

## FSF announces 2005 Calendar of Events

While the 26th Annual Florida's Sunshine State Summer Games will be held in Broward County this year, seven other Florida communities will host Sunshine State Games competitions in 2005.

Kicking off the 2005 Calendar of Sunshine State Games events on April 22-24 is the Cheerleading and Dance State Championships. The competition will be hosted by the University of Tampa, at the Bob Martinez Sports Center.

Florida's Sunshine State Games Sport Shooting Championships will be held over a 5-week period (April 23-May 22) at four locations offering competition in 19 shooting disciplines.

The Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships will be held at Incredible Ice in Coral Springs, May 13-15. The Sunshine State Games figure skating competition annually hosts 300 of Florida's finest amateur figure skaters.

The Palace in Lantana, will host the Sunshine State Games Artistic Roller Skating, an event for all ages, held Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-30.

The 26th Annual 2005 Summer Games will be held in Broward County, June 15-

19th, with competition in 25 sports. The Broward County-hosted Games in 2005 provide a central location in Fort Lauderdale featuring competition in areas around the city such as Cooper City, Coral Springs, Plantation and Sunrise. Over 8,000 athletes are expected to compete in the five-day event.

Later in the month, the Sunshine State Games Basketball Festival returns to Gainesville, June 24-26th, with competition in the boys and girl's junior varsity and varsity divisions. The Festival features top high school talent from around the state including all state selections and FHSAA State Tournament Final Four participants.



*Florida's Sunshine State Games provides athletic competition for all ages.*

## 2004 Florida Senior Games State Championships see record participation

At the 2002 Florida Senior Games State Championships, a qualifier for the 2003 National Senior Games, participation topped 2,000. All involved were ecstatic. The 2004 Games, a qualifier for the 2005 National Senior Games, saw the participation just miss 3,000 athletes. All involved wondered just how high the number could go in coming years.

Over the first two weekends of December, The Villages hosted a record number 2,983 senior athletes participating in the 23 sports and events of the Florida Senior Games State Championships.

Those athletes broke 128 records and 1,408 individuals qualified for the 2005 National Senior Games to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in June, 2005.

Athletes were treated to an official welcome from Florida Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings at the Celebration of Athletes, held Monday, December 6 at The Villages Spanish Springs Town Square.

The 2005 Florida Senior Games will be held at The Villages, December 3-11, 2005. For a list of 2005 Florida Senior Games Local Qualifiers and 2004 results, check [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com).

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*Boca Raton's Dolores Pressler competes in archery.*

## Florida Chiropractic Association partners with FSF

The Florida Sports Foundation is pleased to announce a three-year partnership through 2007 with the Orlando-based Florida Chiropractic Association (FCA) as a bronze-level sponsor. The Florida Chiropractic partnership will focus on Florida's Sunshine State Games events and festivals.

The FCA is the largest state association in chiropractic, representing 4,200 members. As evidence supporting the effectiveness of chiropractic continues to emerge, health care consumers are turning in record numbers to chiropractic care—a form of health care aimed primarily at enhancing a patient's overall health and well-being without the use of drugs or surgery. More than 30 million

people visited doctors of chiropractic last year for a variety of conditions, and more and more medical doctors are referring their patients to doctors of chiropractic. To learn more or to locate an FCA member chiropractic physician in your area, visit [www.fcachiro.org](http://www.fcachiro.org).

The current partnership is not Florida Chiropractic's first association with the Sunshine State Games. In 1990, FCA was a sponsor of the Games held in Miami. Over the three-year sponsorship, FCA will assist with medical coverage of the 25 sports of the Sunshine State Games to be held in Broward County in 2005 and Miami-Dade County in 2006.



## Seven businesses become partners with the FSF

The FSF announces one-year partnerships with the following businesses. Able Body Labor, The Greater Ft. Lauderdale CVB, Loyola Financial Services, Inc., Plantation Realty Services, Lincoln Capital Corp., Smokey Bones Barbeque and WCI Communities, Inc. as Silver Level Sponsors.

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Smokey Bones Barbeque is known for friendly service and its genuine hickory-smoked, fall off-the-bone ribs and hand-pulled pork. Smokey Bones serves favorites from the grill, salads, sides and plenty of ice-cold beer. It can be found nearby, or visit [www.smokeybones.com](http://www.smokeybones.com).

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## **Governor Bush announces sports grants ~19 grants totaling \$199,000 awarded to sporting events statewide~**

Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Sports Foundation awarded 19 grants totaling \$199,000 to support statewide sporting events. Funded through the sale of professional sports license plates, the quarterly grants program helps local organizations attract sporting events that generate significant economic impact through increased tourism.

"In Florida, we pride ourselves as being home and host to the best sporting events anywhere in the world," said Governor Bush. "In addition to the excitement of athletic competition, these sporting events contribute much to our state's economy through increased tourism and related expenditures."

Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 were awarded to the 19 sporting events that, cumulatively, are expected to attract more than 71,000 out-of-state visitors and contribute more than \$44 million to the Sunshine State's economy. These grants represent the second of four grant cycles during the 2004-05 fiscal year. Since July, the Florida Sports Foundation has contributed \$214,000 to 25 events.

Sports events receiving regional grants include:

- Kelly Slater Pro (Prof. Men's & Women's Surfing), Cocoa Beach, January 2-7, 2005
- Flag & Touch Football League National Championship, Kissimmee, January 15-17, 2005
- Crappiemasters Inc. Mega Bucks Tournament, Tavares, January 15, 2005
- CITGO Bassmaster Tournament Trail Tour, Kissimmee, January 27-30, 2005
- Miami Tropical Marathon and Half-Marathon, January 30, 2005
- Palm Beach Challenge (Baseball/Softball), Palm Beach County, Feb. 20-April 4, 2005
- Edgewater Classic (Women's Gymnastics), Panama City Beach, February 11-13, 2005
- Marvin Blumenthal Basketball Tournament, Orlando, February 24-27, 2005
- World Cup of Flag Football, Miami Shores, February 24-27, 2005
- Port Charlotte College Baseball Invitational, February 26-March 26, 2005
- Tampa Bay (NCAA Division III Baseball) Invitational, February 26-April 2, 2005
- NCAA Division II Swimming & Diving Championships, Orlando, March 9-12, 2005
- Pro Tennis World Open, Sunrise, March 13-20, 2005
- Festival of Speed, Orlando, March 19-20, 2005
- USTA Boy's & Girl's Nat'l Spring Championships, Palm Beach Co., April 10-17, 2005
- Bay Area Youth Track & Field Classic, University of South Florida, May 27-29, 2005
- North American Roller Hockey Championships, Estero, July 15-29, 2005
- World Youth Netball Championships, Fort Lauderdale, July 19-31, 2005
- USA Karate-do National Championships, Fort Lauderdale, July 12-17, 2006

## **Featured FSF Granted Event—2004 Ironman Florida Triathlon**

Athletes from 36 countries and 50 states traveled to Panama City for the Sixth Annual Ironman Triathlon. The 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2 mile run all took place along Panama City Beach and surrounding Bay County.

Of one of only 17 Ironman events from around the world, the athletes at this event all had a story to tell. From worldwide athletes training all year, to NHL Hall of Famers and cancer patients competing for charity, the competitors competed for 100 qualifying spots to the 2005 Ironman World Championship which will be held in October in Kona, Hawaii.

The FSF gave the event a \$25,000 grant, and they received help from the Panama City Convention and Visitors Bureau. Overall, the event brought the State of Florida \$3 million in economic impact as well as 12,850 hotel room nights.

FSF President/CEO, Larry Pendleton, and Robin Safley, Chair of the FSF Board of Directors, had an opportunity to attend the event and gave it rave reviews. The 2005 event should be just as successful considering the day after the event, it sold out in approximately four hours. Included among the 2005 participants will be the FSF Board Chair, Robin Safley.

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### Junior Golf Grant Program Created

Alongside the Major and Regional Grant Programs, FSF has launched its own Florida Youth Golf Program. It is designed to assist youth organizations in the State to introduce and instruct young people to golf, teach values of golf, stress life skills, and self discipline. The Program is intended to help organizations providing junior golf programs serving economically disadvantaged youth, children with special needs and the general population. The program is funded by the sale of the Florida Golf License Plate, created in 2002, to promote Florida's thriving golf industry. Grant applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis. Check [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com) for more info.

### Order 2005 FSF Publications

To order 2005 editions of PLAY FLA GOLF and Florida Spring Training Guide, go to [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com).

## Miami-Dade County to host Florida's Sunshine State Games

Florida's Sunshine State Games will be held in Miami in the summer of 2006. The Games will be hosted by the Miami-Dade Sports Commission.

"The Sunshine State Games provide Florida's amateur athletes with the ideal opportunity to participate in a wide array of events while promoting sportsmanship, fitness, and the spirit of competition," said Governor Bush. "The Games also afford our talented youth an arena to refine their athletic talents prior to national and international competitions while making new friends in the process."

The 2006 Summer Games mark the first time the Olympic-style festival has been held in Miami-Dade County since 1990. South Florida has played host to the Sunshine State Games five times since its inception in 1980. Palm Beach County has hosted two Sunshine State Games (1992, 2002) and Broward County will host the 2005 Games.

Tamiami Park, Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Florida International University in West Dade County will serve as a major hub and most activities will be clustered in those areas. The Miami Fair Expo

## FSF 2005 EVENT SCHEDULE

### April 22-24, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games Cheerleading and Dance State Championships, Martinez Center, Tampa

### April 23—May 22, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games Sport Shooting Championships, Central Florida

### May 13-15, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships, Incredible Ice, Coral Springs

### June 15-19, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games, Broward County

### June 24-26, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games Basketball Festival, Gainesville

### November 12-13, 2005

Florida's Sunshine State Games Flag Football State Championships, Broward County

### 2005 State Ranking Tournament Schedule

August 13-14, August 27-28, September 10-11, September 24-25, October 8-9, October 22-23

### December 3 – 11, 2005

Florida Senior Games State Championships  
The Villages, Florida

will be home to the Games Headquarters, Athlete Check-in and will have an interactive games area for athletes, their families and spectators.

Thousands of athletes and their families travel to participate in the annual sports competition, making the Sunshine State Games an economic boon for the communities that host them. As many as 9,000 amateur athletes will compete in 25 sports at the 2006 Summer Games. Sports with traditional large participation base from Miami area include Track & Field and Water Polo.

"We are excited to be hosting this event in Miami," said Miami-Dade County Sports Commission Executive Director Mike Sophia. "It's a great opportunity to welcome athletes from the state and offer the youth of our community the chance to experience the Games."

