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Registration Open for Palm Desert Senior Games & International Sports Festival

Indio, California (November 10, 2015) – Registration is now underway for the 16th Annual Palm Desert Senior Games & International Sports Festival.

This four-day competition takes place from February 18 – 21, 2016 in various venues throughout Palm Desert, California. Athletes and spectators alike look forward to this event each year, as adult athletes compete in more than a dozen individual or team sports. Each year we host over 1,000 athletes to participate in this energizing event, and the 2015 games saw competitors from 16 different states and 15 home countries represented.



Festival headquarters will be the Palm Desert Community Center. We encourage supporters to come out and cheer for their favorite athletes, and all events are free to spectators.

Registration is open until late January, 2016. Participants can register online at: <u>MyRecreationDistrict.com</u> or <u>DesertSeniorGames.org.</u> Participation fee is \$40. There is an early registration fee of \$5 per event if you sign up by December 15, 2015; after December 15, the cost is \$7 per event fee. Team fees vary by sport. For information or hardcopy registration forms, call (760) 541-4184.

The games open on February 18, and there will be a Welcoming Wine Reception on February 19, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Palm Desert Community Center.

For information about the 16th Annual Palm Desert Senior Games & International Sports Festival, visit <u>MyRecreationDistrict.com</u> or <u>DesertSeniorGames.org</u> or call (760) 568-2560.

The Desert Recreation District

<u>The Desert Recreation District</u> (DRD) provides quality recreation experiences to residents throughout the Greater Coachella Valley. DRD manages, maintains and assists in maintaining over 30 parks and recreation facilities; creates and delivers quality programs, services and classes; and, facilitates leisure opportunities through partnerships that encourage residents to engage in healthy lifestyles and wellness activities. DRD hosts events such as the Senior Games and partners with health care organizations such as Kaiser Permanente to fund scholarships for swim lessons and junior lifeguard classes. DRD is funded through tax dollars, special assessments, grants and nominal charges assigned to select classes and events. Over the last year, DRD offered over 2,800 classes and programs and more than 200 special events.

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