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## **2017 USA Masters Games June Session Gets Underway on Friday, June 23**

**San Diego, CA (June 21, 2017):** The June Session of the 2017 USA Masters Games, the National Sports Festival for Adult Athletes (ages 21 and over), starts on Friday, June 23, 2017, with Tennis competition beginning at 8am at the La Jolla Tennis Club, 7632 Draper Avenue, in La Jolla, California. The Tennis competition will include Men's Singles and Doubles, Women's Singles and Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Tennis competition will continue on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. Among the competitors will be Meredith Smith who is traveling from her home country of Australia to compete in the Women's 50+ category.

The following day, Saturday, June 24, is the first day of Track & Field competition at Triton Track & Field Stadium on the campus of UC San Diego, 9370 Hopkins Drive, in La Jolla. Both the Track events, beginning with the 10,000m run and Men's and Women's Pentathlon, and the Field events starting with Women's Discus, get underway at 8am. Track & Field competition will continue on Sunday, June 25. The complete Track & Field schedule can be accessed at <https://usamastersgames2017.com/sports/track-and-field/> and clicking on the Schedule of Events. Track & Field competitors include Olympian and former Triple Jump World Record Holder, Willie Banks.

Bodybuilding will also be held on Saturday, at Rancho Buena Vista High School Performing Arts Center, located at 1601 Longhorn Drive in Vista, California. The Bodybuilding competition will include Bodybuilding for Men and Women, Classic Physique (Men), Physique (Men and Women), Figure (Women), Bikini (Women), and Mixed Pairs. Pre-judging will start at 2pm and the Evening Show will begin at 6pm.

Sunday events get off to an early start with the USA Masters Games Triathlon competition, which will be held in conjunction with the San Diego International Triathlon, beginning at 7am at Spanish Landing Park West, 4300 North Harbor Drive in San Diego. The Triathlon will feature Sprint Distance competition which includes a 500m Swim, 20k Bike, and 6k Run. Among the most interesting athlete stories of the Games is that of Ryan Porteous, a 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympian in Sailing from San Diego, who, due to a spinal injury is confined to a wheelchair but who will be taking on the rigorous Triathlon event!

“We are delighted after another year of hard work by all the staff and volunteers, especially those of the Local Organizing Committee, in the USA Masters Games to be starting the competitions of the second edition of the Games,” said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Games. “It seems particularly appropriate that we are getting underway on June 23, a day recognized around the world as Olympic Day. The Olympic-style multi-sport competition of the 2017 USA Masters Games is a perfect fit for the goals and ideals represented by Olympic Day and the Olympic Movement.”

In Masters competition the social events are often just as important as the competitive ones, and the San Diego Local Organizing Committee has lined up a series of attractive social activities for Games participants including Karl Strauss Arts & Amps 6:30-10:30pm on Saturday, June 24; the San Diego Padres game against the Detroit Tigers that same day beginning at 5:40pm; and Masters Games specials at Mike Hess Brewing on both the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For a complete schedule of the June Session social events, go to <https://usamastersgames2017.com/special-events/>.

Registration remains open for sports of the July Session of the 2017 USA Masters Games, but is currently set to close at midnight PDT this coming Monday, June 26. The July Session of the Games will include 18 more sports including Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Cycling, Diving, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, Judo, Pickleball, Powerlifting, Road Racing, Swimming, Synchro Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Weightlifting. Athletes interested in participating in those sports are urged to register for the Games as quickly as possible. Athletes can register visiting the 2017 USA Masters Games website at [www.usamastersgames2017.com](http://www.usamastersgames2017.com).

**About the USA Masters Games:** The USA Masters Games is the National Sports Festival for Adult Athletes, ages 21 and over. The Games are intended to bring attention to, and help grow, adult sports. The Masters Games feature 24 sports, Opening Ceremonies, special events and social activities. The inaugural USA Masters Games, held in July of 2016 in Greensboro, NC. featured athletes ranging in age from 21 to 91, competing in over 400 games events, at 19 venues. Games athletes established 11 new World Records, 15 American Records, 6 Zone Records, and 47 State Records. For more information on the USA Masters Games, visit [www.usamastersgames.com](http://www.usamastersgames.com)

**About the 2017 USA Masters Games:** The 2017 USA Masters Games are being held in the city of San Diego, California, June 22-26 and July 12-16, 2017. The Games will include 24 sports staged at 24 venues throughout the Greater San Diego area. Opening Ceremonies will take place at Qualcomm Stadium on Friday, July 14. The 2017 Games Local Organizing Committee is a collaborative effort among the California State Games, the San Diego Tourism Authority, and the San Diego Exploratory Foundation. For more information on the 2017 USA Masters Games, visit [www.usamastersgames.com](http://www.usamastersgames.com).