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Q&A

Sport Webinar 4

Frequently Asked Questions

Football 7- a-side

What types of shoes can be used during the competition?

All types of football/soccer boots can be used, except for metal studs.

Will there be a shaded area for the athletes in the field of play?

Shade will be provided for all player and coach benches.

What is the football assessment tool delegations submitted being used for?

The football assessment tool will be used for the Divisioning process.

What is the format of play for the competition?

The format of the competition is Round Robin initially, progressing to knockout.

Will cones and ball be provided for the warm up sessions?

Yes, cones and balls will be provided during warm up sessions.

What is the number range for the players jerseys for Unified partners?

The jersey numbers should be from 1-23.

Is it allowed to place the names of the athletes on the back side of jerseys?

It is allowed to place the names of the athletes. Please, note that in case of no show/replacement/etc. athletes are required to wear the jersey with their individual name and number.

In case if there are two goalkeepers in the team, should they have different numbers?

Goalkeepers, playing in the field, are required to have to register under two numbers.

Are Unified Partners permitted to play as goalkeepers?

Yes, Unified Partners are permitted to perform as goalkeepers.

Gymnastics (Artistic)

Is it allowed to have a small flag on the maillot?

Please refer to the Special Olympics Guidelines pertaining to the display of commercial logos and national flags.

How many leotards should athletes bring for the competition?

Athletes should bring as many leotards, as they need for three sessions on three different days.

Is it allowed to wear short leggings during female competition?

As per article 4.1.2 of the Artistic Gymnastic Sport Rules: "Female gymnasts shall wear a long-sleeved, short sleeved, or sleeveless leotard or unitard. Gymnasts may have either bare feet or wear gymnastic slippers. Bare legs or leg coverings of the same color as their leotard or flesh-coloured tighers with bare feet are permitted."

Will athletes have an opportunity to train?

Podium training is the allocated training time and will be assigned by country. Please note that there will not be a separate warm-up area at the venue.

Will the groups in the competition sessions be done by country or level as with the combined level sessions, it is possible some may have 3 gymnasts in 3 different groups with only 1 coach to spread between them.

Thank you for the question. We are aware of this issue and the Competition Management Team will do all its best efforts to minimise the impact of this.

What format do they want music brought in for Artistic Gymnastics?

Please, follow the link:

[https://resources.specialolympics.org/Taxonomy/Sports_Essentials/Rhythmic_Gymnastics/Rhythmic_Gymnastics_Routines_\(2016-2023\).aspx](https://resources.specialolympics.org/Taxonomy/Sports_Essentials/Rhythmic_Gymnastics/Rhythmic_Gymnastics_Routines_(2016-2023).aspx).

Optional Music - in what format do we bring this music or do we need to send it on ahead of time - if so how, and who to?

Unfortunately, we do not have this information confirmed at this time. Details on our sport presentation function are still being finalized.

Gymnastics (Rhythmic)

Does the score need to be provided? If yes, please, specify.

No score is required in advance. Divisioning will be done on site and will be the final decision.

Was the list of judges finalized?

No, it was not.

Healthy Athletes Program

Who will be provided with the shoes during Size2Fit Program?

Both athletes and Unified Partners will be provided with shoes.

Do athletes need to send their foot measurements before the competition to get shoes?

The Size2Fit Program was clearly advertised and the majority of delegations submitted their shoe sizes before the deadline of 15 November. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept any shoe sizes after the deadline.

Will sign language be offered for hearing impaired athletes?

It will be provided, if the delegation specified the requirement for sign language in their registration process then.

If an athlete already uses a hearing aid, is it recommended that they still do the hearing segment?

It will be beneficial for them to go through Healthy Hearing as they will be provided with batteries for their hearing aids, and there will also be a station where the hearing aid can be cleaned and reconditioned. If it needs replacing, this can be done and adjusted on site.

If during the screening, it will be discovered that Athletes have some hearing or vision problems, what they will be offered?

If athletes are found to have vision problems, they will receive corrective eyeglasses which will be prescribed and fitted on site. If they fail a hearing exam and they are a candidate to receive a hearing aid, this will be provided

Generic topic

Where can we find the link to Dropbox?

A link to the Dropbox is sent out with the from Delegations Services to all participants as part of the webinar proceedings.