



## **RETURN TO ACTIVITIES PROTOCOL FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OREGON FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND MEETINGS** *Update: December 14, 2021*

### **Phase 2 - SOOR Leadership Meetings or Other Non-Sport/Non-Fundraising Gatherings**

- 50 or fewer participants/attendees
- Outdoors recommended
- Indoor allowed
- Masks required (except when consuming food or beverages)
- Meetings involving meals are strongly recommended to be conducted outdoors or in smaller, private group settings if held indoors.
- Distancing strongly recommended
- Consider shortening duration of gathering

### **Phase 2 - Fundraisers**

- Local Program Hosted: Same guidance as meetings
- Partner Co-Hosted: Same guidance as meetings.
  - Tip A Cop events fall under the "Partner Co-Hosted" category and will be considered on a case-by-case basis per staff review and approval prior to an event being scheduled
- Third Party (hosted exclusively by a group other than SOOR, but where SOOR reps may have a presence): Local County health guidelines apply

### **Phase 2 - Statewide/Signature Events**

- Local (county) guidelines
- Any athletes who are asked to participate in official capacity will be required to follow COVID Code of Conduct



**SOOR Phase 2 Non-Sports & Fundraising Event Examples and Definitions**

EVENT	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES	REQUIREMENTS
SOOR Non-Sports Events	SOOR is the host and responsible party for the event or is an active part of the event with staff and/or volunteers involved in planning, hosting, or supporting in-person	Local program fundraiser Committee meeting Golf tournament booth Outdoor Shred Event Torch Run	Masks 50 or fewer people Physical distancing Athlete Code of Conduct + Waiver
Third Party Events	<b>Third Party Event:</b> A third-party event or gathering can be defined as any activity by a group or individual benefiting Special Olympics Oregon (SOOR). SOOR will have no fiduciary responsibilities and no staff/volunteer involvement day of or in the planning process. Please note that Third Party Events are fully run and supported outside of SOOR. Although SOOR will have no fiducial responsibility or be involved in the planning of the event, they will provide a list of best practices and will need to pre-approve any logos usage.	Dining for dollars fundraiser where customers go to restaurant on designated day(s) Carwash or Bake sale by another group benefiting SOOR SOOR Booth at an event SOOR volunteers support a golf tournament	Local County health guidelines
Partner Co-Hosted Events	<b>Partner Co-Hosted Event:</b> Neither party has responsibility for the event itself, but both parties are responsible for aspects of the event.	Tip-A-Cop 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event	Case-by-case approval by State office Athlete Code of Conduct + Waiver
SOOR Statewide or Signature Events	SOOR is the exclusive host, event is open to the public at large. Participants must register to participate and sign a waiver.	Plane Pull (POLICY BELOW) Polar Plunge Breakfast with Champions	Local County health guidelines Athlete Code of Conduct + waiver Participant/Volunteer COVID Waiver
Unified Champion Schools (UCS)	SOOR is not the host or responsible party for participants at UCS non-sporting events.	Follow Host School District Guidelines. Staff who attend must follow SOOR protocols.	District policy

**Commented [MH1]:** We need to operationally define this so that there is no ambiguity.

SOWA defines it as  
"A third-party event or gathering can be defined as any activity by a group or individual benefiting Special Olympics Washington. Special Olympics Washington will have no fiduciary responsibilities and no staff/volunteer involvement day of or in the planning process. Please note that Third Party Events are fully run and supported outside of Special Olympics Washington. Although Special Olympics Washington will have no fiducial responsibility or be involved in the planning of the event, they will provide a list of best practices and will need to pre-approve any logos usage."

Do we want to simply adopt this definition or adapt it to fit our own definition?

**Commented [KG2R1]:** @Mark Hanker I like this language. simple and clear!



### **SIGNATURE EVENT: 2022 Special Olympics Oregon Polar Plunge COVID Health & Safety Plan**

Thank you for supporting our athletes through your participation in the 2022 Special Olympics Oregon Polar Plunge. We are excited to host these fun and safe events across the state!

Please note: If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, exposed to COVID-19 in the seven days prior to the Polar Plunge, or you are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, you should not attend the in-person event.

For those not able or comfortable participating in person, we encourage you to still participate from home through our virtual “Plunge at Home” social challenge. The “Plunge at Home” means that you can create your own virtual team, so geography is no barrier to having fun and raising money.

Each of the 2022 Special Olympics Oregon Polar Plunges around the state will follow the current [Special Olympics Oregon Return to Activities](#) guidelines at the time of the event along with any additional state, county, venue COVID safety protocols and restrictions. ALL participants, vendors, volunteers, athletes, and law enforcement personnel at each Plunge will be required to follow these safety protocols.

Here are the 2022 Special Olympics Oregon Polar Plunge COVID guidelines and requirements to participate or attend the event in person:

- Complete Health Survey Upon Check-in ([HERE](#))
- Sign the Special Olympics COVID Waiver Release Form acknowledging that you understand the risks and expectations.
- ALL participants, vendors, volunteers, athletes, spectators, and law enforcement personnel at each Plunge will be required to follow these safety protocols
- Plungers will be expected to wear masks except when actively plunging. Actively plunging is defined as any time just before, during, and right after plunging into the water. Plungers should be masked while in the staging area and then put mask back on after exiting the water and gathering stuff to dry off and entering changing tent.
- Signage will be posted throughout the venue with social distancing and safety reminders.
- All attendees will be discouraged from gathering in closed, tight spaces.
- All events will be held in an open-air environment \*with special exception for Super Plunge.
- Any check-in areas will have adequate space and social distancing procedures and reminders.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each registration station and throughout the venue
- To expedite the process, please bring your polar plunge waiver with you (see plunge checklist for easy check in process).
- Once registration is complete for you. Proceed to an open space.
- Only the allotted number of people will be allowed in the bathroom at a time. Both indoor and port-a-potties (depending on location).



- **Enclosed areas:** Changing tents: Masks are required in changing tents. Areas will be large enough to ensure proper social distancing. Traffic flow will be monitored by Plunge volunteers. This will be evaluated by location and may not be offered at some venues in 2022.
- As always: Divers will be in the water and EMS on hand for each plunge.
- A Safety Plan will be provided for each location.

## **2022 SUPER PLUNGE – ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS**

The 24-hour Super Plunge is a unique event that allows people to raise significant money and awareness by plunging once an hour for 24 for straight hours!

- Due to the extended amount of time that Super Plungers will be around each other - both indoors and outdoors - additional protocols will be in place to allow us to conduct this event safely and in-person.
- Qualified Super Plungers, volunteers, and support staff are strongly encouraged (not required) to be vaccinated AND Plungers/volunteers/staff for tent will be required to have: 2 negative rapid tests will be required to enter the tent
  - Take a rapid test 24 hours before the Super Plunge (10am to noon 2/2
  - Take a rapid test upon arrival to the Super Plunge
  - Both tests will be monitored, and results recorded by SOOR staff
- To ensure safety and to manage the number of people within the enclosed space, no guests or other unauthorized individuals will be allowed in the Super Plunger Tent area.
- Super Plungers will be spaced within the tent to allow for social distancing whenever possible.
- Super Plungers will still be expected to mask, per current state/local guidelines, except when in the tent actively eating, sleeping or doing plunge related activities.
- Super Plungers will be expected to follow all published SOOR Polar Plunge COVID safety guidelines during the official Portland Plunge time period.