

TGA Update

Team Illinois Manager Brian Stiner meets with TGA organizers and other state team managers via zoom every month to discuss the 2022 Transplant Games in San Diego. Here's the latest from the TGA:

Planning for an in-person event continues. The TGA has a new presenting sponsor, Care DX, a precision medicine company and maker of AlloSure, a kidney test to diagnose injury, and AlloCare, an app to help transplant recipients manage their health.

NEW in 2022 is a Transplant Games parade through the streets of San Diego. Two transplant recipients have been chosen as grand marshals: John Brockington, a kidney recipient and former NFL player, and Jason Gray-Stanford, a heart recipient and actor best known for his role on “Monk.”

Round I of pre-games trivia took place February 24 via zoom. Eighteen TGA teams participated, including Team Illinois. Round II takes place May 19. Team Illinois is looking for TLI members to join in the fun:

- You do not have to be registered for the 2022 Games.
- You do not even have to be good at trivia.

Play to have fun and connect with the team. During Round I, there were 128 individual contributors with a correct response rate of 48.5%.

Several of the special events, such as the donor tribute and Quarter Century Club dinner, are still in the planning stages. However, based on the early-bird deadline, TGA is seeing an uptick in registrations. It's not too late to sign up for Team Illinois and the 2022 TGA in San Diego!

Competitor registration (solid organ recipients, living donors, bone marrow recipients, cornea recipients, and tissue recipients)—**transplant as of Oct. 29, 2021.**

Regular Registration: \$170.00 March 1, 2022–June 6, 2022, 11:59 pm EST

Non-competitor registration (donor families, supporters, fans, sponsors, anyone who does not qualify in Competitor Registration)—

Regular Registration: \$50.00 March 1, 2022–July 29, 2022, 11:59 pm EST

Registrants ages 6 to 10 are 50 percent of the above prices.
Registrants ages 5 and under are free.

The registration process is set up the same as it was for the 2020 Transplant Games. Non-competitors and competitors must select their special events first and then pay. After completed payment, competitors will be redirected to select their events for competition. They will also receive an email with a link to select their competitions, including team volleyball and basketball, ballroom dancing, badminton, cornhole, darts, pickleball, and trivia, plus many more.

The TGA will return as in-person with live broadcasts from the San Diego Convention Center with swimming, track-n-field events, and tennis set for the University of California at San Diego campus. Other venues include the Parkway Bowl for bowling and the Miramar Memorial Golf Course at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club for golf. Venues are pending for the 5k road race and cycling events.

[View the full schedule of events here.](#)

(Note: For the most up-to-date information, please visit the official website for the Games at www.transplantgamesofamerica.org.)