



Photo Contest Overview and Rules

Purpose

The purpose of this contest is to produce photos that best represent the 2017 State Games of America.

Categories, Criterion and Prizes

One winner will be selected from each category and three photo categories are the following:

1. Best Sports Action

- Must be from a State Games of America sporting event
- Submit up to 3 photographs
- Winner receives \$250 Gift Card to Marks Photo and Video

2. Best Opening Ceremony

- Any photo taken during the Opening Ceremony festivities
- Winner receives \$250 Gift Card to Marks Photo and Video

3. People's Choice

- Your choice of any photo taken during the games.
- Winner receives \$250 Gift Card to Marks Photo and Video



Photographers must turn in ALL of their photos on CD/DVD/USB in order to win.

Deadline

All photos must be submitted before Thursday, August 17, 2017 by 5:00PM in order to be selected for the prize. Winners will be announced Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Photographers must turn in all the photos they took at the State Games of America in order to win. Photographers need to be registered by July 21, 2017.

Judging

All photos submitted before the deadline will be judged by independent panel.

The People's Choice photo entries will be posted on our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/StateGamesofAmerica) and our fans will have one week to like, comment and share the photograph. The photo with the most likes, comment, and shares at the one week voting deadline will be the winner.

Registration

In order to participate in the contest you must be registered. **Registration is free.** Please contact Melissa Brink at mbrink@stategamesofmichigan.com to register. The deadline to register is July 21, 2017 at 5:00PM.

Photographers must be registered and approved for a credential before they can photograph any 2017 State Games of America event. Credentials must be worn at events.

About the State Games of America

The State Games of America is an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. There are currently 30 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games. The event is held biennial on the odd year (2015, 2017, 2019, etc.). The 2017 State Games of America will be held August 3-6, 2017. Lacrosse, Rowing and Waterskiing will be held in June 2017. This is the first year Michigan has hosted the event and as the host state all Michigan residents are eligible to compete.



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- The People's Choice contest is sponsored by Marks Photo and Video. Participants will have the opportunity to submit one photograph of their choice to the Meijer State Games of Michigan. We will then post the photograph on our Facebook and our fans will have one week to vote for the winning photograph. Likes, shares, and comments will be counted as votes. We reserve the right to not count comments deemed as spam.
- One photograph can be submitted into the Best Opening Ceremony category.
- Three photographs can be submitted into the Best Sports Action Category
- All contest photos can be submitted digitally. Please clearly name Contest Photos ("SportsAction1" or "PeoplesChoice" or "OpeningCeremony") or include a note with CD/DVD/USB which photos are being submitted to the contest
- Photographers are welcome to use photo editing software to enhance the image(s), but may not combine multiple photos into one.
- Photos may not contain any copyrighted images other than the State Games of America partners/sponsors

Agreement

- Photographs will **remain the property of the official photographers**. Photographer must agree to provide the Meijer State Games of Michigan with a CD/DVD/USB containing a full set of photos. Photographers must agree to provide full use rights to the Meijer State Games of Michigan, National Congress of State Games, State Games of America, and West Michigan Sports Commission.
- The copy of the photos **must be high resolution** jpgs and if possible titled by sport.
- Submitting photos for the contest gives the West Michigan Sports Commission and National Congress of State Games the right to copy and freely use the photos, including advertising or publicity purposes, without any compensation. The photo copyright remains with the photographer, but signing the release form, gives us the right to use them.
- All photos will be posted on the State Games of Michigan Flickr page and will be visible on the Meijer State Games of Michigan website and State Games of America website for viewing with proper acknowledgments given when possible. Photos are likely to be used for marketing promotions with acknowledgments given when possible.
- Upon completion of the event a disk or USB drive with the photos taken will be sent to:

Meijer State Games of Michigan
Attn: State Games of America Photo
171 Monroe Ave. NW Suite 545
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

- (Optional) Photographers may agree to have their photos included in a sport specific album (ex: "Basketball Photos" or "Pickleball Photos") on the State Games of America Facebook page. Photos posted will be no larger than 800px and will not contain photographer watermark, but will include a "Photo courtesy of PHOTOGRAPHY NAME. Complete library available to view or purchase at WEBSITE" cutline.



Photo Contest Consent Form

I, _____, am interested in participating in the 2017 State Games of America photo contest.

I do hereby grant permission to the Meijer State Games of Michigan, National Congress of State Games, State Games of America and West Michigan Sports Commission to create, copy, reproduce, exhibit, publish, or distribute my image, artwork, creation, video, photos, and/or entry to be submitted as part of the online promotion on official web sites or other web pages, print or other media. I have read and understand the contest rules posted at www.stategamesofamerica.com and agree to be bound by the terms and provisions in the rules.

I understand that the above uses may include, but are not limited to, videotapes, photographs, websites, multimedia programs or other types of promotional medium existing now or in the future. I further understand that by granting this permission I am giving up all rights and claims to monetary compensation for any future use of this material by the Meijer State Games of Michigan, National Congress of State Games, State Games of America and West Michigan Sports Commission. I have read and agree to be bound by all of the provisions of the Official Rules posted on the State Games of America website. A parent or guardian signing is doing so individually and on behalf of the minor and grants all permissions within and agrees to follow and be bound by all Official Rules.

I agree to turn in a disk or USB drive with all the photographs I took at the 2017 State Games of America.

(Optional) I agree to have my photos posted on the State Games of America Facebook page. Photos posted will be no larger than 800px and will not contain photographer watermark, but will include a "Photo courtesy of PHOTOGRAPHY NAME. Complete library available to view or purchase at WEBSITE" cutline.

Yes, I would like a media credential for the 2017 State Games of America
*West Michigan Sports Commission has final say on who is issued a media credential

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if entrant is under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

City of Residence: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Registration Due Date: July 21, 2017 at 5:00PM – No late registrants accepted

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Fax: 616.459.0562

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For questions, call 616.915.3916 or email mbrink@stategamesofmichigan.com