

**July 6, 2021**

**Special Olympics Georgia 2021 State Fall Games Requirements**

Dear Special Olympics Georgia Agencies,  
Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) is excited about the upcoming 2021 State Fall Games in Valdosta, Georgia on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>! From the Fall Games wishlists submitted, we are expecting over 30 Agencies and over 700 delegates for the weekend of competition. SOGA is taking necessary precautions during the COVID-19 Pandemic and this memo has been established to inform all participating Agencies of the requirements to attend.

- **All registered athletes and coaches must either have been vaccinated or completed a COVID-19 test with a negative result, no less than 7 days prior to October 8, 2021. Agencies will be required to provide SOGA with documentation of each delegates vaccination card or negative test result by Monday, October 4, 2021, in order for the delegates to be allowed to travel and attend Fall Games as overnight athletes and coaches.**
- All registered delegates must have their temperature taken and documented on the day of departure for Valdosta, Georgia. Any delegate that has a fever of 99.00 or higher, should not be allowed to attend and travel with the delegation to Fall Games.
- All registered delegates must wear masks and sit at least 6 feet apart on the trip down if not vaccinated.
- Upon arrival at Freedom Park in Valdosta, Georgia on Friday, October 8, 2021, all delegates will be required to go through a temperature check before being allowed to receive their credential and enter the competition area of Freedom Park. Masks and social distancing will always be required while in the park.
- All Agencies receiving hotel accommodations from SOGA will be required to wear masks within the hotel lobbies, hallways, and elevators, and adhere to the housing policy of 2 persons of the same gender in a room with 2 queen beds, and 1 person in a room with 1 king bed.
- Upon arrival at Lowndes High School for the Athletics venue, Quiet Pines Golf Course for the Golf venue and Freedom Park for the remaining venues, all delegates will be required to have their temperature checked and wear masks, before being allowed to enter the competition area.
- The only exception for athletes to remove their mask is when they are competing in their assigned event. After the athlete has competed in their event, they will need to put their mask back on while at the venue.

Special Olympics Georgia will continue to provide updates and modifications as we move closer to State Fall Games. We appreciate all cooperation during these challenging times. For any questions, please contact David Crawford at [david.crawford@specialolympicsga.org](mailto:david.crawford@specialolympicsga.org) or (229) 292-5143.



## **General Policies for All Special Olympics Events**

### **MANDATORY SCREENING**

- All individuals (18 and over) responsible for athletes overnight, or traveling with an agency in any capacity, must clear a background screening before attending State Games.
- No person under the age of 18 will be screened. If an individual is not 18 years of age, is considered a coach or assistant coach, he or she will be required to fill out a Volunteer Coach and Profile Form. It must be noted at the top of the form "MINOR". A minor's SS# is not required on the form.
- If the "minor" is a Unified Partner, he or she must have a completed Partners Form on file with Special Olympics Georgia by the eligibility deadline.
- Any "minor" attending games – as a coach, assistant coach, or Unified Partner -- MAY NOT be responsible for athletes overnight. An individual, over the age of 18, that has a clear background screening before attending State Games, must be responsible for the athletes overnight in the hotel / dorm rooms.

### **PROHIBITION ON CHARGING FEES**

- Article 7, Section 7.02 of the Special Olympics, Inc. General Rules states the following concerning the charging of fees for athletes or their families:
- "No Accredited Program may require Special Olympics athletes or their families to pay or promise to pay any type of admission, registration, training, participation, or competition fee, or any other fee or charge of any type as a condition for admission to any Special Olympics event of activity, or as a fee for the athletes' participation in any Special Olympics or competition (collectively, "Prohibited Fees").

### **Curfew & Supervision of Athletes**

- Athletes & Coaches should be in rooms & quiet by curfew (11:00 pm). Assistant Coaches / Coaches / Chaperones are responsible for the conduct of their athletes AT ALL TIMES. Remind your athletes that there are other paying customers in the hotels. Any athlete(s) found unsupervised, or who are engaged in disruptive behavior can be disqualified from the Games. Please ensure the safety of your athletes and help provide an enjoyable weekend by being responsible for their whereabouts.

### **Accident Insurance**

- Athletes, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches that are part of the official delegation are covered by accident insurance while attending the Games. Coverage is secondary to any primary coverage the individual has. If the individual has no coverage, the insurance becomes the primary coverage up to \$5,000. This applies ONLY to accidents (ear aches, stomach aches, etc. are not covered).
- Accident Insurance forms can be obtained from the Nerve Center.

### **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs**

- Violation of these regulations will be cause for immediate expulsion from the Games.
- The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by athletes, coaches, asst. coaches, and Head of Delegations is not permitted during the Games weekend.

### **NO Swimming Policy**

- Please make sure that your coaches and assistant coaches enforce the policy of NO recreational swimming at Special Olympics Events. This includes pools, spas, hot tubs, beaches, lakes, etc.

### **STATE GAMES LATE GAMES PAPERWORK POLICY**

\*\*\*REMEMBER: NO faxed paperwork will be accepted!!

- All State Games Paperwork is due in the State Office no later than 4:00pm on the deadline date and must have been entered into GMS using Web Registration. All athletes, unified partners, and coaches must have been entered through Web Registration.
  - All delegations must participate in GMS Web Registration. **Failing to participate will result in a \$250 fee.**
  - Paperwork received in the State Office up to 3 days after the deadline will be accepted as follows:
  - For paperwork that is received after the deadline date or up to 3 days after the deadline date, the agency will be assessed a \$250 late fee.
  - After 3 days, NO GAMES PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.
  - The \$250 late assessment fee is due in the State Office by the Problem Sheet deadline date for State Games.
  - Agencies failing to pay the \$250 late assessment fee by the Problem Sheet deadline date will be unable to attend the State Games.
  - PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET IN ALL PAPERWORK BY THE DEADLINE FOR ALL STATE GAMES.
- \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: THIS POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ELIGIBILITY DATE FOR MEDICAL FORMS AND PARTNER FORMS. THESE FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE FOR ALL STATE GAMES.\*\*\*

### **SOGA Hotel/Dorm/Venue Emergency Plan**

- In the case of an emergency please respond accordingly.
- In the case of a fire/false alarm please make sure your entire delegation calmly vacates the building and that they are all accounted for. Remember to take your keys and your housing list. (The Head of Delegation should make a final sweep of the housing/building counting your athletes/coaches and make sure you have everyone when exiting or re-entering)
- In the case of bad weather (tornado, flooding) please make sure your entire delegation is in a secure and safe environment until the weather has cleared. Make sure that each athlete/coach in your delegation is accounted for after the weather has cleared. Remember to take your keys.
- In the case of a missing member of your delegation (athlete, coach, family member) please contact the Nerve Center/SOGA Staff as soon as possible. Please calmly provide a detailed description of the situation and adhere to the SOGA Crisis Plan regarding the dissemination of information.
- The Nerve Center phone number can be found in your Information Guide (Coaches Handbook) and on your Credentials.

### **AGENCIES FAILING TO REPORT SCRATCHES AT STATE GAMES**

- It is the responsibility of the Head of Delegation for each agency to report any scratches at the time of housing registration.
- Problems in the past with agencies not scratching athletes / partners / coaches at the time of housing registration in order to spread others out in the allotted rooms for housing have been noted by athletes or partners not participating in their events.
- If your agency does not report scratches at the time of housing registration and athletes or partners do not show up for their events, Special Olympics Georgia will re-calculate your housing numbers.
- If it is found that you should have had fewer rooms than given, you will be assessed a per room, per night charge which will need to be paid to SOGA immediately. Further assessment of the situation could result in non-participation for the next State Games.

### **Substitution Policy**

- Substitutions are not to be made for individual sports after the substitution/problem sheet deadline.
- All team sports substitutions must be made by, or at, the time of registration for state games.
- **NO** substitutions are allowed after registration is over for state games

### ***Commercial Messages on Athlete Uniforms and Competition Numbers***

In order to avoid commercial exploitation of persons with intellectual disabilities at World, Regional or Multi-Program level Games, no uniforms, and no bibs or other signs bearing competition numbers, which are worn by Special Olympics athletes while competing or during any opening, closing, or award ceremonies of any Games may be emblazoned with commercial names or commercial messages. The only commercial markings which may be displayed on athletes' and coaches uniforms during Games competitions and opening and closing ceremonies are the normal commercial markings of the manufacturer. For purposes of this Section 5.08(a), "normal commercial markings" are limited to the following:

- (1) On larger clothing items, such as shirts, jackets, pants, jerseys, and sweatshirts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or logo display does not exceed an area of six square inches or 38.7 square centimeters (such as a display measuring 2" x 3" or 5.08 cm x 7.62 cm);
- (2) On small clothing items, such as caps, socks, hats, gloves and belts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or display does not exceed an area of three square inches or 19.35 square centimeters; and
- (3) On athletic shoes, no logos or commercial names are permissible except for names or logos which are included by the manufacturer on athletic shoes which are sold to the general public.

### ***Commercial Markings on Other Athlete Apparel or Accessories***

Special Olympics athletes who are not engaged in competition or in opening/closing ceremonies may wear, carry or use at Games venues other than the sites of competition (such as at training or practice sessions) clothing and/or non-apparel items which are not part of their sports equipment (such as tote bags), which contain small and attractively designed identifications of corporate or organizational sponsors.

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### ***Displays of Commercial Messages by Volunteers***

Volunteers may wear clothing which bears small and attractively designed names or logos identifying corporate or organizational sponsors while attending Games competitions, so long as those displays do not exceed an area of six square inches or its metric equivalent.

### ***Displays of Commercial Messages by Sports Officials***

Sports officials may not wear, carry or use clothing or other apparel items which contain the names or logos of corporate or organizational sponsors (except for the normal commercial markings permitted under subsection (a) above) during the opening or closing ceremonies of any Games, at the sites of any Games competition or demonstration, or while officiating at any Games competition or demonstration. At other times, or at Games venues other than the sites of opening and closing ceremonies, competitions or demonstrations (such as at the sites of training and practice sessions), officials may wear, carry or use clothing or other items which contain sponsors' names or logos if those displays comply with those permitted to be displayed by volunteers under Section 5.08(c).



## **Attention Heads of Delegations and Coaches**

### **Coaches Meeting Information for State Games**

Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) has made the decision to change the format in which Coaches Meetings at State Games are conducted. Instead of in-person meetings on Friday's after the completion of the Opening Ceremony, SOGA will be implementing Zoom Meeting webinar formatted Coaches Meetings during the week leading up to the State Event. These virtual Coaches Meetings will be sport specific meetings and will take place individually by sports venues at different times prior to the weekend of the State Event. Specific dates and times will be sent to all Heads of Delegations and Coaches after the Problem Sheet Deadline for each State Event.

SOGA has inserted documents within the State Games Paperwork packet where we are asking for all names and email addresses for certified Coaches that are going to be a registered delegate at Games, per sport. This way we can make sure we have all the Coaches information to be able to email the Coaches Meeting information to them. The meetings will be web based, so Coaches will need to be on a computer in order to access and view the meeting and the information being discussed.

All participants attending the Coaches Meetings will be muted during the call, so that it will be clear of background noise. There is a chat section within the webinar, where Coaches can type in questions that we will be able to answer during and at the end of the meeting. The Coaches Meetings will also be recorded, in which after the conclusion of each Coaches Meeting, we will email the recording out to all participants to reference or forward to others that were unable to attend.

SOGA feels that this is a positive direction we are moving to when it comes to the Coaches Meetings. The information that is discussed will be more beneficial to all because it will take place prior to competition on Friday. It will also allow for Coaches to be with their delegation after the Opening Ceremony and during the Athlete Dance when taking place.

Thank you for all you do for SOGA and the Athletes!

David Crawford  
Chief Sports & Program Officer, Special Olympics Georgia



**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
("Agreement") for  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Special Olympics sports training, competition or fundraising activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious and/or communicable diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Special Olympics, Inc, Special Olympics *Georgia* their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent guardian/signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_



### Special Olympics Georgia Participant Code of Conduct

**I understand I could get Coronavirus through sports, training, competition and/or any group activity at Special Olympics. I am choosing to participate in sports, competition and/or other Special Olympics activities at my own risk. During the time these precautions are needed, I agree to the following to help keep me and my fellow participants safe:**

- ☐ I confirm that I do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 symptoms in past 14 days (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell)
- ☐ If I have COVID-19 symptoms, I will stay at home and NOT go to any activities until 14 days after all of my symptoms are over. If I am exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms, I can return 14 days after exposure.
- ☐ If I get or have had COVID, I will not go to any in-person Special Olympics Georgia events until 14 days after my symptoms end. I will go to my doctor and get written clearance before returning to any sport or fitness activities.
- ☐ I will have my temperature checked prior to leaving home to attend any training, competition and/or group activity.
- ☐ I will have my temperature checked upon arrival to any training, competition and/or group activity. If a fever exists, I will immediately depart to go home, this will include anyone I traveled with to this competition.
- ☐ Special Olympics Georgia provided me the education on Special Olympics rules for COVID-19 and who is at high risk.
- ☐ I know that if I have a high-risk condition, I have more risk that I could get sick or die from COVID-19. If I have a high-risk condition, I should not go to Special Olympics Georgia events in person, until there is little or no Coronavirus in my community.
- ☐ I will keep at least 6 feet from all participants at all times. This includes bathrooms, delegation sitting area during competition, picking up food or snacks, Olympic Town, and seating during Opening Ceremony. I will not engage in hugging, hand shaking, or high fives.
- ☐ I will wear a mask at all times while at Special Olympics Georgia activities. I may or not have to wear it during active exercise, warm ups, or during competition.
- ☐ I will wash my hands for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer before any activities. I will wash my hands any time I sneeze, cough, go to the bathroom or get my hands dirty.
- ☐ I will avoid touching my face. I will cover my mouth when I cough or sneeze and immediately wash my hands after.
- ☐ I will not share drinking bottles or towels with other people.
- ☐ I understand that no spectators are allowed at any training, competition, or group activity.
- ☐ I will only share equipment when instructed to. If equipment must be shared, I will only touch the equipment if it is disinfected first. If equipment must be shared, the appropriate cleaning supplies must be used to wipe down before the next athlete uses for competition or warmups.
- ☐ I agree to contactless pickups. Special Olympics Georgia will provide certain materials, HOD packets, t-shirts, snacks, water, etc. and understand that there will be no direct contact in picking up these items.
- ☐ I will only enter, leave, or move around the check-in and competition areas that my agency is assigned. I will continue practicing social distancing while in these areas.
- ☐ I will abide by Special Olympics Georgia's housing policy. Only the same gender will be allowed in each room. 1 person assigned to a dorm room. I will abide by the 10pm curfew.
- ☐ I understand that if I do not follow all of these rules, I may not be allowed to participate in Special Olympics Georgia activities during this time.
- ☐ I understand that any medical services needed for sickness or illness while participating at any Special Olympics Georgia event will not be covered by the Special Olympics Georgia insurance carrier, but instead will be covered by the insurance provider of the individual participant.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent guardian/signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Fact Sheet: Who is at High-Risk for COVID-19**

### **Who is at higher risk of COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is a new disease and information is changing on who is more likely to get COVID-19 and who is will have more complications. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities may be at higher risk of severe illness resulting in death from COVID-19.

Current clinical guidance and information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) lists those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 as:

- People 65 years and older. Risk increases with age.
- People who live in a nursing home or licensed long-term care facilities

Regardless of age, individuals with underlying conditions, such as the following, are or maybe at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19:

- People with chronic lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions (including heart failure, coronary artery disease, congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy, hypertension)
- People who are immunocompromised
  - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher). To calculate BMI, refer to:
  - [https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult\\_bmi/english\\_bmi\\_calculator/bmi\\_calculator.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult_bmi/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.html)
- People with diabetes (Type 1 and 2)
- People with chronic kidney disease
- People with liver disease
- People with dementia

The list may change as evidence is learned. Please review the latest list of conditions that put individuals at increased risk available at the [CDC website \(https://bit.ly/2VEJcSK\)](https://bit.ly/2VEJcSK)

If you are at a high risk, you may be putting yourself at risk when you return to activities with Special Olympics. But, you may also put your family and your teammates at risk. If you have these conditions, you should not return to Special Olympics in person activities until Phase 3.

**If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you should consult with a healthcare professional for written medical clearance before returning to Special Olympics in person activities as serious cardiac, respiratory, and neurological issues may develop as a result of COVID-19.**





### **STATE GAMES FEES REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

This reimbursement policy applies to registration for all State level competitions.

While we wish we could reimburse all money your agency has paid, we incur certain costs for those of you registered for the competition, regardless of whether you attend, including:

- First night hotel expenses for your agency's rooms
- Food preparation / expenses for meals
- Cost of credentials and printed materials for your agency

We are making every effort to assist your agency as much as possible when unexpected situations arise. We know how precious every dollar is to your program. If you have any questions, please contact the SOGA State Office or call your Sports & Program Manager's Office.

#### **IF SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA CANCELS A COMPETITION:**

If SOGA cancels a State competition, by Thursday before the competition, due to dangerous weather conditions or other events beyond our control, athlete and coach assessment fees for that competition will be refunded. If SOGA cancels a State competition after competition begins, no fees will be refunded.

#### **IF AN ENTIRE AGENCY SCRATCHES BEFORE A COMPETITION:**

If an entire agency must scratch before a competition, SOGA will refund 40% of the registration fees, if the agency scratches by the problem sheet deadline date for the competition. This refund policy applies only if the ENTIRE agency scratches, not just a team or a few members of your delegation. If an agency must scratch after the problem sheet deadline, no money will be refunded.

#### **STATE GAMES FEES SHEET:**

If Games Fees are not paid in full by the problem sheet deadline, the entire agency will be scratched from games. If an agency scratches anyone from their agency after the games paperwork is due, no money will be reimbursed. In the case where fees are not paid by the paperwork deadline, the original fees (fees for the original number of agency members on paperwork) are still to be paid by the problem sheet deadline. In other words, if paperwork is turned in with no fees and an agency has scratches before fees are paid, original payment obligation cannot be decreased due to scratches. NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



**To: Special Olympics Georgia Agencies and Volunteers**

Thank you for your continued support of the athletes involved in the Special Olympics Georgia program, we appreciate your time and dedication.

Special Olympics Georgia has adopted some changes to our background screening policy for Class A Volunteers (See below list/descriptions of Class A Volunteers).

**Our background screening policy is as follows:**

All Class A volunteers will need to have a current, clear background screening on file with the Special Olympics Georgia state office. From the date of completion of the screening, each background screening will be valid for 3 years. After 3 years, the current background screening will cease to be valid and a new background screening will be required before said volunteer can continue in any Class A volunteer position or activity with Special Olympics Georgia. All background screenings completed before December 31, 2014 will be considered current until December 31, 2017, at which time a new screening will need to be procured.

The only background screenings that will be accepted by Special Olympics Georgia, in order to be considered a Class A volunteer, are those screenings procured from an approved vendor through Special Olympics Georgia. Currently, the only approved vendor is Verified Volunteers, Inc.

Special Olympics Georgia will no longer cover the entire cost of a Class A volunteer's background screening. The entire cost of one background screening through Verified Volunteers, Inc. is \$6.00. Special Olympics Georgia will pay \$3.00 of every background screening for Class A volunteers. We will require the other \$3.00 be paid by the Class A volunteer requiring the background screening. This cost will be required of the Class A volunteer at the time the background screening is ordered from Verified Volunteers, Inc. Ordering of the background screening will be completed by the Class A volunteer on the Verified Volunteer, Inc. website. Special Olympics Georgia will provide the Class A volunteer with the website link via an e-mail invite from Verified Volunteers, Inc. Before said volunteer will be allowed to submit his/her order online, the \$3.00 payment will be required. The web link provided in the e-mail invite must be utilized in order for the background screening to be linked with Special Olympics Georgia's account.

Once a background screening has been reviewed by Verified Volunteers, Inc., a report will be provided automatically to the Class A volunteer and to Special Olympics Georgia via the secure online account through Verified Volunteers, Inc.

Volunteer positions that are required to be Class A status are as follows:

- Local Coordinators
- Area Management Team members
- Local Management Team members
- Certified coaches
- State Games, Games Organizing Committee Members
- Bus drivers, nurses, chaperones, unified partners and any other volunteer attending a State Competition with a Special Olympics Georgia delegation.

If you have additional questions, please email Hannah Creasey:

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## **POLICY CONCERNING COACHES / CHAPERONES / NURSES / BUS DRIVERS / ETC**

- ◆ This policy applies to all State Games except for the Horse Show.
- ◆ All coaches / chaperones / nurses / bus drivers / etc. who a part of an agency's official delegation that exceed the quota listed below, will be assessed a fee of \$25.00 per person to attend State Games.
- ◆ The official agency delegation will consist of athletes / partners, plus the following allotment of coaches / chaperones / bus drivers / nurses / etc.
  - ◆ TEAMS –  
3 coaches per team allotted for floor hockey teams, softball teams, basketball teams, volleyball teams, flag football teams and soccer teams.  
  
1 coach per team allotted for bowling and bocce.
  - ◆ INDIVIDUAL SPORTS –  
1 coach per 3 athletes allotted.
  - ◆ WHEELCHAIR & LEVEL A ATHLETES  
1 coach per 1 athlete allotted.
  - ◆ ADDITIONAL –  
1 additional coach will be added to your allotment to be utilized as necessary by your agency.

ALL additional coaches / chaperones / nurses / bus drivers, not in the above allotment, will be assessed a fee of \$25.00 (covers meals, credentials, processing expenses and insurance) per person to attend State Games. Agencies ARE responsible for securing additional housing for these additional persons. **SOGA will no longer provide additional housing for any agency.**

**HOTEL HOUSING: FOR 2021 FALL GAMES ONLY - Special Olympics Georgia houses 2 persons per room in a Double / Double or King with pullout sofa and 1 person per room in a King.**

DORM HOUSING: Special Olympics Georgia houses 1 person per bed, up to 2 persons per room.

**CHEAT SHEET FOR SPORTS NUMBERS  
FOR STATE GAMES ATTENDANCE**

<b><u>TEAM SPORT</u></b>	<b><u># PLAYERS PER TEAM</u></b>	<b><u># COACHES PER TEAM</u></b>
Bocce	4 (Unified) or 4 (Traditional)	1
Basketball	10	3
Basketball (3vs.3)	5	2
Bowling	4	1
Floor Hockey	13	3
Soccer	10	3
Softball	12 (Traditional)	3
	12 (Modified)	3
	14 (Unified)	3
Volleyball	10	3
Flag Football	10	3

**ALL OTHER SPORTS INCLUDING SKILLS FOR TEAM SPORTS**

3 Athletes / 1 Coach

**LEVEL A / WHEELCHAIR**

1 Athlete / 1 Coach

**ADDITIONAL COACH / CHAPERONE**

1 Additional Coach allowed per delegation (floating coach, nurse, bus driver, etc.)

**\*\*NOTE: All athletes must be trained by a certified coach. The certified coach's name must appear on the roster form sent in with the State Games paperwork.**

### **INDIVIDUAL ROLES & REQUIREMENTS AT STATE GAMES**

- **Athlete** = A Special Olympics Athlete competing in the Games. All Athletes MUST have an active Doctor signed medical form on file with SOGA by the eligibility/paperwork deadline in order to compete at any State Event. The medical expiration date (expires every three years) must not expire before or during the date of the State Event.
- **Unified Partner** = A Unified Partner, with a complete Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form on file, competing in the Games. Any Unified Partner that is 18 years of age or older must be screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website and complete the Online Protective Behaviors Course. Unified Partners participating in the Games are not to be held responsible or liable for the Athletes. The ultimate responsibility and liability belongs to the Head of Delegation for all Athletes and Unified Partners.
- **Head of Delegation** = Individual that has completed the Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form, screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website, completed the Online Protective Behaviors Course, signed and submitted the Coach Code of Conduct form and completed the Concussion Training Online Course. The Head of Delegation is responsible for all Athletes and Unified Partners competing in the Games.
- **Coach(es)** = Individual responsible for team or individual sports athletes competing in the Games that has completed the Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form, screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website, completed the Online Protective Behaviors Course, signed and submitted the Coach Code of Conduct form and completed the Concussion Training Online Course.
- **Chaperone(s) & Extra people not in quota** = Individual responsible for athletes competing in the Games that has completed the Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form, screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website, completed the Online Protective Behaviors Course, signed and submitted the Coach Code of Conduct form and completed the Concussion Training Online Course.
- **Horse Handlers / Side Walkers** = Individual responsible for assisting athletes competing in the Games and has completed the Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form. Any Horse Handler or Side Walker that is 18 years of age or older must be screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website, complete the Online Protective Behaviors Course, and complete the Concussion Training Online Course.
- **Bus or Van Driver** = Individual responsible for transporting the delegation during the Games. Any Bus or Van Driver that is 18 years of age or older must complete the Volunteer & Unified Partner Profile form, be screened by Special Olympics Georgia via the Verified Volunteers website, complete the Online Protective Behaviors Course, sign and submit the Coach Code of Conduct form and complete the Concussion Training Online Course.

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS GEORGIA PARADE OF ATHLETES LINE-UP & AGENCY FLAG / BANNER REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the requirements concerning the Parade of Athletes and Flag/Banner's for all Special Olympics Georgia Opening Ceremony's:

- ♦ The parade line-up can only contain 2 Athletes & 1 Coach per delegation. If you have more, you will not be allowed to walk in the parade.
- ♦ Flag or Banner should be 3' x 5' on a 5' pole (if desired).
- ♦ Flag or Banner should be made of cotton, vinyl, felt, or other like material.
- ♦ Flag or Banner should be able to be rolled up for safety after the Parade of Athletes.
- ♦ Flag or Banner should display the Special Olympics Georgia logo.
- ♦ No Flag or Banner should display a commercial sponsor, commercial message, or their product. *(This is not a recommendation but a policy of Special Olympics, Inc.).*

**\*DUE TO COVID-19, THERE WILL NOT BE A PARADE OF ATHLETES AT THE 2021 FALL GAMES**

## **BOCCE**

### **GENERAL RULES**

The Official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall govern all Special Olympics Bocce competitions. As an international sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon the International Federation for Bocce rules for Bocce competition. International Federation for Bocce rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall apply.

### **OFFICIAL EVENTS OFFERED**

1. Singles (one player per team)

### **SECTION A – GENERAL RULES**

1. Competition will follow the International Federation for Bocce rules except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules.
2. Athletes will follow bracket play as assigned prior to competition.
3. All Athletes are required to have assessment scores submitted prior to competition.
4. Athletes in a wheelchair are able to compete only if they are able to transport the ball, and release the ball, independently.
5. All Athletes must be able to roll the ball independently.
6. Games will have a 30 minute time limit, or the first team to 12 points.
7. Any team late or missing a bracketed game time, will forfeit that spot in the bracket and be placed in the loser's bracket for competition.
8. Any protests or rules infractions must be brought to the attention of the sports rules committee.
9. Coaches, chaperones, parents, etc. are not allowed on the playing field during competition. Once competition begins, coaches and spectators are not allowed to coach.

**NOTE:** "Special Needs Athlete" – If Special Needs is noted, this athlete's coach will be allowed on the field for consultation with the volunteer during a special time period set up just prior to the beginning of competition. A "special needs athlete" is one who has a communication limitation, hearing impairment, visual impairment, or behavioral need.

10. Athletes and volunteers are not allowed to smoke, eat food or drink during competition. Water will be provided for hydration.
11. Athletes, coaches, volunteers or any other Special Olympics supporters are not allowed to smoke at the competition site. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs are prohibited from all Special Olympics events.





12. Uniforms / clothing – Athletes must be neat in their dress and wear proper bocce clothing. No cut off shorts or shirts with advertising will be allowed. Teams must wear like shirts. No jeans or camouflage (pants, capris, skirts, or shorts) shall be worn for competition. It is suggested that players wear khaki or colored shorts, slacks, or sweat pants and a collared shirt or nice tee. **Closed toed shoes must be worn!**

#### **SECTION B – RAMP BOCCE**

1. Ramp Bocce is not offered at this time. Therefore, all Athletes and Unified Partners must be able to participate independently in order to compete.



**BOCCE**  
**DIVISIONING ASSESSMENT UPDATED**

**Equipment:** The equipment will be a regulation bocce set and bocce court.

**Object:** The object of this skill is to roll bocce balls closest to the pallina to gain a score accurate for divisioning.

**Rules:**

- The pallina will be placed on the 30' line for the athlete.
- The athlete will roll eight balls from behind the 10' foul line.
- ***If the pallina is moved when a ball is rolled, replace the pallina on the 30' line before rolling the next ball.***
- The coach will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.

- The pallina will be placed on the 40' line for the athlete.
- The athlete will roll eight balls from behind the 10' foul line.
- ***If the pallina is moved when a ball is rolled, replace the pallina on the 40' line before rolling the next ball.***
- The coach will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.

- The pallina will be placed on the 50' line for the athlete.
- The athlete will roll eight balls from behind the 10' foul line.
- ***If the pallina is moved when a ball is rolled, replace the pallina on the 50' line before rolling the next ball.***
- The coach will measure the closest three balls and record their distance in centimeters.

**Scoring:** Measurements will be taken from the center top of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements. These divisioning procedures comply with the Special Olympics honest-effort rule.

**Record:** Record the athletes' scores on the score sheet. Turn in the measurement total with the games paperwork. This will help to ensure proper divisioning.

### BOCCE DIVISIONING SCORESHEET

Athlete	30' line	30' line	30' line	40' line	40' line	40' line	50' line	50' line	50' line	TOTAL

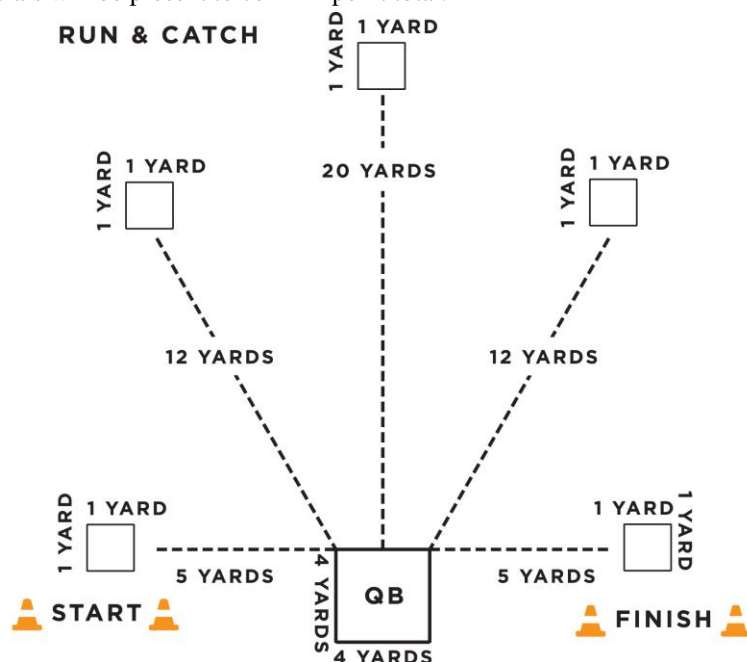
\*\* Measure the 3 closest balls for each distance. Measurements will be taken from the center top of the bocce ball to the center top of the pallina in centimeters, for a total of measurements.

\*\* Record each measurement. Total all measurements. The total is what is recorded on the games paperwork under "Bocce Division Score"

## Flag Football Individual Skills Competition

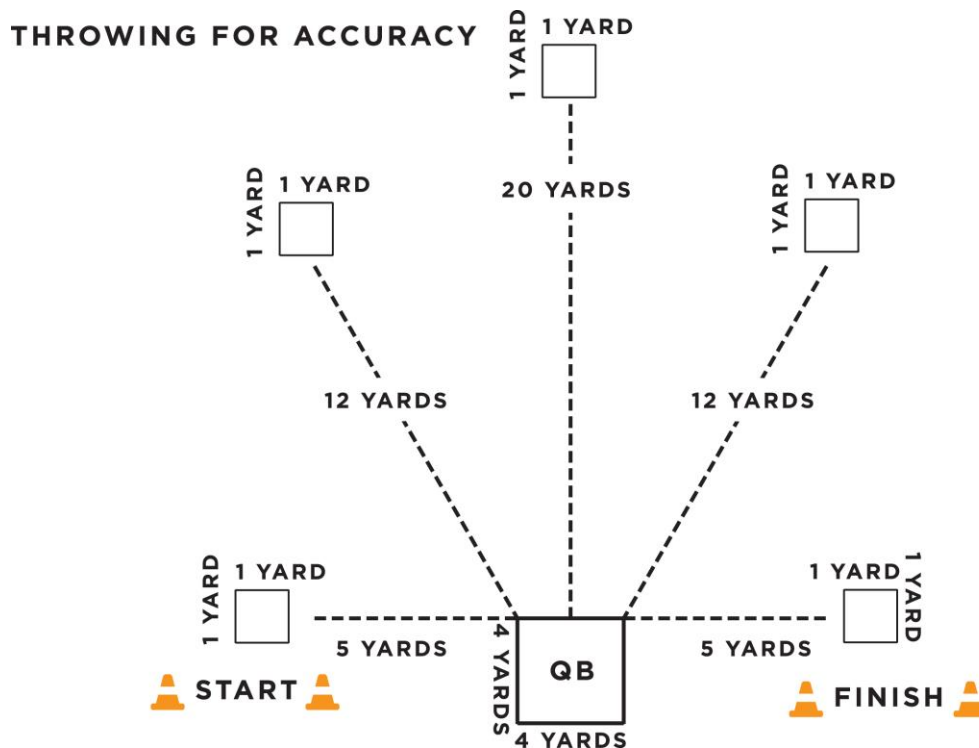
### Catching: “Run & Catch”

1. **Purpose:** To measure athlete’s ability to catch a football.
2. **Equipment:** 5 footballs, measuring tape, field paint, cones, or numbered mats to mark catching spots and start/finish lines.
3. **Description:** A starting line, finish line, quarterback box, and 5 catching spots should be marked/ placed on the field. The catching spots should be marked 1-5 (left to right).
  - The quarterback box should be placed in between the starting and finish line.
  - The quarterback box will be 4 yards X 4 yards.
  - Catching spots are 1 yard X 1 yard.
  - Catching Boxes 1 & 5 will be 5 yards from the quarterback box.
  - Catching Boxes 2 & 4 will be 12 yards from the quarterback box.
  - Catching Box 3 will be 20 yards from the quarterback box.
  - The starting line should be placed on the left side of the quarterback and the finish line should be placed on the right side of the quarterback. Athletes will start to the left of the quarterback and finish on the right side of the quarterback.
  - Each athlete will begin at the starting line. Once the official quarterback gives the signal, the athlete must run to each catching box (in numerical order), stopping to catch a pass at each spot. Once the ball is completely caught, the athlete drops the ball and goes to the next catching box. Once the last ball is caught, the athlete will sprint through the finish line. If a throw from the QB is deemed inaccurate, athletes will receive an additional throw from the same spot.
4. **Scoring:** Athletes will receive points for completing catches.
  - 2 pts: for a complete catch (clearly caught with both hands)
  - 0 pts: if athlete is unable to catch or touch a well-thrown pass.
  - Athletes can gain a maximum of 10 points in this drill.
  - Officials will be present to confirm point total.



### Throwing for Accuracy

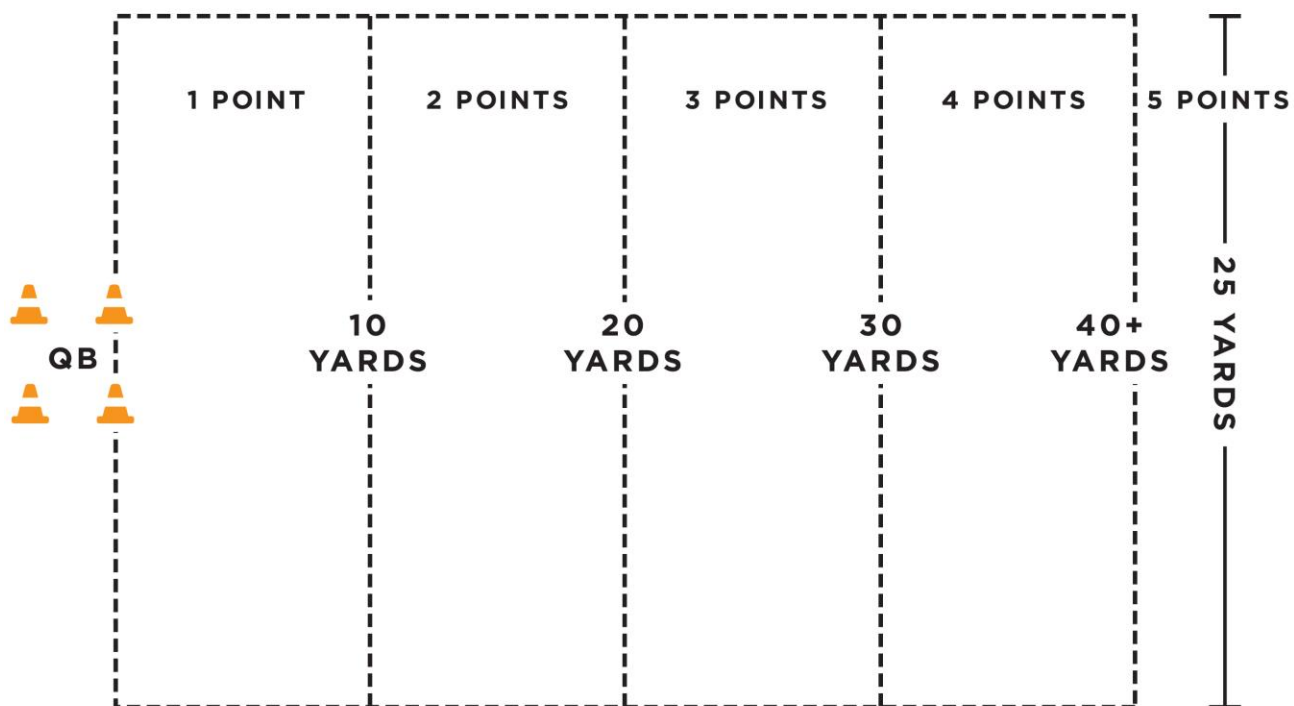
1. **Purpose:** To measure the athlete's ability to throw a football accurately.
2. **Equipment:** 5 footballs, measuring tape, field paint, cones, or numbered mats to mark catching spots and start/finish lines.
3. **Description:** A starting line, finish line, quarterback box, and 5 catching boxes should be marked/ placed on the field. The catching boxes should be marked 1-5 (left to right).
  - The quarterback box should be placed in between the starting and finish line.
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  - The quarterback box will be 4 yards X 4 yards.
  - Catching spots are 1 yard X 1 yard.
  - Catching Boxes 1 & 5 will be 5 yard from the quarterback box.
  - Catching Boxes 2 & 4 will be 12 yards from the quarterback box.
  - Catching Box 3 will be 20 yards from the quarterback box.
  - The starting line should be placed on the left side of the quarterback and the finish line should be placed on the right side of the quarterback.
  - The player being tested stands inside of the quarterback box. Five human targets/volunteers are placed in each catching spot. The athlete must throw to each target (in numerical order), gaining points for completed passes. The receiver must stay in the catching box. Scoring is based on accuracy of the throw not on the volunteer catching the pass.
4. **Scoring:** Athletes will receive points for completed passes.
  - 2 pts: For an accurate & completed throw.
  - 0 pts: Receiver is unable to catch or touch ball in targeted area. If the ball hits the ground prior to reaching the target, the throw will be recorded as a failed attempt.
  - Athletes can gain a maximum of 10 points in this drill.



## Throwing for Distance

1. **Purpose:** To measure the athlete's ability to throw a football for distance.
2. **Equipment:** 3-5 footballs; measuring tape; field paint; cones
3. **Description:** Athlete gets two attempts to throw football as far as possible. The goal line of a Special Olympics flag football field can be used as the starting line.
4. **Scoring:** Athletes will receive a maximum of 5 points per throw.
  - 1 pt: 0-10 yards
  - 2 pt: 10-20 yards
  - 3 pt: 20-30 yards
  - 4 pts: 30-40 yards
  - 5 pts: 40+ yards
  - Athletes can gain a maximum of 10 points in this drill.

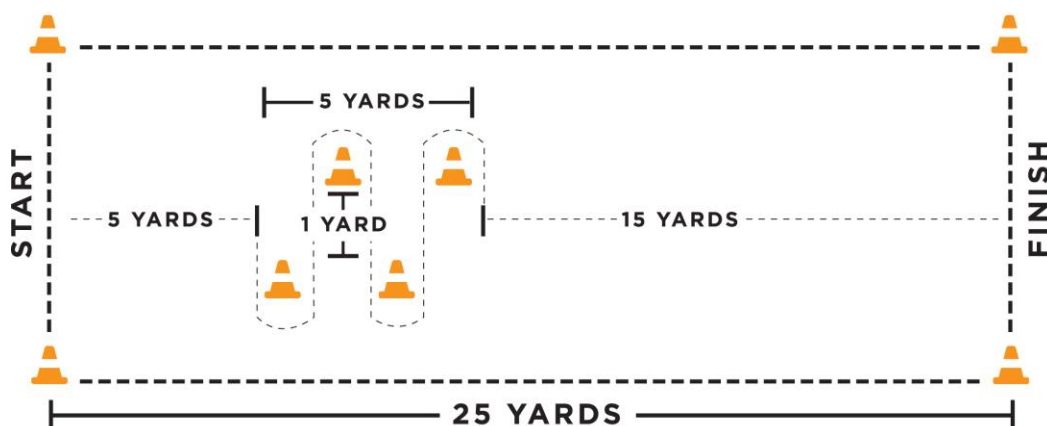
### THROWING FOR DISTANCE



## Agility & Speed: Hand-Off

1. **Purpose:** To measure the athlete's speed, agility and ability to receive a hand-off.
2. **Equipment:** 3 footballs, eight cones, field paint, measuring tape, and stop watch
3. **Description:** The ball is marked at the 20 yard line or 20 yards from the goal line. The quarterback will be position 20 yards from the goal line. Athlete begins 5 yards behind the quarterback and between the cones.
  - The quarterback will give the signal and hand the ball off to the athlete.
  - The clock will start on the quarterbacks signal.
  - The athlete must maneuver around the four cones and sprints to the finish line/endzone between the cones and must maintain possession of the football.
  - Each cone will be 1.25 yards apart
  - A fumble at the exchange between the QB and the athlete would be a redo.
  - If an athlete losses control of the ball, the clock continues to run. The athlete can recover the ball. However, if the ball goes outside the 3m lane, the athlete can either pick up the nearest back-up football or recover the errant football to continue the event.
4. **Scoring:** The athlete will receive two attempts. The athlete can receive a max of 5 points per attempt for a total of 10 points.
  - The athlete will be timed from QB's signal to when he/she crosses the finish line between the cones with possession of the football.
  - One-second will be added for every missed cone.
  - Conversion Chart will indicate score. Athlete can gain a maximum of 10 points.

### AGILITY & SPEED HANDOFF



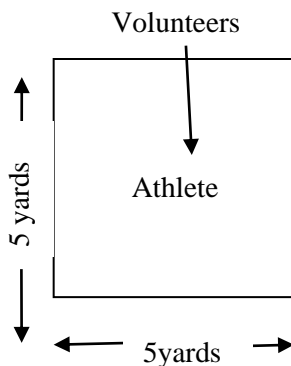
Agility & Speed: Hand-Off	
Conversion Chart	
Seconds	Points
Under 7.5 seconds	5
7.5-9	4
9.1-10.5	3
10.5-12.0	2
12.1 and over	1





1. **Purpose:** To measure the athlete's ability to pull an opponent's flag.
2. **Equipment:** 5 footballs, four cones, 5 volunteers and measuring tape
3. **Description:** The athlete stands in the middle of a 5 X 5 yard grid.
  - Volunteers will one at a time jog through the grid with a football and attached flags. The athlete attempts to pull the volunteers flag before the volunteer leaves the grid. Volunteers will move straight through the box without attempting to elude athlete. Speed of volunteers will increase incrementally until the last volunteer is sprinting through.
  - This is not a timed event. Each additional attempt will not start until the athlete has repositioned themselves at the center of the grid.
4. **Scoring:** The athlete will receive 5 attempts
  - The athlete will receive two points for successful flag pull.
  - The athlete will receive one point for any unsuccessful flag pull in which either the flag or ball carrier was touched, but the flag did not come off.
  - The athlete will receive zero points for any unsuccessful flag pull in which the flags or ball carrier are not touched at all.
  - Once the jogging volunteer leaves the grids, he/she must reposition themselves in the center of the grid.
  - Athletes can gain a maximum of 10 points in the drill.

### FLAG PULLING



## Special Olympics Georgia - Flag Football Skills Assessment for Individuals on Teams

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jersey Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Athlete

☐

Partner

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Individual Assessment for Team Play

#### A. Ball Skills

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

- Has difficulty holding on to the football (2)
- Possesses some ball skills but they are very limited (3)
- Can control ball with dominant hand only (4)
- Can control ball with both hands (5)
- Has ability to switch hands with the ball with token defensive pressure (6)
- Has ability to beat defender (while holding) regularly with dominant hand (7)
- Has ability to beat defender (while holding) regularly with both hands (8)

Score:

#### B. Passing

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

- Has difficulty completing a pass/short pass to a teammate (2)
- Can sometimes make a pass to an open teammate with token pressure (3)
- Can only complete a pass to teammate after looking directly at him/her or with prompting (4)
- Has ability to choose the open receiver most of the time with some defensive pressure (5)
- Has ability to consistently complete a pass to an open receiver with defensive pressure (6)
- Controls game with ability to complete a pass to open player when they are in good position (8)

Score:

#### C. Movement

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

- Maintains a stationary position; does not move to a loose ball (2)
- Moves only 1-2 steps toward ball or opponent (3)
- Moves toward ball; but reaction time is slow and only in a limited area of the field (4)
- Movement permits adequate field coverage for player's position (5)
- Good field coverage; reasonably aggressive (6)
- Exceptional field coverage; aggressive anticipation (8)

Score:

#### D. Game Awareness

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

- Sometimes confused on offense and defense; may not always understand where they are on field (2)
- Can play in fixed position as instructed by coach; may go after an occasional loose ball (3)
- Limited understanding of the game and can make some offensive or defensive decisions - coach prompted (4)
- Moderate understanding of the game and offensive and defensive decisions (6)
- Advanced understanding of the game and mastery of football skills (8)

Score:

**Special Olympics Georgia - Flag Football Skills Assessment for Individuals on Teams**

**E. Catching**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Periodically can catch the football from a close range of 5 yards (2)

Can make catches regularly from a close range of 5 yards (3)

Can make catches regularly from a close range of 5 yards and periodically from mid-range of 10 to 12 yards (4)

Can make catches regularly from mid-range of 10 to 12 yards (5)

Can consistently make close range catches and periodically make mid-range catches while running a pass route (7)

Can consistently make close range, mid-range, and long range catches while running a pass route (8)

Score:

**F. Defense**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Does not understand defensive position or principles, often beaten by an offensive player on a pass route (2)

Some understanding of defensive position and principles, sometimes beaten by an offensive player on a pass route (3)

More understanding of defensive position, can perform a tackle by grabbing opponents flag within 3 to 4 steps (5)

Good understanding of defensive position and principles, does not get beat often, aggressively goes after offensive players, able to pull most opponents flags (6)

Exceptional ability to defend, pulls majority of offensive players flags, ability to deflect the ball, shut down offensive player (8)

Score:

**G. Pass Route Running**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Does not understand how to run a pass route (2)

Some understanding of pass route running, can run complete routes some of the times with coach assistance (3)

Some understanding of pass route running, can run complete routes some of the times with limited coach assistance (4)

Better understanding of pass route running, can run complete routes most of the times with limited coach assistance (5)

Good understanding of pass route running, can run complete routes most of the times with NO coach assistance (7)

Exceptional ability to run pass routes, aggressively runs complete routes with NO coach assistance consistently (8)

Score:

TOTAL SCORE:

**Divide TOTAL SCORE by 7 to determine OVERALL RATING**

(round off to the nearest tenth I.e. 4.97 = 5.0 or 3.53 = 3.5)

OVERALL RATING:

## Special Olympics Georgia - Soccer Skills Assessment for Individuals on Teams

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jersey Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Athlete      ☐ Partner  
 Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Evaluation:      /      /

### Individual Assessment for Team Play

#### A. Ball Skills

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Has difficulty dribbling and trapping ball (2)  
 Possesses some ball skills but they are very limited (3)  
 Can control ball with dominant foot only (4)  
 Can control ball with both feet (5)  
 Has ability to dribble either direction with token pressure (6)  
 Has ability to beat defender (while dribbling) regulary with dominant foot (7)  
 Has ability to beat defender (while dribbling) regulary with either foot (8)

Score:

#### B. Passing

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Has difficulty completing a pass/short pass to a teammate (2)  
 Can sometimes make a pass to an open teammate with token pressure (3)  
 Can only complete a pass to teammate after looking directly at him/her or with prompting (4)  
 Has ability to choose best type of pass (to feet or to space) without prompting (5)  
 Has ability to consistently complete a one touch or two touch pass to an open teammate (6)  
 Controls game with ability to complete a pass to open player when they are in good position (8)

Score:

#### C. Movement

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Maintains a stationary position; does not move to a loose ball (2)  
 Moves only 1-2 steps toward ball or opponent (3)  
 Moves toward ball; but reaction time is slow and only in a limited area of the field(4)  
 Movement permits adequate field coverage for player's position (5)  
 Good field coverage; reasonably aggressive (6)  
 Exceptional field coverage; aggressive anticipation (8)

Score:

#### D. Game Awareness

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Sometimes confused on offense and defense; may not always undertand where they are on field (2)  
 Can play in fixed position as instructed by coach; may go after an occasional loose ball (3)  
 Limited understanding of the game and can make some offensive or defensive decisions - coach prompted (4)  
 Moderate understanding of the game, some off and def decisions and can occasionally participate in an offensive counter-attack (6)  
 Advanced understanding of the game and mastery of soccer fundamentals (8)

Score:

**Special Olympics Georgia - Soccer Skills Assessment for Individuals on Teams**

**E. Shooting**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Periodically can strike ball on goal from close range of 7 yards or closer (2)  
 Can make shots regularly from close range (3)  
 Can make shots inside of close range and occasionally attempts a mid range shot of 8 to 12 yards (4)  
 Can put mid range shots of 8 to 12 yards on goal with moderate pace (5)  
 Can consistently make close and mid range shots and will attempt shots beyond 12 yards (6)  
 Has excellent shooting form, can strike the ball with pace and makes shots from any range  
 15 yards and in (8)

Score:

**F. Defense**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Does not understand defensive position or principles, often beaten by a defender on the dribble or to loose balls (2)  
 Some understanding of defensive position and principles, sometimes beaten by a defender on the dribble or to loose balls (3)  
 More understanding of defensive position, can perform a tackle, goes after loose balls within 3 to 4 steps (4)  
 Good understanding of defensive position and principles, does not get beat often, aggressively  
 goes after loose balls, gets many, ability to clear ball (6)  
 Exceptional ability to get to defend, wins most loose balls, ability to clear the ball, shut down-type defender (8)

Score:

**G. Goalkeeping**

(one choice- should be the most representative of the athlete's skill level)

Does not understand goalkeeping position, tentative when shots come at goal (2)  
 Some understanding of goalkeeping position, can block some shots directly at him/her (3)  
 Some understanding of goalkeeping position, can block and catch shots directly at him/her (4)  
 Better understanding of goalkeeping position, can block, catch shots directly at him/her or within a couple  
 of steps to either side (5)  
 Good understanding of goalkeeping position, can move to save some more difficult shots,  
 can distribute the ball to an open player (6)  
 Exceptional ability to save shots, aggressively goes after loose balls in the goal box, distributes effectively  
 to start the offense (8)

Score:

**TOTAL SCORE:**

**Divide TOTAL SCORE by 7 to determine OVERALL RATING**

(round off to the nearest tenth i.e. 4.97 = 5.0 or 3.53 = 3.5)

**OVERALL RATING:**

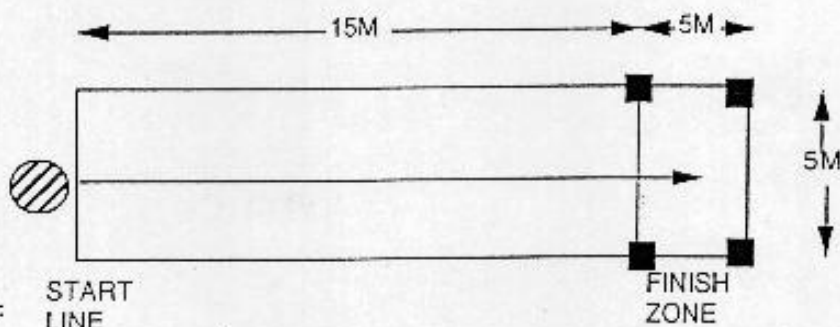


### 3. Individual Skills Contest

- The ISC is designed specifically for lower ability athletes who have not yet developed the skills necessary to participate meaningfully in team soccer, and for players who cannot participate in team soccer because of their need to use a walking device.
- The ISC consists of 3 events: Dribbling; Shooting; and Run & Kick. Competitors should first go through a divisioning round where each athlete performs each event once. The total score from the 3 events is then used to place players in divisions with others of similar abilities for the competition (medal) round.
- In the medal round, each player should perform each event twice. The total score from the two rounds is added together to give the final score.

#### 3. Individual Skills Contest -

##### a. Event #1: Dribbling



#### 1) Equipment:

#5/#4 ball, tape or chalk, 4 large cones to mark the finish zone.

#### 2) Description:

The player dribbles from the starting line to the finish zone, staying inside the marked lane. The finish zone should be marked off with cones as well as chalk. The clock is stopped when both the player and the ball are stopped inside the finish zone. If the player overshoots the finish zone, he/she must dribble it back in to finish.

#### 3) Scoring:

The time (in seconds) elapsed while the player is dribbling is converted into points using the scale below. A deduction of 5 points is made for each time the ball runs over the side-lines of the lane or if a player touches the ball with his/her hands (note: if the ball runs over the side-line, the referee will immediately place another ball in the center of the lane opposite the point at which the ball went out.)

#### Scoring conversion chart:

Dribble Time --- Point Score  
(Seconds)

5-10	60 points
11-15	55 points
16-20	50 points
21-25	45 points
26-30	40 points
31-35	35 points

Dribble-Time --- Point Score

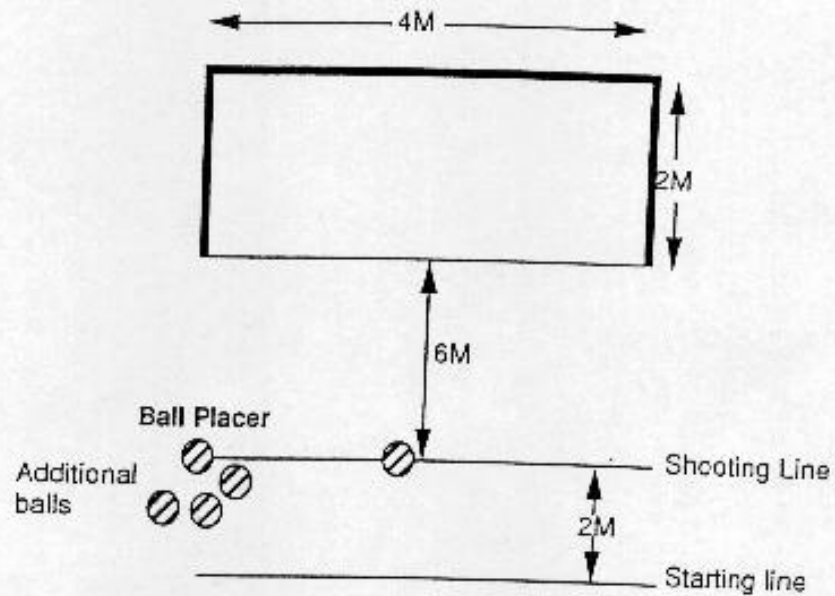
36-40	30 points
41-45	25 points
46-50	20 points
51-55	15 points
55 or more	10 points





**3. Individual Skills Contest**

**b. Event #2: Shooting**



**1) Equipment:**

Five #5/or #4 balls, tape or chalk, 4mX2m 5-a-side goal with net.

**2) Description:**

Player begins at the start line and walks or runs forward to shoot the ball into the goal from a distance of 6m. The player returns to the line. Ball placer (Official) places the next ball to be shot. Player repeats. Total of 5 shots.

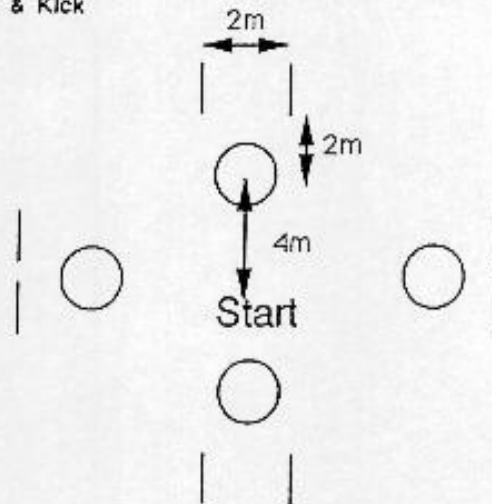
**3) Scoring:**

Each successful goal scores 10 points.



### 3. Individual Skills Contest

#### c. Event #3: Run & Kick



##### 1) Equipment:

Four #5/#4 balls. Placed as shown. A central starting point should be marked. A 2m wide target gate (cones or flags) set up 2m ahead of each ball.

##### 2) Description:

Player begins at the starting marker. He/she runs to any ball and kicks it through a target gate. He/she is only allowed to kick the ball once. The player then runs and kicks another ball through a target gate. When the player kicks the last ball, the clock is stopped.

##### 3) Scoring:

The total time (in seconds) elapsed from when the player starts to when he/she kicks the last balls is recorded and converted into points using the conversion chart below. A bonus of 5 points is added for each ball kicked successfully through a target gate.

##### Scoring conversion chart:

Dribble Time — Point Score  
(Seconds)

11-15	50 points
16-20	45 points
21-25	40 points
26-30	35 points
31-35	30 points
36-40	25 points
41-45	20 points
46-50	15 points
51-55	10 points
55 or above	5 points