



SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
**WORLD GAMES**  
ABU DHABI 2019



**Q&A**

**Sport Webinar 2**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Table Tennis

#### What color ball will be used?

The standard white ball will be used. However, the orange ball will be used on request for the visually impaired.

#### What color will the table surface be?

The table tennis table color will be blue.

#### What is the size of table tennis ball?

The official 40mm diameter according to ITTF.

#### Will mixed doubles be offered?

There will be no mixed doubles.

#### What if an athlete is impaired with non-racket hand, can they toss the ball with the racket hand?

Special Olympics is flexible on this rule, so it is often permitted.

#### What are unified athletes permitted to participate in?

Unified Athletes are permitted to play all (3) events according to the Special Olympics rules. However, the unified partners will be playing the unified events only.

### Tennis

#### What is the format of both divisioning and competition?

The format for divisioning is: 4 games matches round robin; competition whole match and competition format will depend on the level of the athletes.

#### Which rules are used for the Games?

During the Games 2016 rules will be used with some exceptions such as ITN rating, doubles pairs play in level of higher player.

#### Are the coaches allowed to enter the court?

Coaches are allowed to enter on a court after athletes, officials and ball kids.

#### Where can coaches watch the game from?

Coaches can watch the game inside the court (only one per athlete/team and only when coaching) or outside at the benches.

**Are the coaches allowed to coach on the court?**

Yes, coaches are allowed to coach but only during change ends.

**Is there a possibility to train on the competition days?**

Yes, the court can be used for practice/warmup from 08.00-08.30 and then from 13.30-14.30.

**Will black soled shoes be allowed on courts?**

Black soled shoes and running shoes are strictly prohibited on the courts and any athlete wearing such shoes will not be allowed to play.

**How much will cost of restring service be?**

The restring service will be provided free of charge on a needs only basis.

**Handball**

**Will glue be allowed to use during competition?**

No, glue will not be allowed as per the IHF rules.

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No, resin will not be allowed as per the IHF rules.

**How many female teams will compete during the Games?**

8 female teams will compete in traditional event and 1 in unified event.

**Which rules will be used during the Games?**

The Handball Abu Dhabi 2019 World Games competition will be conducted using the Handball International rules found at: <http://www.ihf.info/en-us/technicalcorner/bidmanual.aspx> . We would suggest checking the rules carefully.

The only exception to this is where these rules conflict with the official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Handball or Article 1. In these cases the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Handball will apply.

**Will there be a warmup area, where athletes can warm up before the official warmup?**

There will be no dedicated warm up area. The warmup will happen right before the start of the match on the field of play.

### **Will a team play more than one match per day?**

On divisioning days teams will play more than one match, on competition days only one match per day.

### **Which rosters will be used towards Unified Partners?**

The rosters for Unified Partners are as follows: 4athletes + 3partners / 3athletes + 3partners / 3athletes +2partners.

### **Where can the rules for Unified Handball be found?**

You can find all the rules related to Unified Handball in the Technical Manuals sent to you. If you need more detailed information, you can visit the Special Olympics website <https://www.specialolympics.org/>

## **Judo**

### **Are athletes required to compete in IJP-approved judogis??**

The jacket does not have to be IJF-approved, however, it must be white.

### **How long does the round take?**

Competition time is 3 min. If there is no winner after this time, this will be followed by 'Golden score' time of 1 minute.

### **Will it be possible to change weight category of an athlete?**

Training & Weigh In Day is March 12th, 2019. The official weigh-in session will take place at the 11:00AM till 12:30 PM. Each competitor shall bring to the weigh-in his accreditation card issued for the Championships and his passport or an official identification document. The competitor shall present both documents to the official, who will verify the identity of the competitor. Furthermore, divisioning will take place based on the main pillars which are the gender : Male & Female, Age: 16 years and older, Event Levels: 3 different levels, Weight categories: 7 weight categories & the Ability Level: Considering the Safety of the athletes.

## **Healthy Athletes Program**

### **What are the dates for Healthy Athletes Program?**

Healthy Athletes will be running from 12th till 20th of March 2019.

### **When can the Dubai based athletes visit HA program?**

Attendance at Healthy Athletes for Dubai athletes will be programmed into the competition schedule.

### **For athletes not competing at ADNEC will transportation be provided to the Healthy Athletes venue?**

Yes, the transportation will be provided.

## **Generic topic**

### **Where could we get the materials of sport webinar 1?**

The proceedings of the webinar have been circulated to all people on the webinar email list.

### **Will the technical manuals shipped to the delegations who will not be attending the HOD seminar?**

The technical manuals will be distributed to delegations via Dropbox to ensure all people on the email list will receive the manuals.

### **Can audience members and fans bring signs to support their teams?**

Most signs are allowed. However, as SO is based on delegations, country flags including painted on the face are not permitted.

### **Is there a spectators' area at all the competition venues?**

Yes, there will be spectator seating at all sport venues.