



MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Program Coordinators
CC: SOOR Staff
FROM: Mark Hanken, Chief Operating Officer
DATE: April 2, 2021
RE: 2022 Special Olympics USA Games Quota & Selection Process – Special Olympics Team Oregon

2022 Special Olympics USA National Games

Team Oregon will be comprised of **39 total delegates** from across Oregon who will represent Special Olympics Oregon at the *2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida* from June 5-12, 2022.

Special Olympics Oregon will have participants from 5 different sports –athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling and swimming (aquatics). NOTE: The basketball team will be a Unified Sports® HS team selected from the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) program.

A complete list of the SOOR quota breakdown is included in this memo.

The 2022 SO USA Games will take place June 5-12, 2022 in some of the best sports/entertainment facilities in the Orlando area – including Disney Wide World of Sports, Exploria Stadium, Rosen Aquatic Center and more.

The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will feature 4,000 athletes, 10,000 volunteers, and 125,000 fans, all of whom will unite in the Orlando area and participate in one of the country’s most cherished sporting events.

Athletes will compete in 16 Olympic-type team and individual sports. The Games will promote the ideals of acceptance and inclusion through sport and will showcase the athleticism and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities, while highlighting Special Olympics’ work in sport, education, health and community-building.

Learn more about the [2022 Special Olympics USA Games](#)

Expenses

Special Olympics Oregon will cover the costs for travel, uniforms and all expenses related to the 2022 USA Games Team Oregon experience including training camp (i.e., travel, meals, lodging). There should be no additional financial burdens for local programs which have athletes, teams, or coaches selected from their community.

Team Oregon delegates will be encouraged to help fundraise for Team Oregon through very specific fundraising initiatives. More details will be shared once the team is selected later in the 2021 calendar year.

NOTE: Family members wishing to travel to Orlando to support athletes will not be part of the delegation and will be expected to cover ALL of their own expenses. Information about the families’ program (credentials, access to preferred housing, tickets to ceremonies, etc...) will be shared to those with athletes and unified partners selected.

Advancement to 2022 Special Olympics USA Games Process – Oregon Teams & Athletes

- SOOR athletes and teams **will be eligible for consideration** for SO USA Games advancement by receiving a gold medal* at the highest level SOOR competitions held in designated competitions* per the guidelines in the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules, Article I, Section 13 – Criteria for Advancement. Due to various issues (financial and pandemic), the most recent sanctioned competitions to be used for selection took place years ago in some cases. The following competitions will be used to determine those eligible for consideration:
 - Athletics – 2017 SOOR Summer State Games + 2018 SOOR Regional Games (2017 state results are being included since weather impacted several events in 2018)
 - Aquatics – 2019 SOOR Fall Regional Games Competitions
 - Bocce – 2017 SOOR Summer State Games + 2018 SOOR Regional Games (2017 state results are being included since weather impacted several events in 2018)
 - Bowling – 2019 SOOR Fall Regional Games Competitions – held locally (scored and awarded virtually with pre-assigned divisions)
 - Unified Sports® HS Basketball – Specific guidelines are being provided to select a team based on past results at most recent UCS tournaments in 2018 and 2019 along with additional criteria which will be shared in a separate document.

**In some cases, multiple competitions are being used to identify gold medalists due to weather/other cancelations*

***In a few cases, athletes/teams who earned a place lower than gold may also be included on a list for consideration if participant numbers were very small. This was done to ensure that we had enough candidates in the drawing after the screening process. Gold medalists will still take priority should they clear the screening process.*

- A complete list of the SOOR 2022 USA Games Quota is shared in this document.
- Final lists of the athletes to be considered for the drawing 2022 USA Games will be made available on specific dates (see timelines for each sport). Local Program Coordinators will review and inform SOOR of any concerns and provide endorsement or recommendation of removal from consideration. Complete list of criteria will be shared with local programs and assistance from SOOR staff will be provided.
- Athletes will be considered for the drawing in all sports in which they have qualified to be eligible (occasionally athletes will earn a gold in multiple sports that have quota slots). However, each athlete will only be able to be selected in one sport for USA Games. In the highly unlikely case that an athlete be selected in more than one sport, he/she would be asked to choose one sport.
- Local programs will review list of gold medalists in quota related sports/events by published due dates. NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted. Applicants will be screened for appropriateness to travel, behavior, ability to be away from home for over a week, etc... (published criteria standards shared with local programs).

Advancement to SO USA Games Process – Coaches in Athletics, Bocce, Bowling & Swimming (Aquatics)

- Coaches will apply independent of their athletes and may be selected even if none of their local program athletes are selected. Coaches are not assured a spot on Team Oregon if one or more of their athletes are selected. This should not be an issue since coaches will be selected prior to the athlete drawing.
- A selection committee of staff and volunteers will conduct interviews to select all 2022 Team Oregon coaches. More information is shared in the timeline below.

2022 Special Olympics USA Games – TEAM OREGON Athlete/Team Application & Selection Timeline

- **April 2, 2021** – 2022 Special Olympics USA Games Team Oregon Selection Process Memo shared with Local Programs (and then posted on SOOR website by the following week).
- **May 1, 2021** - 2022 Special Olympics USA Games Team Oregon Coach Applications Available. An email blast will be shared with local programs and coaches. Application will also be posted on SOOR website.
- **May 15, 2021** – Final List of Gold Medalists eligible for consideration in ATHLETICS, BOCCE, BOWLING and SWIMMING (AQUATICS) will be distributed to local programs for review.
- **June 15, 2021** Special Olympics USA Games Team Oregon Coach Applications DUE to SOOR office. No late entries will be accepted.
- **June 15, 2021** – List of Screened Athletes/Teams in ATHLETICS, BOCCE, BOWLING and SWIMMING (AQUATICS) approved for drawing due from local programs to SOOR Office.
- **June 1, 2021**– SOOR UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TEAM selected (team roster to be finalized between Late August - October 1 at start of school year).
- **July 1 – July 15, 2021** – Coach Candidate Interviews & Final Selections
- **August 1, 2021** - SOOR athletes/Unified partners in ATHLETICS, BOCCE, BOWLING and SWIMMING (AQUATICS) selected by random weighted draw.
 - - *Athletes who have attended a previous World Games or National Games are eligible to advance, but there will be a weighted draw that increases the odds for those who have not attended before.*
 - *Example: Joey has gone to World Games or National Games 2 times in his SOOR career. Mike has gone once. Sean, Steve and Pedro have all never been.*
 - *Joey's name would go in the hat once, Mike's twice and Sean, Steve and Pedro's name each would go in 3 times. This is a weighted draw that is proportionate to the number of times that each has previously attended.*
- **October 1, 2021** – Selected athletes/Unified partners in ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, BOCEE BOWLING AND SWIMMING plus all selected coaches and other delegate registration paperwork due to SOOR Office.
- **October 29, 2021** – **Phase 1 Registration Due from SOOR to 2022 USA Games Local Organizing Committee (LOC).** Selected athletes/Unified partners in ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, BOWLING AND SWIMMING plus all selected coaches and other delegate registration paperwork due to LOC.
- **Spring TBD, 2022** – Team Oregon Training Camp at location in Oregon TBA. SOOR covers all costs of training camp related to transportation, lodging and meals.
- **April 1, 2022** – Final day to activate alternates to Team Oregon roster
- **June 5-12, 2022**– USA Games in Orlando, Florida (dates for departure and return may be earlier and later)

2022 Special Olympics USA Games - TEAM OREGON QUOTA
21 athletes, 7 unified partners, 7 coaches, 1 chaperone, 3 staff = 39 delegates

**Coach and Staff gender balance for Team Oregon will be a factor in selection for those positions*

Below is the quota allotment for Special Olympics Oregon in the following 5 sports (+ UCS leadership):

Winter

Sport: Basketball – 1 Unified Sports® HS team (6 athletes, 4 Unified partners and 3 coaches)
Quota: Unified Champion Schools (UCS) – Unified Sports® HS Basketball Team
 Coaches will be selected as part of the team.

Summer

Sport: Athletics (4 athletes and 1 coach)
Quota:
 2 female – category 2 (100m, 200m, 400m, Shotput, Long Jump) – see ATHLETICS Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 male – category 2 (100m, 200m, 400m, Shotput, Long Jump) – see ATHLETICS Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 male – category 5 (pentathlon)
 1 male or female coach will be selected independent of athletics athletes*

Sport: Unified Sports® Bocce (2 total athletes & 2 total partners and 1 coach)
Quota:
 1 female bocce doubles team – (both must be female)
 1 male bocce doubles team (can have one male and one female on this team)
 1 male or female coach will be selected independent of bocce players*

Fall

Sport: Bowling (4 total athletes and 1 coach)
Quota:
 2 female bowlers – minimum participation standard = average of 66 or above
 2 male bowlers – minimum participation standard = average of 84 or above
 1 male or female coach will be selected independent of bowlers*

Sport: Swimming (Aquatics) (4 athletes and 1 coach)
Quota:
 1 female – category 1 (25 back, free) - see SWIMMING Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 female – category 2 (25 back; 50 back, breast, fly, free; 100 free) see SWIMMING Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 male – category 2 (25 back; 50 back, breast, fly, free; 100 free) see SWIMMING Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 male – category 3 (100 free, back, breast, fly, IM; 200 free, IM) see SWIMMING Sport Performance Standards chart
 1 male or female coach will be selected independent of swimmers*

Other

Activity: Unified Champion Schools (UCS) Youth Leadership (1 athlete, 1 Unified partner, 1 chaperone)**
Quota:
 1 athlete – male or female
 1 Unified partner – male or female
 1 adult chaperone – male or female

***These (3) individuals will be selected by SOOR UCS staff through a separate process.*

2022 Special Olympics USA Games Sport Performance Standards

In select sports, minimum participation standards have been created to ensure meaningful competition and proper event selection for athletes. Please see list below. Special Olympics Oregon will use these as guidelines when considering selection of athletes to fill available quota slots.

ATHLETICS SPORT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

| Event | Male – Minimum Participation Standard | Female – Minimum Participation Standard |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 100m Run | 21.91 | 26.46 |
| 200m Run | 44.55 | 53.17 |
| 400m Run | 01:39.64 | 02:01.11 |
| Long Jump | 2.11m | 1.52m |
| Shot Put | 5.02m | 3.53m |
| Pentathlon | No minimum standard | No minimum standard |

SWIMMING (AQUATICS) SPORT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

| Event | Male – Minimum Participation Standard | Female – Minimum Participation Standard |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 25 yd Freestyle | 22.71 | 23.73 |
| 50 yd Freestyle | 47.10 | 58.26 |
| 100 yd Freestyle | 01:38.71 | 02:09.25 |
| 200 yd Freestyle | 03:26.42 | 04:17.12 |
| 500 yd Freestyle | 09:20.20 | 11:22.10 |
| 25 yd Backstroke | 28.08 | 31.39 |
| 50 yd Backstroke | 01:02.89 | 01:14.54 |
| 100 yd Backstroke | 02:11.17 | 02:45.90 |
| 50 yd Breaststroke | 01:01.89 | 01:14.89 |
| 100 yd Breaststroke | 01:59.31 | 02:39.67 |
| 50 yd Butterfly | 46.11 | 59.43 |
| 100 yd Butterfly | 01:37.48 | 02:05.48 |
| 100 yd Ind. Medley | 01:42.30 | 01:58.48 |
| 200 yd Ind. Medley | 03:34.05 | 04:42.40 |