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Happy New Year to all and welcome to our first newsletter of 2016. We're under 180 days to go to the 2016 USA Masters Games, so follow through on those New Year's resolutions and register today! Follow the link below to register!



### Looking to Join a Team or Add a Player to Your Team?

You are in luck! The USA Masters Games "Free Agent" page is here to help. If you are an individual, send us your information and teams can contact you if they need additional players for their team. If you are a team with a space or two to fill, check this page for athletes that may fit the bill.

Visit the USA Masters Games Free Agent page today!

# **Figure Skating Registration Reopens**

The sport of Figure Skating, which has a very strong history in Greensboro, where both the 2011 and 2015 U.S. Figure Skating National Championships were held, has now been reopened for registration. Due to technical issues with the sanction for the event, registration for the sport had to be closed for a number of weeks. Now that all issues have been resolved, registration for Figure Skating in the 2016 USA Masters Games is back online.

"Figure Skating is a very technical sport," explains Nicole Stalker, Competition Director for Figure Skating in the Games, "and the multi-sport format of the Masters Games is a different animal than US Figure Skating is used to. But thanks to the great assistance of US Figure Skating's Adult Skating Committee volunteers we are ready to move forward with what we feel will be a very fun, exciting, and competitive event."

Skaters have already begun signing up again now that registration is back open, and with some registered competitors in the sport hailing from overseas, it promises to be a showcase event in the 2016 USA Masters Games.



#### Volunteer Registration is Now Open

To host an event of the magnitude of the USA Masters Games requires thousands of manhours and a major workforce of volunteers. Great volunteers are both the backbone and the front line of any successful large sporting event and the 2016 USA Masters Games is projecting the need for approximately 2,000 outstanding sports supporters as volunteers.

To help fill these valuable positions, our Volunteer Registration is now open. There is a need for volunteers in a wide variety of areas ranging from managing the 24 different sport competitions to checking in athletes at the Registration Desk. Volunteer positions are broken down into shifts to make the workload manageable and volunteers will be dressed in Games gear to make them stand out.

With athletes from all over the country and several continents, volunteering at the Games is an excellent way of making new friends, while serving the community, too. To sign up for a Games volunteer position, please visit this link.

The USA Masters Games would also welcome volunteer assistance prior to the Games in our Cary, NC office. If interested, please write us at <a href="mailto:info@usamastersgames.com">info@usamastersgames.com</a>.

# **USAMG Booths At Crossfit and Table Tennis Competitions**

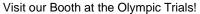
John Meeks and Ben Sturgill, our USAMG local Competition Directors for Functional Fitness and Weightlifting competitions respectively, hosted the annual War of the WODs (Workout of the Day) this past weekend in Greensboro in the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, which will also be the venue for Functional Fitness and Weightlifting during the Games.

The competition was expected to draw almost 1000 competitors from the southeast and Atlantic seaboard, but Winter Storm Jonas put a dent in the overall participation. Hundreds of hearty souls still made it to Greensboro and competed in the two-day event on Saturday and Sunday, January 23rd and 24th.

The USA Masters Games had a strong presence there in the Vendor Village where Michael Johnson of the USAMG staff manned our booth. All athletes at the event received information about the USA Masters Games competition and many were thrilled that a major competition such as the Games would be able to fill what is often a void during the summer for crossfit and weightlifting athletes.

Next week, those in Greensboro who are attending the Table Tennis Olympic Trials at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex can visit us at the USA Masters Games booth for a special entry discount available during the Trials only. Stop by the USAMG booth for your exclusive chance to receive this discount.







War of the WODs

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