

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER Fifty Three

WHEREAS, since 1977, thirty-five states have created their own state games endorsed by the United States Olympic Committee in which amateur athletes within those States can compete against one another; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations have contributed to the rapid growth and development of the amateur field; and

WHEREAS, an increased awareness in the importance of health and fitness and the increasing level of participation in sports by the American public are the results of those contributing organizations; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to recognize, promote, and develop our state's amateur athletes as a direct boost to the United States Olympic effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware do hereby order and direct the following:

- I. There is created the Governor's "First State Games" which shall be an annual event held during the summer of each year at a time selected by the Committee, as hereinafter defined, and the Governor.

- II. There is created the Governor's First State Games Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, which shall be an advisory body to the Governor for administrative and coordinating purposes.

- III. The Committee in its advisory, planning and coordinating role, shall:
 - A. Provide Delawareans of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive personal development through sports and physical activity;
 - B. Promote and develop the grass roots amateur athlete as a direct boost to the United States Olympic effort;
 - C. Provide a source of recognition for amateur athletes;
 - D. Enable Delawareans to utilize the state's finest athletic facilities and have a chance to take advantage of top facilities in their home communities as they further the development of grass roots amateur athletic programs;
 - E. Create an amateur sports network of administrators and volunteers throughout the State to further the development of a statewide grass roots amateur athletics program;

F. Establish, develop, and promote the "First State Games" an open competition for amateur athletes, said Games to include but not be limited to such events as track and field, equestrian events, swimming, tennis, bowling, soccer and softball; and

G. Promote the concept of individual physical fitness for all citizens of the State of Delaware.

III. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, as follows:

One appointment by the Governor;

Two Appointments by the Legislature;

One by the Speaker of the House;

One by the President Pro-Tem;

The Executive Director of the First State Games;

Two Representatives of the Private Sector to
serve at the Governor's pleasure;

The Chairman of the Governor's Council on
Physical Fitness.

A. All members shall serve one (1) year terms from the effective date of their appointments.

B. All appointees shall be selected on the basis of pertinent expertise, group affiliation, or expressed intention of volunteer service.

C. The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director who shall preside over all meetings of the Committee.

D. All members shall be reimbursed from the Committee's operating funds only for their expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder and in accordance with state regulations.

IV. The Committee may establish such advisory subcommittees from the full membership as deemed necessary for the successful completion of the goals of the full Committee.

V. The Committee shall meet upon advance call of the Chairman to all committee members. A majority of members present shall constitute a quorum for the official conduct of business.



APPROVED this 24th day
of February, 1988

Michael N. Castle
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State