

Extending Qualifying 2009 National Games

The NSGA has expanded the qualifying criteria for athletes to compete in the 2009 National Games. We are currently on pace with registration in comparison to the 2007 Senior Games; however, due to the current situation of the economy, we anticipate this pace to slow down and want to be proactive. This expansion will be for the 2009 Senior Games only, as we expect the standard criteria to apply for the 2011 Senior Games. Following are the revisions:

- Extending qualifying to ANYONE who participated and finished in a 2008 State Qualifying Game.

Exceptions:

- Golfers still only qualify by meeting the Minimum Performance Standard.
- Team sports are still limited to 2 teams per age group.

- Doubles events: Partners may now change to a different partner for ANY reason – it is not just limited to medical reasons. The only requirement is that their new partner must have competed at a 2008 state qualifying games in that same sport (not just event). These will have to be changed from the administrator side, so any partner changes should go to Bethany (nsga@nsga.com).

- Team Sports: The limit of out-of-state players per team has been increased.

New Limits:

- Basketball – 4 players
- Volleyball – 6 players
- Softball – 7 players

- If a team, player or doubles qualifier is having trouble finding players, a team or a partner we encourage them to use the 'Team/Partner Finder' page on our website www.nsga.com. Instructions on that page encourage athletes to submit their info to Bethany and they will be posted so others can contact them.