



T A A F GAMES OF TEXAS

Summer 2023 Program Brownsville, Texas



Games of Texas

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F.A.Q. at Games of Texas

1. It's so hot, what can we do to beat the heat?

We encourage all spectators and athletes to wear light, breathable clothing & attend outdoor events only if your health permits you to be in the heat for extended periods of time. Hydrate, stay in the shade, & monitor for signs of heat exhaustion. If you have any signs - immediately go to the *EMS/ Cooling Tent.

Tents ARE allowed in Tent City and a personal umbrella is permitted for use outside of the bleachers - (be sure to plan for strong winds & only use weighted anchors – no stakes!) SIGNS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, heavy sweating, flushed skin, rapid heartbeat, and thirst this year for the first time!

2. Should my athlete attend Opening Ceremonies?

The City of Brownsville is excited to honor this year's Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) athletes for the 2023 Brownsville Games of Texas, CONGRATULATIONS to all and making it to the State Games!

We invite all Games of Texas athletes, their coaches, and friends and family to see live performances that feature Brownsville culture and local talents including KTEX DJ Jojo, Visit Brownsville Highlights, and so much more, INCLUDING music, fireworks, and Avelo Airlines and Disneyland 4-pack ticket give away and more surprises.

3. Can I buy spectator tickets online?

Yes! To avoid waiting in line, we recommend attendees purchase tickets online at TAAF.com/sgot2023 or scan QR Code.



4. What time should I arrive?

Please make sure to plan sufficient time to park, shuttle (Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center) and check in before the event. Athletes should contact their coaches for schedules and arrival times or check on TAAF.com/sgot2023

5. Where can I park?

Each venue has different parking availability, most venues can accommodate parking without any need for overflow except for swimming at Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center. Please see the detailed map on TAAF.com/sgot2023 swimming tab.

6. What can or can't I bring into the venue?

Visitors of Brownsville Independent School District (BISD) venues must adhere to the BISD Purse/Bag Policy. See image.

One (1) water bottle (preferably reusable) per person is permitted. Coolers for water are only permitted for a fee (prohibited in the stands) permitted in Tent City.

5 - 20 Quarts = \$10
20+ Quarts = \$20
Max. Size: 60 quarts



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7. Will there be concessions on site?

Most of our venues will have concessions available. We accept credit/debit cards. We are going “cash light”- the largest denomination accepted is \$20.00. Electronic payment is preferred for the most expedient method to complete your purchase.

8. What is there to do in Brownsville?

From museums, zoos, parks, beaches, rockets, birds and more, there is so much to do in Brownsville! VisitBTX.com for all to see in do especially downtown and the Mitte Cultural District, many venues have prepared to welcome with discounts or coupon codes. All athletes received a Mitte Passport in their welcome bags, be sure to visit Mitte and discover some of Brownsville’s best offerings.

Brownsville Sports Park
1000 Sports Park Blvd.
·Basketball ·Soccer
·Flag Football ·Softball
·Pickleball ·Skateboarding

Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center
2901 FM 802
·Swimming

Veterans Memorial ECHS
US 4550
·Track & Field

Brownsville Events Center
1 Events Center
·Boxing

Brownsville Golf Center
1800 W. San Marcelo Blvd.
·Golf

Brownsville Tennis Center
3 Events Center
·Tennis

Monte Bella Trails Park
2525 W. Alton Gloor Blvd.
·Disc Golf

2023 TAAF 2024 GAMES OF TEXAS BROWNSVILLE



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Schedule at a glance



Basketball

Brownsville Sports Park

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.



Boxing

Brownsville Event Center

Fri. July 28

Begins at 6:00 p.m. (tentative)

Sat. July 29

Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 1:00 p.m.



Disc Golf

Monte Bella Trails Park

Sat. July 29

Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 9:00 a.m.



Flag Football

Brownsville Sports Park

Fri. July 28

Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 9:00 a.m.



Golf

Brownsville Golf Center

Thu. July 27

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.



Pickleball

Brownsville Sports Park

Thu. July 27

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Note: Events and schedules may be subject to change.

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Skateboarding

Brownsville Sports Park

Fri. July 28

Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 4:00 p.m.



Soccer

Brownsville Sports Park

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.



Softball

Brownsville Sports Park

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.



Swimming

Margaret Clark Aquatic Center

Thu. July 27

Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:30 a.m.



Tennis

Brownsville Tennis Center

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:00 a.m.



Track & Field

Veterans Memorial ECHS

Thu. July 27

Begins at 12:30 p.m.

Fri. July 28

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sat. July 29

Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Sun. July 30

Begins at 8:30 a.m.

All ending times are undetermined. Evening sports (flag football, skateboarding) will not go past 12:00 a.m.





LIGHT THE FUSE AND GO BEYOND!

Mayor John Cowen, Jr. and City Commissioners are proud to welcome the 2023 Summer Games of Texas! "Our City hosting the Summer Games of Texas is an extraordinary opportunity for us as a community, and as a region to showcase South Texas and the City of Brownsville," said Mayor Cowen. "The games will be an opportunity to witness extraordinary sportsmanship, while inviting our guests' to enjoy the rich culture and the heartwarming hospitality that we have to offer. Whether it is the flavorful food, the relaxing retreat of South Padre Island, or the stunning wildlife and

nature trails, there is much to explore and enjoy here."

"Here in Brownsville, we are privileged to offer a blend of natural beauty, cultural experiences, shopping venues, and cutting-edge technological ventures such as SpaceX," said Helen Ramirez, AICP, Brownsville City Manager. "We see this as a golden opportunity to showcase what makes our City truly special and to promote the local businesses. We're ready to welcome visitors with open arms and to make the Games an unforgettable experience for everyone."

Opening Ceremony at BSP



Friday, July 28, 2023 | Championship Field at BSP
Brownsville Sports Park | 1000 Sports Park Blvd.



GATES OPEN | 6:30 PM

Music, Brownsville Video Highlights Reel, Emcee KTEX DJ Jo-Jo, concessions available.



PRESHOW ENTERTAINMENT | 7 PM

Music and more

Athletes line up at 7:30 PM



OPENING CEREMONIES

PARADE OF ATHLETES Regions 1-17



LIGHTING OF THE FLAME

INVOCATION | COLOR GUARD | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | TEXAS PLEDGE National Anthem sung by Madelynn Gonzalez

WELCOME by Mayor Protem Rose M.-Z. Gowen



ATHLETES OATH by Ayden Granados and Bethany Preusse, Male & Female Athletes of the Year

OFFICIALS OATH



TAAF REMARKS by President L. R. Heffernan and Executive Director, Mark Lord

Brownsville GOT 2023 Hall of Fame & Gold Sponsor Remarks



CLOSING ENTERTAINMENT – Emcee KTEX DJ Jo-Jo, Music, Fireworks, and Announce WINNER of the Avelo Airlines & Disneyland 4-pack Raffle. Must be present to win!



Local Fun & Flavor

The cultural food found in Brownsville is incomparable to any other—all thanks to Brownsville's location right on the U.S. and Mexican border. Brownsville is home to a variety of taquerias, taco eateries, each with its own unique flavor and style. Authentic Mexican food, delicious Tex-Mex, award-winning and nationally recognized, come get a taste of Brownsville's Taco Trail yourself!

All destinations within the Mitte Cultural District are within a five minute walk.

You are bound to come across the largest zoo of its kind south of San Antonio, a Children's Museum, Farmers' Market, a friendly park, birding opportunities, and many other attractions!



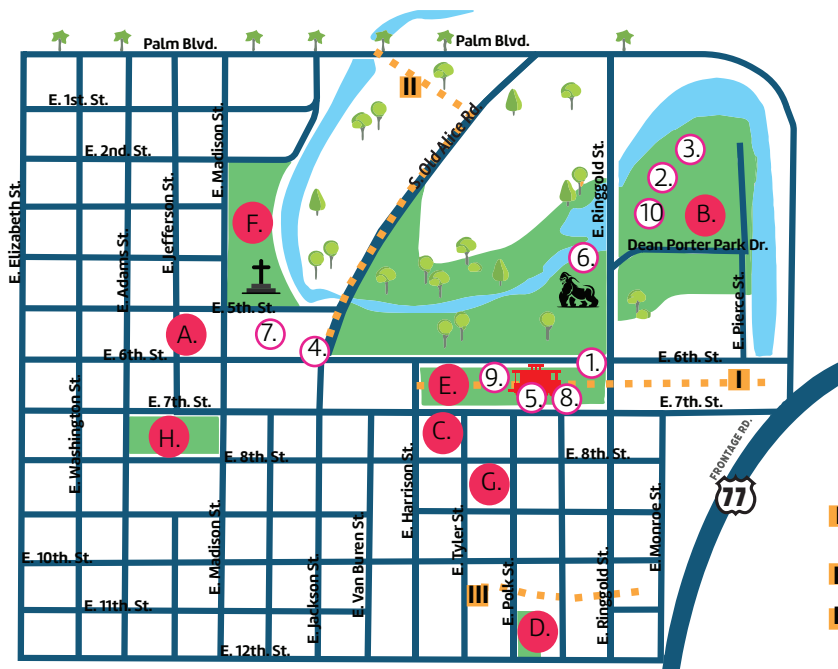
MITTE CULTURAL DISTRICT

Attractions

1. Bro. Museum of Fine Art
2. Camille Playhouse
3. Children's Museum
4. Costumes of the Americas
5. Farmers' Market
6. Gladys Porter Zoo
7. Historic Museum
8. Inclusion Caboose
9. Laureles Ranch House
10. Sams Pool

Parks

- A. Brownsville Bike Barn
- B. Dean Porter Park
- C. Downtown Rec Center
- D. Edelstein Park
- E. Linear Park
- F. Old City Cemetery
- G. Tres Angeles Park
- H. Washington Park



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ATTENTION Athletes!

Join TAAF for a chance to compete at the Summer 2024 Games of Texas in Brownsville!

Coaches get kids ready to train.

Read and follow TAAF rules.

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We hope to see you in 2024!