BAY STATE GAMES
THE OFFICIAL STATE GAMES OF MASSACHUSETTS  FALL 2017

OVER 6,000 ATHLETES COMPETE IN THIS YEAR’S SUMMER GAMES

The Bay State Summer Games is Massachusetts’ own Olympic-style athletic competition that has annually been held since 1982. Each year the Summer Games features thousands of athletes competing in many sports. Athletes of all ages and abilities represent over 300 Massachusetts communities each year. The 2017 Summer Games consisted of Showcase Sports, Individual Sports, and Team Sports. Finals for all Summer Games competitions were held in the Metro Boston and Central Massachusetts area.

The games would not be possible without the tremendous support of state-wide volunteers, including: coaches, officials, medical professionals, and game day staff, as well as the cooperation of the host sites.

The opportunity to compete with the best athletes in the State and in some cases, in the North East, is an exciting experience. That excitement showed through at the various competitions throughout the State.

The sports program for the 2017 games included: archery, badminton, baseball, baton twirling, fencing, field hockey, figure skating, ice hockey, judo, lacrosse, paralympic swimming, paralympic track, rugby, shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, track & field, weightlifting, wrestling, and volleyball.

While the spirit of olympic-style sport brought forward the values of sportsmanship, excellence, competition, and friendship, there were certainly many memorable moments. We saw the refined skill of archers, grit and determination of rugby players, the perseverance of a paralympic swimmer, and a dramatic gold medal win in field hockey, just to name a few.

For complete results of all the Summer Games’ sport competitions, please visit: www.baystategames.org/summer-games-results.
The Bay State Games Hall of Fame was created to recognize past participants who have gone on to prestigious and successful athletic careers, as well as former and current coaches, officials, sports organizers, and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the organization throughout its 36-year history. Past inductees among the over 50 previous honorees include the NBA’s Dana Barros (’06) and the late Reggie Lewis (’02); the NHL’s Bill Guerin (’09); Major League Baseball’s Carlos Pena (’11) and Rich Hill (’13); and Winter Olympians Nancy Kerrigan (’07), and Bill Cleary (’14).

Tom Thibodeau, NBA Head Coach

Thibodeau was named president of Basketball Operations and head coach of the Timberwolves in April 2016. Before joining the NBA’s coaching ranks, Thibodeau coached at Salem State University (1981-85) and Harvard (1985-89). While at SSU, he also served as a volunteer head coach of the Bay State Games Northeast Region Men’s Open Basketball team for two years. He began his NBA career as an assistant coach with several NBA teams from 1989-2007. Thibodeau served as associate head coach of the Boston Celtics (2007-10), and before returning to Minnesota, the New Britain, Conn. native was head coach of the Chicago Bulls (2010-15). He also served as an assistant coach for the USA Basketball Men’s National Team that won the gold medal at the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup, and the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. He earned bachelors and master’s degrees in Counseling from Salem State University where he was a four-year letter winner in basketball.

Christopher Lane, Track & Field

Christopher Lane has logged more than 50 years as a track and field official and event manager at the local, regional, national and international levels. He has been involved with the Bay State Games Track program for over three decades as an official and event coordinator. He was a high school track All American and coached for 25 years at Boston College, Brandeis and M.I.T. He has served as president of the Massachusetts Track and Field Officials Association and was inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2011. Lane remains active in athletic event administration as a member of the Boston Marathon Organizing Committee, and with DMSE Sports.

David Blake, Fencing

David Blake has served as a key member of the Bay State Games Fencing Committee for nearly 20 years. The founder and owner of the Prise de Fer Fencing Club in North Billerica, he annually hosts the Bay State Games’ fencing competition. Blake captured two gold medals in the Games’ first fencing event. He is an active member of the U. S. Fencing Association (USFA), serving as a member of the board of directors from 2008 to 2016, and as chair of the USFA New England Division, as well as the organization’s North Atlantic Section. Additionally, he is an internationally rated referee and a referee trainer. Blake has been involved with many local, regional, national and international fencing competitions.
The Future Leaders Scholarship aims to identify young men and women who will be tomorrow’s leaders. Each year the Bay State Games is proud to award these $2,000 scholarships to six deserving Bay State Games athletes. Over the past 25 years nearly $300,000 has been distributed to students who wish to continue their education.

The 2017 recipients are: Shaelyn Carreiro (Basketball- Durfee HS), Emily Duffy (Track & Field-Belmont HS), Arienne Howard (Basketball- Fontbonne Academy), Haley Moniz (Softball- Westfield HS), Katelyn Pickunka (Basketball- Hampshire Regional HS), and Sarah Widrow (Soccer- Stoughton HS).

The 2016 recipients of the Future Leaders Scholarship have selected to attend: Boston University, Fordham University, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and Michigan State University.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation awards these scholarships because it believes the future leaders of tomorrow are developed during their high school years with a solid foundation built on academics, athletics and other interests as well as community service. Achieving success in academics, athletics and community service teaches responsibility to self and to others, fosters a sense of self-worth, and develops an appreciation for the importance of setting goals and working to achieve them. If learned well, these lessons help make effective leaders in business, education, and the community. These values help to craft the leaders of tomorrow, and the Bay State Games hopes to help these leaders with the Futures Leaders Scholarship program.

Some of the hardest working people in the business!

The Bay State Games College Internship program is one of the most comprehensive learning internships in the sport business.

Our past interns have gone on to work for organizations such as: the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, the Miami Dolphins, collegiate athletic conferences, and more!

This year’s interns: Erin Cummings, Cassie Healy, Margo Murphy, Erika Sheinhait, Keith Stead, Zack Cousineau, Joe Devirgilio, and Kendall Streeter.
REFLECTION ON BSG INTERNSHIP BY ERIKA SHEINHAIT

This past summer, I had the pleasure of calling myself an Operations/Sport Information intern for the Bay State Games (BSG). Being able to reflect on it now, I am so thankful for the opportunity to work for BSG. Every time someone asks me how my summer was, I light up because I get excited to tell others the types of things I did during this internship.

I am a Sports Management major at Western New England University and have been working in the Sport Information Office on campus. I am also a collegiate athlete (swimming), competing and supporting amateur sports for most of my life. This opportunity gave me a new perspective, experiences and insight to the amateur sports industry and helped define what I would like to pursue in my future.

Bay State Games is an Olympic-style competition across the state of Massachusetts. The majority of competitions take place within a two-week period with multiple competitions taking place at once. At one point, we had six different sports going on at once. To say the least, it was hectic, but nonetheless, we were able to put on a smooth competition for these athletes who are focusing on their individual sport.

This summer, my primary responsibilities included coordinating and managing the Swimming and 7v7 Field Hockey events and assisting in public relations. In operations, I became exposed to the part of sports that the athletes do not see – the preparation. This internship enlightened me to the way a premier sporting event is put on. My role in public relations included creating flyers and game programs that were used to promote the Games and the athletes participating. I also ran our social media accounts to further publicize our events. At BSG, I learned more than I could have imagined. I strengthened my management and technology skills and gained experience monitoring social media and managing the back end of the BSG website.

In addition, as a bonus, the group of people I worked with complemented each other in several ways. Sitting in what we called “Intern Village,” we achieved so much this summer. We all had our strengths and weaknesses and expertise in certain sports, but we helped each other out, which created a trusting work environment.

I am proud of what I accomplished this summer, and I have Bay State Games to thank for that. At my interview, I was told that this position would be an “untraditional” internship in the way that we would be doing real hands-on work that other intern positions may not offer. This opportunity exposed me to real situations I may encounter in the sport industry, and I look forward to how this experience will propel me forward in my professional career.

Despite the long days, I loved every second of it, and I feel I am better for having completed this internship. Future interns should consider themselves lucky to work for Bay State Games because the experience they will get and things they will learn is unmatched.
THREE NAMED ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AND NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

The Bay State Games Athlete of the Year program was established to recognize individuals who excel above and beyond their athletic participation in the Bay State Games. Individuals are chosen based on overall achievements, involvement in the Bay State Games, involvement in their community, effort, sportsmanship, and attitude on and off the field. Nominations were submitted by coaches, commissioners, parents, volunteers, and even other players.

Individuals who were chosen as Bay State Games Athlete of the Year were submitted for recognition as the National State Games Athlete of the Year. If chosen as the National State Games Athlete of the Year, they will be given an all expense paid trip to Orlando, FL to receive their award at the National Congress of State Games award dinner on October 31, 2017.

For more information and to sign up, please visit: www.baystategames.org/school-ambassador
Dorian McMenemy, Northboro

Dorian has been a longtime participant in the Bay State Games Swimming competition. She has also participated in Bay State Games basketball events. During her time competing in Bay State Games she has won countless medals, primarily gold. As a high school swimmer, Dorian was a four time Massachusetts state champion and set record times in both the 50 Free and 100 Free. She also still holds 7 swimming records at her high school. She was named a National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) All-America Academic Selection and two-time USA Swimming Scholastic All-American (2013-2015). After high school, Dorian chose to attend Wagner College in New York where in her freshman year she was a member of the medley relay team that set a new school and conference record.

As a dual citizen of both the United States and the Dominican Republic, Dorian has also excelled as a swimmer on the international stage. Despite her young age of 20, Dorian has already competed in the 2012 London Olympic Games and the 2016 Rio Games representing the Dominican Republic where she holds five Dominican national records in swimming. In 2012 she competed in the Bay State Games the week before traveling to London to compete in the Olympics. She has competed in three swimming world championships representing the Dominican Republic (2011-Shanghai, 2013 Barcelona, 2015 Kazan). She also competed in the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympics.

On September 12, 2016, one month after competing in the Rio Olympics, Dorian suffered a stroke during college swim practice. After spending a week in the hospital, she spent months in recovery. She returned to Wagner for her second semester and while she could not compete with her swim team, she returned to practice and began working out again to regain her health. After month of hard work, she returned to the Bay State Games in the Summer of 2017 just 10 months after suffering her stroke and won three swimming gold medals. Dorian is a role model for perseverance and continuing to strive for success in the face of adversity. Her determination, drive and work ethic serve as an inspiration to many, especially fellow stroke victims. She is a long time state games participant who has progressed from the grass roots level to the international stage but, never forgot where she came from.

Mason Balch, Westfield

Mason Balch is an outstanding athlete, student and person that represents his sport, school and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in an outstanding fashion.

Mason has participated in the Bay State Games Lacrosse competition in 2015, 2016 and 2017. In each of his three years, he led his West team to a gold medal. He was one of top players on the field among players from across Massachusetts. He attends the Williston-Northampton School, a private prep school in Easthampton, Massachusetts and is a resident of Westfield, Massachusetts. Over the course of his last season, Mason was named the team MVP and Offensive Player of the year as well as the Tournament Championship MVP and an All-League selection in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference. He is also a two year team captain. He is considered one of the top lacrosse players in Western Massachusetts and has already committed to attend Bryant University in Rhode Island where he will play Division I lacrosse starting in the fall of 2018. In addition, he is one of the top players on the Williston-Northampton football team.

As a student at Williston-Northampton School, Mason is a top Honors Student and is also a member of the schools National Honors Society. At Bryant University he will attend their outstanding business school.

Mason has a strong sense of community and is always given back to others. He has served as a volunteer coach at the Westfield Youth Lacrosse League, teaching young players about the game of lacrosse. He has also helped (continued on page 7)
(continued from page 6, Balch) produce youth lacrosse clinics. He was selected as an athlete representative at the Bay State Games Western Massachusetts Athletes night help in the spring of 2017. Despite many other summer opportunities, Mason committed himself to the Bay State Games for three consecutive summers and is committed to the positive experience and opportunities that state games provide. He is also a selfless individual and actually sent in a nomination for a fellow team member to be considered as athlete of the year rather than promote himself.

**KYL A HANSEN, AVON**

Kyla is a longtime state games participant who excels in athletics, academics and in the community.

Kyla has competed in 7 Bay State Games figure skating competitions dating back to 2011. In this very competitive skating event, Kayla has won Gold in 2011, 2014 and 2015. She also won other medals during her time at the Games. In addition to the Bay State Games, Kyla competes in other skating events including the prestigious Boston Open. Kayla was selected as the Bay State Games ambassador at Blue Hills Regional Vocational High School. As her school ambassador, Kayla works with athletic administrators, coaches and student-athletes at her school to promote the Bay State Games and distribute organization materials.

Kyla is an outstanding student at Blue Hills Regional High School and she has a 4.0 average. She is also a member of her schools’ National Honors Society. In addition to being an accomplished figure skater, Kyla has played varsity girls volleyball since the 8th grade and is looking forward to becoming a team captain in her senior year. She also gives back to her community by serving as a teacher in a youth Learn to skate program.
JOIN THE BAY STATE GAMES MARATHON TEAM!

The Bay State Games Charity Running Team gives runners the opportunity to compete in the 2018 Boston Marathon which will take place on Monday, April 16th. Our goal is to raise funds while providing runners with an opportunity to achieve their lifetime goal of competing in the Boston Marathon. These funds are essential in allowing the Bay State Games to be able to continue its mission of producing quality recreational, health, and educational programming for Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information, please visit: www.baystategames.org.