

### PALM DESERT SENIOR GAMES & INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 3, 2024









### CITY OF PALM DESERT

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Festival Participant:

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the 2024 annual Palm Desert Senior Games and International Sports Festival! Your presence enriches the fabric of our city and contributes to the vibrancy of the entire Coachella Valley. Thank you for being a part of this outstanding event.

As you embark on this exciting journey of competition, I encourage you to explore the diverse experiences our city has to offer. Palm Desert is not only the host city for the Senior Games; it is also a gateway to a wealth of enriching activities.

Consider a visit to the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens, where beautiful trails and interactions with desert animals await. The McCallum Theatre, hosting international touring shows, offers artistic escape, while the El Paseo shopping and dining district invites you to explore its world-renowned public sculpture exhibition.

For those seeking outdoor adventures, the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument provides enjoyable trails in the foothills around us, catering to all skill levels. If you need help planning your itinerary, the Visitor Center at City Hall (73510 Fred Waring Drive) is ready to assist you with maps and valuable information to enhance your exploration.

Whether you're here for competition, cultural experiences, or outdoor pursuits, I hope you find your time in our desert paradise to be filled with joy and memorable moments. Palm Desert welcomes you with open arms, and we are honored to host such a distinguished gathering of athletes and enthusiasts.

Wishing you success in your respective events and an unforgettable stay in our beautiful city. Please enjoy every moment of your time in Palm Desert!

Sincerely,

Karina Quintanilla Mayor



#### **DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT**

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Dear Esteemed Athletes, Guests, and Sponsors,

On behalf of Desert Recreation District, it is my honor and privilege to extend a heartfelt welcome to each one of you at the 2024 Palm Desert Senior Games & International Sports Festival.

As we gather for this extraordinary event, we celebrate not only the spirit of competition but also the camaraderie that transcends borders. With hundreds of athletes converging from across the United States and Canada, Palm Desert becomes the vibrant stage for the 2024 Senior Games.

This festival is a testament to the dedication, passion, and resilience of our athletes, whose pursuit of excellence inspires us all. We are excited to witness the incredible feats and share in the joy of friendly competition.

To our esteemed guests, your presence adds a special touch to the event, and we are honored to have you join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these remarkable athletes.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors whose support makes this event possible. Your commitment to promoting health, wellness, and community engagement is instrumental in the success of the 2024 Palm Desert Senior Games.

For those unfamiliar with Desert Recreation District, we invite you to explore the array of services we offer to the community. Visit us at MyRecreationDistrict.com to discover how we contribute to the well-being and vitality of the residents we serve as California's largest Park and Recreation District.

May this festival be a source of joy, inspiration, and memories that last a lifetime. Wishing everyone a fantastic and successful event!

Warm Regards,

Kevin Kalman, General Manager



# About our Games

Thank you for joining in the fun at the 22nd Annual Palm Desert Senior Games and International Sports Festival. What started as a local athletic event has expanded to Senior Games that are recognized throughout the region.

#### Number of Athletes (as of 1/5/2024): 478

#### Number of Male Athletes: 230

#### Number of Female Athletes: 248

#### Athletes' States/Countries:

California, Washington, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, New York, Minnesota, Texas, Montana, Oklahoma, Colorado, Indiana, & all over British Columbia, Canada.

#### Age of Oldest Athlete: 92 years old (Track & Field)

#### Average Age of All Athletes: 64 years old

#### Most Popular Sport: Soccer



# Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

8 a.m. Over 70, Men's Soccer Palm Desert Soccer Park

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

8 a.m. Over 70, Men's Soccer Palm Desert Soccer Park

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

8 a.m. Over 70, Men's Soccer Palm Desert Soccer Park

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

9 a.m. Golf – 9 Hole The First Tee – Coachella Valley)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8 a.m. Women's Volleyball (50+) Palm Desert High School/Desert Sports Center

#### 10 a.m. Track & Field Competition Palm Desert High School Track





# Sponsors and Locations

#### SANCTIONED BY:



#### Thank you to our sponsors for supporting the 2024 Palm Desert Senior Games & International Sports Festival



#### LOCATIONS

PALM DESERT CIVIC CENTER PARK 43-900 San Pablo Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • (760) 568-9697

PALM DESERT COMMUNITY CENTER 43-900 San Pablo Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • (760) 568-9697

PALM DESERT HIGH SCHOOL 74-910 Aztec Road, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • (760) 862-4300

PALM DESERT SOCCER PARK 74-735 Hovley Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • (760) 568-9697

FIRST TEE – COACHELLA VALLEY 74-945 Sheryl Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 • (760) 779-1877

DESERT SPORTS CENTER 38-895 El Desierto Road, Palm Desert, CA 92211 • (760) 772-5175

# YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO REACH YOUR DREAMS

### - Diana Nyad -Competitive Swimmer



Congratulations to all Senior Games participants!

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### Thank you

Thank you to the dedicated ATHLETES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS and SPECTATORS for participating in making the 2024 Palm Desert Senior Games and International Sports Festival a great success!

#### THANK YOU TO OUR CO-HOST THE CITY OF PALM DESERT





**Desert Recreation District Mission Statement:** To enrich the quality of life for those in the Coachella Valley by acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining a community focused parks and recreation system, and preserving it for future generations.

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