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USA Masters Games Voted World's Best New Event!

ORLANDO, FL (November 1, 2017) – At the World's Best Events Awards Gala in Orlando, Florida, last night the USA Masters Games won the award for Best New Event.

The World's Best Event Awards have been presented annually by SportsTravel Magazine at the TEAMS Conference, considered the largest trade show in the sports tourism industry, for 15 years. The awards are considered the Oscars of the sports tourism industry.

The USA Masters Games were launched in 2016 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Games were held over an 11-day period, from July 21 to July 31, 2016, and featured 24 sports, ranging from Badminton to Weightlifting, for adult athletes ages 21 and over. Sports were contested in more than 400 events held at 28 venues. The Games featured Opening and Closing Ceremonies, a Health & Fitness Expo, social events, and live entertainment. The Greensboro Coliseum Complex served as the hub of the Games, hosting 12 sports, the Games Village, the Expo, and Opening & Closing Ceremonies.

"This is an amazing award for the USA Masters Games," said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Games. "To be recognized among the top events in the world is an incredible honor and underscores the quality of the Local Organizing Committee that hosted the Games. We can't say enough about the City of Greensboro, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Sports Commission, and the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. Team Greensboro made the inaugural USA Masters Games a big success, which no doubt made this award possible."

More than 2,540 athletes, ages 21 to 91, competed in the Games. Participants came from 43 states and 10 foreign countries including Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, and Venezuela. Athletes set 11 World Records, 15 American Records, 6 Zone Records, and 47 State Records during the Games.

About the USA Masters Games: The USA Masters Games is the National Sports Festival for Adult Athletes, ages 21 and over. The Games feature 24 sports, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Games Village, social activities and entertainment. The inaugural USA Masters Games took place in Greensboro, NC, from Thursday, July 21 to Sunday, July 31, 2016. This year's USA Masters Games were held Thursday to Sunday, June 22-25, and Thursday to Sunday, July 13-16, 2017 in San Diego, California. For more information on the USA Masters Games, visit usamastersgames.com.

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Hill Carrow (Center, holding award), USAMG CEO, with Brian Ambuehl, Greensboro CVB (left), and Kim Strable, Greensboro Sports Commission