



NCSG Summary of Major Changes for 2017

Details and specific changes for activities will be in the respective publications and will be discussed at the trainings for Local Games staff in January and February.

SPORTS:

- At State Finals, participants must choose 2 of the 3 pickleball events
- At State Finals, participants must choose the 5k run or the 10k run.
- Spincasting is no longer a State Finals event.
- See the **2017 edition** of the NCSG Rules Book for detailed sports changes. It will have its own “Summary of Changes” page in it. The revised edition should be available on the Sports and Events page of the website in early January and changes will be presented and discussed at the Local Coordinators Association meetings in January and the Sports Management Clinic in February.

SILVERARTS:

Heritage Arts Sub-categories for State Finals:

- Quilting divided into: Quilting (hand stitched) and Quilting (machine stitched)
- No longer included at State Finals sub-categories: china painting, rugs, tatting and needlelace

Literary Arts:

- Descriptor for Essay added (not autobiographical)
- See the **2017 edition** of the NCSG SilverArts Manual for any changes. It will have its’ own “Summary of Changes” page in it. It should be available on the PPA of our website in December and changes will be presented and discussed at the Local Coordinators Association meetings in January and the SilverArts Workshop.

REMINDERS:

- Remember qualifying date for age determination: A person must be 50 years of age or better as of **December 31st, 2017** to participate. A participant's age on **December 31st, 2017** determines the age category in which they will compete at the Local Game and State Finals.
- **Required:** Local Games **must** request an “E-Mail Address” from your participants on your Entry Forms *and enter it in your database*. This will allow for much more efficient communication with participants from you and NCSG (especially for State Finals!).
- Local Games should request their participants to **have a photo ID available** for check-in each day at each activity to encourage this good habit for State Finals and for their personal safety.