

VIII. ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY

A. Eligible Entries: The First Responder Games (FRG) has the ultimate responsibility for assuring that all entrants in the FRG meet these eligibility requirements. The FRG shall strictly adhere to the eligibility rules, accepting those applicants that meet all the following criteria and rejecting all others. The FRG National Headquarters must specifically approve any exceptions.

In order to be eligible to compete in the FRG, applicants:

1. For team events participants must be a full-time certified first responder that is publicly or privately paid (see below). For singles and doubles events – participants may hold minimal qualifying certification to be eligible for participation.
2. Must have formal training in his/her first response field;
3. May be a retired certified individual from an eligible agency. Any person receiving a certified pension and approved by the FRG is eligible to participate in the games. Any person that enters the FRG as a retired first responder shall provide, when he/she registers identification in the form of:
 - a. *An identification card or letter of identification from the agency involved.*
 - b. *An approved pension statement with corresponding identification (i.e. drivers license)*

Retired personnel may compete in only one state game and one national game per year – regardless of residency or previous employment location. (i.e. An Alabama retiree can compete in the South Carolina State Games where he/she presently lives or the Alabama State games where he/she previously worked, but not both – He/She may also compete in the National games regardless of location if they meet qualifications) Retired persons represent the agency they worked for, and are not exempt from meeting the rules to participate and combine to form teams.

4. Dispatchers will be allowed to participate. They must have the minimum certification from the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED)- 40 hour course. If participating on a team – they must be employed by an eligible agency.
5. Community Service Officers will be allowed to participate. These participants must be employed and represent an eligible agency. Non-employed CSO will not be allowed as no minimum federal certification is available for verification.
6. Crime Scene Investigators will be allowed to participate. These participants must be employed and represent an eligible agency. Non-employed CSI will not be allowed as no minimum federal certification is available for verification.
7. Must be in good standing with the FRG (not subject to current suspension or permanent disqualification).

B. Ineligible Entry or Participation:

Unqualified Persons: If a person attempts to enter or enters the FRG when he/she does not qualify for entry, that person is immediately disqualified from competition and shall be permanently disqualified from future FRG events.

If it is discovered that a team member or competitor has entered and does not qualify for entry into the FRG (i.e. non Firefighter), that entry be it singles, doubles or team, and all of its members are immediately disqualified from all competition in the current FRG and shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Qualified Persons that are Ineligible: If a person, otherwise qualified to enter the FRG, enters a sport or event, which he/she is ineligible (i.e. wrong age group), that person is immediately disqualified from all competition in the current FRG and shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If another competitor, Team Captain or Coach allows a person to join the team, who is otherwise qualified to enter the FRG, but who is ineligible for that team (i.e. age or department requirements), that entry be it singles, doubles or team, and all of its members are immediately disqualified from all competition in the current FRG and shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

C. AGENCY ELIGIBILITY

All eligible agencies must be specifically approved by the FRG (see listing). The FRG may approve additional agencies, job descriptions and individuals after examination, if they qualify under the FRG eligibility rules.

1. Approved Agencies:

If an otherwise qualified certified individual is employed or retired by one of the following agencies or their equivalent, he/she is eligible to compete in the FRG. "Equivalent" means: any duly organized governmental sub-division such as municipal, provincial/state, national, etc.

Municipal, County, State and National Fire Departments/Services

Municipal, County, State and National Police Departments/Services

Airport and Harbor/Port Fire and Police Departments

Any Branches of the Service – Active, Honorably Discharged, Retired or Reserve personnel are eligible to participate.

Any agency or representative from an agency not mentioned above, meeting the requirements of a Public Safety or Fire Agency as defined, may petition the FRG for inclusion in the FRG.

2. Agencies and Classifications Specifically Excluded (**unless minimum federal/state requirements as a first responder are met**):

Volunteer Fire Departments

Private Business Fire Departments

Private Security or Law Enforcement Services

Seasonal Firefighters or Smokejumpers

In short if you have the requirements to arrest someone, you have level 1 fire standards, you have a state Paramedic certification, or State Certified EMT – you should be good to participate. If you have any questions about eligibility – Please call the office