

## NSGA 2021 Qualifying Questions and Answers

### Answers regarding 2020 events **BEING HELD**

- **Does this statement mean that athletes may still qualify by placing in the top 4 of most sports? (Note – team sports and tennis place top 3, and golf is top 1 - check the NSGA rulebook for details).**

Yes. Normal qualifying standards are part of the rule.

- **Does this statement also mean that if I qualified in 2018 for the 2019 Nationals, that I am automatically eligible for the 2021 Nationals?**

Yes. Everyone is encouraged to attend state finals events. However, each person needs to assess their current health situation.

- **I did not attend the 2019 Nationals in Albuquerque. Am I still eligible for 2021 in Ft. Lauderdale?**

Yes. This rule applies to all athletes who QUALIFIED at our 2018 state finals.

- **If my team does NOT play, I understand that my 2018 roster of players has qualified. I have many new players plus our age group will change. How would this work?**

There will be an “open registration period” launched a few weeks after the priority registration period. New athletes may register at that time. The age group of your team will be determined by the age of the youngest player as of 12/31/2021. Your previous age group does not matter.

- **I was planning on playing with a new doubles partner. If I do NOT play in 2020, may I still enter with a new partner?**

Yes. As with the team question above, there will be an “open registration period” where new athletes may register. If your partner played in 2018 with someone else you may switch partners.

## Questions regarding 2020 events **NOT BEING HELD**

- **If some of my events are held and some are not, will I fall under both of these rules?**

Yes. So please study these carefully.

- **Does this statement mean that if I qualified in 2016 for Birmingham AND/OR 2018 for Albuquerque, that I am automatically eligible for the 2021 Nationals?**

Yes.

- **I did not attend the 2017 or 2019 Nationals. Am I still eligible for 2021 in Ft. Lauderdale?**

Yes. This rule applies to all athletes who **QUALIFIED** at our 2016 or 2018 state finals.

- **I am brand new to the Senior Games/Olympics and was looking forward to trying to qualify for the 2021 Nationals. What options are there for me?**

There will be an “open registration period” launched a few weeks after the priority registration period. New athletes may register at that time.

## 2021 National Qualifying Information

Athletes- please read the following statement from the NSGA. **Scroll to the bottom for a Q & A section that will hopefully answer most questions.**



### Qualifying Statement for the 2021 National Senior Games presented by Humana



**This is an unprecedented situation for the National Senior Games Association (NSGA) that required a one-time adjustment for the 2021 National Senior Games.**

NSGA has established a registration process which includes a Priority Registration Period for qualified athletes followed by an Open Registration Period.

#### Qualification for Priority Registration Period

- If the TN Senior Olympics is **ABLE** to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, the qualification standards for the sports/events as specified in the 2021 NSGA Rulebook will determine qualifiers. In addition, athletes **from** the 2018 TN Senior Olympics State Finals who **qualified for** the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will also qualify in the respective sports/events for the National Senior Games in 2021 (i.e., qualifiers **from** 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).
- If the TN Senior Olympics is **UNABLE** to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, athletes **from** the TN Senior Olympics State Finals who **qualified for** the 2017 National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL **and/or** 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will qualify in the respective sports/events for the 2021 National Senior Games (i.e., qualifiers **from** 2016 and/or 2018 respective sports/events **from** the TN Senior Olympics State Finals).
- The number of registrants may be limited for certain sports.

#### Open Registration Period

- An Open Registration period will also be offered to accommodate athletes age 50+, who were unable to attend or qualify at a state senior games in 2020.
- The number of registrants may be limited for certain sports.

#### Change in Power Walk Qualification

- Power Walk will continue as an Open Sport for the 2021 National Senior Games presented by Humana. Qualification will not be required for Power Walk.

NSGA reserves the right to make further adjustments to National Senior Games qualification and registration.