ELIGIBILITY
Participation is open to Veterans having spinal cord injuries, amputations, multiple sclerosis, or other central neurological conditions. Physical disabilities must be permanent and measurable. All Veterans registering for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games must be eligible to receive care at a VA medical facility. When a Veteran’s diagnosis and eligibility to compete is in question, we will refer to the eligibility criteria appropriate for that person to participate in other community wheelchair sports organizations.

NEW FOR 2020
• 9-Hole Golf Scramble: Takes place July 7, 2020 at Heron Links. Capped at 27 Veterans, golf experience REQUIRED. Does not count against the five event limit.
• NVWG Team Challenge: Specific details on the Team Challenge will be released in April 2020. Coaches will submit the team members who’ll be representing their team to compete.
• Disc Golf: New event and limited to 16 Veterans per division. For this year only, this event does not count against the five event limit.
• The Cascade Cup: This is an adaptive fitness competition. More information coming soon. Qualifying events will begin in April. Finalists will compete in Portland. Does not count against the five event limit.
• Adaptive E-Sports: Online gaming competition. Information on the qualifying tournament will be coming shortly. Finalists will compete in Portland. Does not count against the five event limit.
• Air Rifle - Sniper Competition: In lieu of registering for the regular Air Rifle competition, we are introducing a Sniper Competition. We recommend this for competitors with an average score of 500 or better. Competition will be all Open for SH1 and SH2. Participant cap of 15 SH1 competitors and 15 SH2 competitors. This event counts towards the five event limit.
• Cycling: All divisions, except 1A, the distance is 20K.
• Super Q: We are adding a competition for the top Quad Qualifiers for Slalom. This will run along with the Super G.

DIVISION CHANGE FOR 2020:
• Novice: Recommended for first-time Veterans to the Wheelchair Games. Novice Veterans may opt out to compete as Open, Masters, Senior, effective for all their events.
• Open: Any competitor may select to sign up as Open for all events. Age recommendation 45 and under.
• Masters: Ages 46-65
• Seniors: Ages 66 and above

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Reservations will not be open until April 15, 2020. All reservations must be made by May 15, 2020. See page 4 for more detailed hotel information.

REGISTRATION
Deadline: April 1, 2020
Registration changes: registration is open from January 6, 2020 through April 1, 2020. No events will be assigned until required online items AND medical forms are received. Waivers and photo releases should be submitted with all materials. Any of these items not sent, must be signed during on-site registration in Portland, or competitor will not be allowed to compete. Events will be assigned in the order of completed registrations.

All athletes and coaches must register by submitting the registration forms attached. Caregivers that are VA EMPLOYEES must also register using Coach Form. Non-VA employees that are caregivers do not register.

The following documents must be completed, signed, and submitted to:
Kristie Goedhard
40th Wheelchair Games Registration
VA Puget Sound HCS
(Wheelchair Games - Oxbow Campus)
1660 South Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108

Incomplete forms will automatically be returned if any of the following information is missing:
• VA ID Card. Do not send 10-10 EZ Form.
• Physician Clearance (VA Form 0925b; 2 pages)
• Photo Consent (VA Form 10-3203; 2 pages)
• Damage Provisions Signature Page (1 page)
• Waiver and Release of Liability (2 pages)
• Concussion Awareness Information (2 pages)

Online Registration, VA ID Card and Physician Clearance must be received by April 1, 2020 in order to finalize your registration and secure your events. Any unsigned photo consent, damage provision, waivers or concussion awareness forms must be signed on-site in Portland in order to be allowed to compete.
For events that have participant caps, we will maintain a standby list of those registrations in the order completed. As cancellations open in a particular event, Veterans will be entered in order of their position on the standby list. For team events, all players have to report at the published event time. If no-show after 5 mins, their place on the team will be forfeited to the next person on the standby list that is present. If not, the next person on the list will be selected.

**Registration is limited to 600 athletes.** Completed registration forms are accepted in the order they are entered, with priority given to novice athletes. Registration closes April 1, 2020. No new registrations will be accepted after that date.

One coach per five athletes may register by completing all the appropriate information on the registration forms. All registration deadlines apply to coaches and athletes.

Athlete and coach registration information will be stored in the Wheelchair Games database for purposes of historical information.

**For VA employees using VA travel to attend the Wheelchair Games,** one VA coach may register up to five novice and/or experienced athletes with established rehabilitation goals relevant to their participation at the Wheelchair Games. VA caregivers, such as VA nurses, are permitted to support only those Veterans meeting this criteria. We recognize that the level of care determines the staffing ratio and leave that determination to the individual VAMC, although this may be reviewed and justification required. Registration is required for both VA caregivers and coaches.

Athletes needing a caregiver must arrange that support on their own. Wheelchair Games Medical Staff is not available to provide attendant support.

**ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION**

Athletes who require classification will be given a medical exam and classified to ensure fair competition among those with similar degrees of disability. Quadriplegics will be classified into three classes (IA, IB, IC) and paraplegics into four (II, III, IV, V). Amputees will be classified based on the level of amputation. Disabilities arising from stroke, multiple sclerosis, or other conditions will be classified based on level of impairment. The Wheelchair Games will attempt where possible to support the community classification standard in specific events, but only in limited events.

A physician must complete the Physical Exam Forms (C & D) for an athlete to be eligible to register and compete. Any application without the required completed forms will be returned and must be resubmitted by the registration deadline, April 1, 2020.

Classification will be completed during the Early Classification on July 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, and at the Disabled Sports, Recreation & Fitness Expo on July 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oregon Convention Center. Air Guns and Trap Shooting Pre-Classification will be held on both days.

Only competitors with a Wheelchair Games classification that is permanent or less than three years old will be exempt from on-site classification.

Reexamination and reclassification may be performed during the Wheelchair Games at the discretion of the Wheelchair Games Athlete Classification Team.

**COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS**

Athletes may select only one division for all events. Athletes must choose either to compete in the manual or powerchair event in slalom.

**Novice:** A Veteran who is new to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Veteran may choose to bypass and compete in Open or the appropriate age division, but then must compete in all events in that division.

**Open:** A more competitive division for athletes under the age of 45 who have competed in prior Wheelchair Games. Others may self select if they are over the age of 45 and choose to compete in the Open Class in all their events.

**Masters:** Competitors who are 46-65 years old may compete in the Masters Division, or they may choose to compete in the Open Division.

**Senior:** Competitors who are 66 and older may compete in the Seniors Division, or they may choose to compete in the Open Division.
FORMS FOR PUBLICITY
Please complete all attached publicity release forms, which authorizes VA’s public affairs staff, PVA staff, PN, and Sports ‘n Spokes, to release your photograph and/or voice recordings to newspapers, radio stations, television stations and any other media outlets to promote your participation in this event. It also allows VA and PVA to contact your local media, include you in newsletter stories and prepare feature profiles or articles on selected athletes.

If you wish us to publicize your participation in this event, your signature is required on this form, which must be filled out completely.

TRANSPORTATION
Ground transportation will only be provided to and from the Portland International Airport (PDX) and hotels on Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday, July 3, 2020 from 7 a.m. to noon. Departures from hotels to airport Thursday, July 9, 2020, will run from 3 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arrivals and departures outside of these times will not be supported by Wheelchair Games transportation and are the responsibility of the participant. For Veterans driving to Portland, no Wheelchair Games dedicated parking will be available and individuals will be responsible for their own parking and associated fees.

During the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, a transportation schedule will be published and support the events scheduled as appropriate.

Airline flight numbers and arrival/ departure times must be provided by the Veteran or the coach no later than June 12, 2020, so transportation can be arranged.

It is the Veterans responsibility to provide accurate travel information for pick-up at the airport. Missing or inaccurate flight information could or will result in no Wheelchair Games transportation being available.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
There will be three official hotels for athletes this year. Additional information will be posted on our website at wheelchairgames.org. Reservations will not be open until April 15, 2020. All reservations must be made by May 15, 2020.

Limited transportation will be available from the airport to hotels. You are strongly encouraged to stay at the Official Games Hotel to take advantage of the benefits offered such as reduced room rate and networking.

Room Rate: $192 per night, not including local, state, and federal taxes (based on double occupancy). No rollaways will be available.

Multiple Reservations & Team Billing:
Additional information will be available in April. Please check the website.

Hotel Cancellation Policy:
Cancellations must be made directly with the hotel no later than 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival day and an e-mail sent to PVA meetings (marisar@pva.org). Check-in is 3 p.m. and check-out is 11 a.m.

MEALS
A meal debit card program will be used for the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The amount placed on the card is based on the government per diem rate, minus other meals provided by the Wheelchair Games, such as the Sports Festival on July 4th and the Closing Celebration hosted by Paralyzed Veterans of America. Breakfast will be on your own and breakfast per diem will be added on your meal card. The final amount will be communicated in the athlete confirmation. Competitors may pick up meal debit cards during registration Friday, July 3, 2020 at the last stop of the 40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games Disabled Sports, Recreation & Fitness Expo.

The meal debit card can only be used for food and NONALCOHOLIC beverages. Audits are conducted and inappropriate charges may result in the revocation of the card.

In compliance with VA Financial Policies and Procedures, VA coaches and VA caregivers will need to be on official VA travel orders. If the VA employee is receiving donated funding support for travel or per diem, please remember to submit VA Form 0893 for approval to receive donated travel support through his or her local station. The Wheelchair Games meal debit card cannot be used by VA employees.
QUESTIONS?
Registration:
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Sports and Recreation Program
800.424.8200, ext. 752 or 657
9 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Time, M–F
NVWRegistration@pva.org

Hotel Accommodations:
Marisa Ramos
Paralyzed Veterans of America
marisar@pva.org

ATTENTION TEAM COACHES/COORDINATORS
Please ensure that all of your team members use the same team name. Be sure each member of your team has team contact information on his or her forms. Make sure that team members list their Paralyzed Veterans of America chapter affiliations (if applicable).