the event or games, and or from the Ohio Senior Olympics.

Participants shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Ohio Senior Olympics Board at a regularly scheduled meeting by giving notice to the President of the Board within 30 days.