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Dear Special Olympics Georgia Agencies:

Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) is working diligently to plan for continued quality and safe programming, training and competition during the difficult times the country is facing. Due to COVID-19 and the safety measures needing to take place, SOGA must make difficult decisions concerning the structure of events for the future.

For the 2022 State Indoor Winter Games in Marietta, Georgia on January 28-29. Every delegate, volunteer, & GOC member must sign the mandatory waiver & submit it by the paperwork deadline of November 12th. The required waiver includes wearing masks, temperature checks, social distancing, & sanitation. Wearing masks during competition will be determined on a case-by-case scenario, closer to the January 2022 date, and communicated during the final paperwork process. Temperature checks will take place prior to you leaving to attend State Indoor Winter Games, as well as, upon entry of each venue each day. If a fever exists, the entire agency will have to leave the State Indoor Winter Games.

**All registered delegates choose to either have been vaccinated or completed a COVID-19 test with a negative result, no less than 7 days prior to January 28, 2022. Agencies agree to provide SOGA with documentation of each delegates vaccination card or negative test result by Friday, January 21, 2022, in order for the delegates to be allowed to travel and attend State Indoor Winter Games as overnight delegates. All restrictions and policies enforced are required by delegates attending State Indoor Winter Games.**

**\*\*New for 2022:** All agencies attending will need to write their checks **dated January 1, 2022**. Although paperwork is due November 12th, checks will not be deposited until the 2022 calendar year, so please be prepared for accounting purposes.

SOGA may change these policies closer to the State Indoor Winter Games and when needed. SOGA wants to thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. The health and safety of all Athletes is what we all strive to provide. More information will be provided to you soon concerning sport specific protocols and procedures. As we are facing these challenging decisions, we are excited to be able to host the 2022 State Indoor Winter Games. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you,

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