



## GENERAL ATHLETE INFORMATION

### CONDUCT

Participation in the Bay State Games (BSG) as an athlete, coach, parent or spectator is a privilege which can be revoked for inappropriate behavior. The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) reserves the right to eject anyone for not conducting oneself in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes, but is not limited to, unsportsmanlike disorderly conduct, fighting, consumption of alcohol at BSG events, improper use of drugs and false representation of eligibility requirements (i.e. age, residence, grade, etc.).

### RULES

All participants consent to abide by the rules, regulations and disciplinary actions of the MASF and/or competition committees. Specific rules for each sport will be explained at the first tryout. For questions regarding rules, eligibility, sanctions and approvals, please send a written request to the MASF office.

### ACCEPTANCE OF RULES & REGULATIONS

By paying the entry fee and registering (whether online, with a mail-in form or on-site), participants agree to accept and abide by the sports-specific and general rules and regulations of the Bay State Games (BSG) as outlined here. The rules and regulations of the BSG can not be waived or altered by any individual (including, but not limited to coaches or representatives from the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation(MASF) / Bay State Games) other than the Executive Director or Director of Operations of the MASF/BSG.

### UNIFORMS & JACKETS

All uniforms and jackets or other awards are the property of the Bay State Games until all finals competitions and discipline/eligibility matters have been resolved. Individuals and/or teams may forfeit jackets or other awards if Bay State Games regulations are not followed.

### ASSOCIATION RULES

The MASF cooperates with the U.S. Olympic Committee, NCAA, NJCAA, NAIA, MIAA, National Governing Bodies and other sports groups. Athletes must abide by the rules of their association/sports groups, which may include restrictions on the number of athletes from the same school or team that can participate in the Bay State Games. Athletes are responsible for checking with their association/sports groups for rules regarding their participation in the Bay State Summer Games.

### ELIGIBILITY

An athlete **MUST** meet at least one of the following guidelines:

- A full-time resident of Massachusetts for 30 days prior to the date of competition.
- A full-time student at an academic institution in Massachusetts.
- A registered member of a sport club in Massachusetts, for a sport which they are entering. The club must be the athlete's exclusive "contact" within the sport. Athletes using the club membership for eligibility may not be a member of a non-Massachusetts club. (THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO TEAM SPORTS) Participation in the BAY STATE GAMES, unless otherwise noted, is for Massachusetts Amateur athletes only. Amateur status is defined by the rules of each sport's National Governing Body.

### MEDICAL INSURANCE

Every participant must provide their own personal medical insurance. Athletes unable to provide proof of insurance may **NOT** be allowed to compete.

### **COMPETING IN MORE THAN ONE SPORT**

Team sport athletes who fail to qualify for Bay State Games competition in July in one region MAY NOT try out for another region in the same sport. You may enter as many sports as you wish, as long as the events are not held at conflicting times. It is the athlete's responsibility to make sure that there are no schedule conflicts in the sports he/she enters.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Some sports have specific registration deadlines or entry limits. Others may allow on-site registration, solely at the discretion of the sport/site coordinator. Please check sport specific information for a particular sport's deadline.

### **REFUND POLICY**

NO REFUNDS will be given if events are cancelled due to inclement weather or because an individual or team does not show up. Athletes who miss the competition due to illness or injury may receive a defer certificate that can be used as a credit for future Bay State Games participation provided that they provide a physician's note verifying the injury. There will be no cash refunds of entry fees for athletes who miss the competition due to illness or injury. If an athlete cannot participate in the Finals in a team sport due to an illness or injury, the athlete's finalist fee will be refunded only if that athlete is replaced on the team roster. A written request for refunds of team sport Finalist fees must be received prior to the start of the competition in the participant's sport.

### **RETURNED CHECKS**

If a check is returned by the MASF's bank, the \$25 bank charge will be the responsibility of the applicant. The applicant WILL NOT be eligible to participate until the entry fee and the bank charge have been paid.

### **FINALIST FEES**

Finalist fees are to be paid only after an athlete has been notified that he/she has qualified for the finals.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Sports utilizing outdoor sites are subject to inclement weather. Competitions will be conducted unless game officials, facility managers, medical staff and/or Bay State Games staff declare conditions potentially dangerous or a threat to bodily harm. Due to facility and scheduling conflicts, the Bay State Games has little or no rain dates. Inclement weather may force changes in the tournament format or number of games each team plays. With few exceptions, games lost due to inclement weather will not be re-scheduled, they will be cancelled. There will be no refunds given if events are cancelled due to weather.

### **FINALIST INFORMATION**

All finalists will receive a Finalist Packet with schedules and additional information. Team sport and regional qualifying athletes will receive their packet at the final tryout/qualifying event. Festival sport athletes will receive their packets by July 1st.

### **AWARDS & BENEFITS**

T-Shirts are issued to all pre-registered athletes. Late entries will receive T-shirts based on availability. In Olympic tradition, medals are awarded to the top three places in each division/event. Bay State Games jackets are awarded to a percentage of top finishers in each sport at the Finals. This percentage is determined on a sport by sport basis. The 2010 Bay State Games jackets are NOT available for sale.

### **PLAYING TIME FOR TEAM SPORTS**

The Bay State Games instructs all coaches to provide all players with the opportunity to participate during competitions. Coaches are given guidelines to follow regarding the participation time of athletes in the Bay State Games. However, the Bay State Games does not guarantee, promise or require any specific amount of playing time for any individual player in any team sport. Final decisions regarding playing time are the responsibility of the head coach within the guidelines set forth by the Bay State Games. Bay State Games will not provide refunds to athletes who feel they have not received ample playing time.

## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

The school listed on the athlete application must be the school attended during the 2009-10 academic year.

## **TEAM SPORT SELECTION RESTRICTIONS**

Team sports have limitations on the number of athletes from the same school and/or club team that can be selected for the same Bay State Games team. This is based on the school the athlete attended or the club the athlete participated on during the 2009-10 academic year. These limits vary from sport to sport. Athletes will be provided with the limits for their sport at the first tryout. The Bay State Games reserves the right to amend these limitations with due cause (i.e. Due to low tryout numbers a team can not select a full squad unless additional athletes from the same school are chosen).

## **ATHLETE TRYOUT INFORMATION**

### **Participating in tryouts**

Athletes must be an active participant in the drills, scrimmages and other elements of a tryout in order to be considered having been part of the tryout. An athlete who is physically present at a tryout but cannot take part in the drills, scrimmages, etc. due to an injury or other reason, will not be considered having participated in the tryout.

### **Minimum Tryout Quotas**

The standard minimum for all team sports is that athletes must attend at least two (2) tryouts to be considered for any team. Bay State Games reserves the right to amend this rule to one tryout with due cause (i.e. not enough athletes or specific positional players attend tryouts to field a full squad.).

### **Athlete responsibility for determining information on tryouts**

All athletes must check the Bay State Games website ([www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org)) or contact the coach directly for information on the first tryout. Athletes will not individually be contacted regarding their tryout schedule. Updated information will be posted online as soon as possible. It is recommended to check the website frequently for information about your specific sport.

## **TRANSPORTATION, LODGING AND FOOD**

The Bay State Games does not provide housing, transportation or compensation for food or other related expenses to any participant. All arrangements for housing, transportation and meals during Bay State Games events are the responsibility of the individual participant and their parent or guardian.

## **SUPERVISION OF UNDERAGE PARTICIPANTS**

Parents or guardians of underage participants are responsible for the supervision of their son or daughter during their participation in the Bay State Games. The Bay State Games does not provide any supervision or chaperones for participants related to their travel or at any other time except during Bay State Games tryouts, practices and competitions.