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McAllen Athletes Shine at Games of Texas ***18 medals brought home thanks to talented young athletes***

For 106 McAllen athletes, the 2026 Games of Texas was a chance to put their skills to the test, rise to the challenge and experience the excitement of competing at the state level.

Held July 30 through Aug. 2 in Bryan and College Station, the annual event, hosted by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF), brought together more than 7,500 athletes from communities throughout Texas to compete across 10 sports.

McAllen athletes brought home 18 medals, including six gold, eight silver and four bronze. Fourteen also finished among the top eight in their respective events, demonstrating the skill and preparation they brought to the competition.

The Games of Texas give young people the opportunity to gain valuable experience while developing confidence and a commitment to healthy, active lifestyles. Through its athletic programs, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) helps create pathways for local youth to pursue their goals and discover what they can accomplish.

“We are extremely proud of each athlete who represented our city at this year's competition,” said City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. “Their accomplishments are a reflection of the hard work, dedication and perseverance they showed throughout the season. We congratulate all our youth on a successful summer and thank them for representing our city with pride.”

“Our Parks and Recreation team works hard to prepare our young athletes, but the City’s investment in youth goes far beyond the field. We work every day to give them the support, opportunities and resources they need to succeed, and we are incredibly proud of the lasting impact our programs have on their lives,” said PARC Director Denny Meline.

The City of McAllen congratulates all who competed and recognizes the coaches, families and supporters who helped make this experience possible.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley. Today, the city employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. McAllen city leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net and follow us on social media @cityofmcallen