



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
WORLD GAMES
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Q&A

Sport Webinar 3

Frequently Asked Questions

Kayaking

What kind of boats will be used during Kayaking competition?

Kayak Touring boats will be used for the competition,

Will helmets be provided during competition?

The LOC will not be providing helmets. It is a flat and relatively calm course with no need for helmets.

Football 11 a-side

What are the minimum and maximum numbers of players?

The minimum number of players that should be registered for world games squads is 13 players. The maximum number of players is 16.

When will the football games be held?

The football games will be held from 12th march to 19th march with a day off on the 14th. Matches will start from 9am and finish around 19:00 each day with a 3-hour break between 12:00 and 15:00 due to weather temperatures.

How many matches per day will teams play?

Most teams will play 1 game per day, however in some cases a team might play 2 games a day as a maximum.

What is the minimum time for a player in the competition?

The current minimum time will be 30% per player. This will be confirmed within the Technical Manual in January.

How many countries will participate in football?

11 aside football competition will have 14 countries participating.

What is the size of the pitch?

The pitches for World Games will be 100 meters in length and 64 meters in width.

Will there be shade opportunities close to the pitches?

Yes, there will be shading for substitutes, coaches and spectators on every pitch.

Basketball

What will be the format for basketball competition?

Divisioning and Competition matches have different formats. They are not finalized until Divisioning takes place, therefore these details will be given out at the Head Coaches Technical Meeting.

When will the initial coaches meeting be held?

The Head Coaches Technical Meeting will be conducted on the 11th of March.

Will the venue be available for practice during the divisioning & competition when not in use for games?

The venue will be available only as follows: 1) allocated time for warm up as designated before each match and 2) match time. More details will follow at the coaches meetings.

Please provide game times - e.g. halves or quarters and length of games?

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Will there be basketballs provided for warm up before games?

Yes, basketballs will be provided during warm up.

What are the official requirements for the sportswear?

The sportswear required will be as per FIBA standards and will be included in the Technical Manuals.

Can basketball jerseys contain any number?

The number to be used are as per FIBA regulations: 0-99.

Equestrian

What is considered an “early start” in Equestrian?

It means that check in will start at 8:30AM every day of competition. Note, that athletes must be there on time.

What programs the athletes will ride in equestrian dressage? Will they ride both Test 1 and 2? Is it a basic and then final?

For each level athlete will ride only on test as below:

Level A: Test 2, Level BI: Test 1, Level CI: test 2

How is figure 8 in English equitation done? At what points do these begin?

English equitation: figure 8 will be a circle 6 - 15m, and will be called by the judge, it will be marked with two cones.

When will the athletes have an opportunity to jump the horse?

Athletes will be able to jump the horse on matching day.

When will the working trail-program be available?

On the same day of competition.

Is English Quotation the divisioning for Dressage or do they have divisioning in dressage?

Divisioning is based on English equitation for all events.

Is there a dress code for the equestrian coaches when they are calling tests?

Coaches are required to look professional at all times. For competition, Coaches are permitted to wear the standard sport clothing/uniform for their sport as per international standards and as approved and provided by their SO Program.

Will saddle cloths be provided?

Yes, they will be provided on matching day.

What is the dress code for horse matching?

It is a competition dress.

Will shoes be provided only for the athletes or for all delegation members as well?

The shoe will be provided only for the athletes. Shoes will be given to the athletes upon completing three screenings.

Generic topic

We have some issues with the Sports Online Course: some of our coaches can't login.

Yes, these issues exist. However, as it is a Special Olympics course, only SO can assist you. On the front page to the course, there is a chat/email contact that I have used in the past to help with course issues. Please use them as they are very helpful.