



Sport Webinar 6

Athletics

What method of start is in place for the deaf track athlete?

For deaf track athletes we will be using a flag start.

Is there divisioning for athletics?

Athletics has divisioning in some events and directed finals in others. Divisioning events are listed as follows:

Divisioning

- Pentathlon Shot Put 25m run Mini Javelin 100m Walk
- 50m run Standing Long Jump High Jump Long Jump Softball Throw

All other events will be direct finals. The list of direct finals can be found below and also in the Technical Manual.

Direct Finals

- 100m run 200m run 400m run 800m run 1500m run
- 400m walk 800m walk 3000m run 5000m run 10000m run
- Half marathon 4x100m relay 4x400m relay.

Could you clarify the plan to separate the awards area from the warm up area at the Police Stadium?

From the FOP, the athletes will go direct to the Award ceremonies compound which is a fenced off compound to keep the athletes away from the warm up area and coaches away from the awards area.

Could you update the plan for additional toilets and change room facilities at the Police Stadium?

We have reinforced toilets and changing rooms which will be located behind the delegation seating stand. Along with this there will also be toilets located next to the athlete lounge.

Is the athletics competition held in Dubai or Abu Dhabi?

The Athletics competition will be held in Dubai and the Half Marathon competition will be held in Abu Dhabi.

What do you mean by World Games 2019 Athletics sports rules? Are they SOI Sports Rules (as of 2016) or others?

For Athletics we will use the 2016 SOI Athletics Sport Rules and for the IAAF Rules we will use the IAAF Competition Rules 2018-2019

Who will give the Chest number of Athletes?

Athlete bib numbers will be provided to Head coaches at the First Head Coaches meeting on the 11th November therefore it is extremely important Head coaches to attend.

How and when do we send new PB for Athletics and Swimming?

Entry times and scores can be updated until February 11th. To do this, log on to SO Connect and update the existing score currently in the system. This is important to ensure athletes are pre-divisioned into the correct category.

Will the athletes in ½-marathon go to Abu Dhabi at the 15th of March and back again after the marathon the 16th?

Yes, Half Marathon athletes and coaches will stay in Abu Dhabi the evening of 15th March, they will then compete on 16th March and after their competition they will be returned to Dubai

Is ½-marathon in Abu Dhabi?

Yes. The Athletics competition will be held in Dubai and the Half Marathon competition will be held in Abu Dhabi

Can you confirm that there will no coach contact with the athlete from Staging to Awards? So no chance to talk to them if they have been disqualified (as they may think they have won the event when they have actually been D/Q'd).

That is correct, there will be no interaction between coaches and athletes from staging to awards. There will be Technical Officials located in the Awards staging area. These officials will be responsible for informing athletes of any disqualifications once results have been processed.

Will athletes/representatives from every delegation be invited to the running clinic?

Due to the number of delegations taking part in Athletics, 100 delegations have been selected at random to attend the running clinic.

For athletes not having divisioning is there a possibility to practice?

We are currently working to try and provide on track familiarization sessions prior to competition days. Athletes during divisioning and competition days will still be able to use the warm up facilities at the venue, these will not be restricted to competing athletes only. Any information regarding track familiarization will be sent out to delegations via our delegation services team.

Athletics - Half Marathon

Is it allowed to accompany the runners by bike?

No, this is called assistance to the athlete and if it occurs the athlete will be disqualified. In addition, it is not allowed to run with the athlete, pace or otherwise assist. It is also not allowed to have special handouts of refreshments at water stations, athletes must use the liquids offered.

Why not do Athletics can't be given the opportunity to train before competition days?

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Why is there so many events going to direct finals?

The decision to have direct finals was made by SOI and was a decision made by the organizing committee. They will be able to provide more information on why there are direct finals.

What type of surface? Mondo or tartan?

The track surface is Tartan.

100m, 200m, 400m and other running distance haven't qualifying competition (same thing in swimming). Could you clarify?

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Can coaches refine athletes results until February 11?

Yes, entry times and scores can be updated until February 11th. To do this simply log onto SO Connect and update the existing score currently in the system. This is important to ensure athletes are pre-divided into the correct category.

Is it true that the result of final can't be overtaken 15% of qualifying result?

The Maximum effort rule applies to both divisioning and direct finals. An athlete or team may be subject to sanctions under Article 1 after review of the performance discrepancy in the case where their score in final competition exceeds the following percentages:

Track Events

Category 1: 20%

Category 2-6: 15%

Field Events

Category 1: 30%

Category 2-6 20%

15% rule - will be subject to athletes' results, who will participate in the finals without qualification competition?

Yes, athletes without divisioning must also abide by the maximum effort rule. The score entered into SO Connect will be classed as their qualifying score. If an athletes score in the final exceed their SO Sonnect qualifying score by the following percentage, they will be disqualified:

Track Events

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Category 2-6: 15%

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Category 2-6 20%

This means it is extremely important the score on SO Connect is a true reflection of the athletes ability as this will be used to pre-divison the athletes. Coaches have up until 11th February to update this score.

Are athletes and coaches legs required to be covered?

Athletes must wear their uniform of their Delegation. In all events, competitors must wear the uniform of their Delegation. The uniform must be made of material that is non-transparent, even when wet. The

competitors should not wear clothing that could impede the view of the judges. All uniforms should be clean. The temperatures in Abu Dhabi can be high so be prepared when choosing the right materials. There is no rule which states athletes and coaches must have their legs covered.

Is there divisioning for the 400m, the 4x100m, for the 800m?

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Why are "direct to finals" (Athletics) being used in this World Games?

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Do the athletes not participating in the morning session still have to check in 30 minutes before competition in the morning as stated in the HOD manual

Athletes are required to check in 1 and a half hours prior to their individual competition. This means if the athletes event is at 16:00, they do not need to check in until 14:30. After they have checked in, the athlete can warm up and then they must check in at staging at least 35 minutes prior to their competition. Athletes who fail to report to the staging area 20 minutes prior to their event will be disqualified from that event.

Open Water Swimming

Will there be a separate start time to community event participants?

The OWS competition will be part of a large community event. As part of that event the Special Olympics competition will have its own start time which is proposed to be 10.00am (though this time may be subject on change)

What accommodations are being made for start and also assistance with spotting buoys, staying on course?

Your athletes will be safe. There is a total of 10 lifeguards using kayaks around the course that will lead the race and assist all athletes.

What is the depth of the water?

OWS is in a beach location so the water depth varies but the average depth is 5m.

What is the distance for Open Water Swimming 1500 or 1600M?

The OWS competition is 1600m.

How is it that the track is now 1600m long?

The OWS competition is part of a community event. The OWS competition distance is line with that event. The distance has been approved by SOI

Can we go to the location prior to event day so our athletes may have a look?

There will be no training on venue. There will be pool practice and then early morning practice at the venue before the 1st race starts.

How will that be accomplished OWS start for deaf athletes?

There will be numerous official on hand to assist the athletes.

Volleyball

Do we have to book the court for training?

For volleyball, there will be no training opportunities during the divisioning and competition

How many teams are competing in Unified Volleyball?

17 Teams are competing in Unified Volleyball.

Powerlifting

How long before competition is weigh in?

Weight in for the competition is 2 hrs before competition commences

Where will the head coaches meeting be held?

The Head Coaches Technical Meeting details are as follows: Day: March 11, Time: 17:00 - 18:30, Location: ADNEC Capital suite 13

What can be the starting weigh on the bench be 15kg bar or 20 kg bar?

This detail will be communicated during the Head Coaches Technical Meeting.

Bocce

Are we meant to carry bocce kits for training?

There is no training opportunity for Bocce.

Will there be divisioning for Bocce?

Yes, Divisioning will take place on 12 & 13 March.

Is this part of ADNEC indoor or outdoor?

Bocce competition will be indoor in 120 x 40m venue in the Grand stand area of ADNEC

Is regular double (not unified sports) offered?

Yes, traditional double is 1 of the sports at ADNEC

If the ball hits the back board without hitting another ball is it a dead ball?

No, the ball is still alive in the game. Please find the Bocce rules at <https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Bocce-Sports-Rules.pdf>

What is the carpet surface like?

The surface will be synthetic turf 5mm

Will there be warm-up opportunity as this different surface?

We are very happy with the great amount of registrations for the Bocce competition at the Special Olympic World Games. As a consequence of the huge participations numbers the competition schedule is full from beginning till the end of the games. Within the previous World Games there has never been an opportunity to let athletes train before the competition, due in the main to our not having enough time and space to allow ALL of the teams an equal chance to train on the surface provided. We understand the preference to have the opportunity to train but please keep in mind that only 7 out of 25 sports at the Special Olympic World Games have the opportunity to warm up/train on their specific field of plays and all conditions are the same for all athletes participating.

Are we going to have mixed teams or mixed doubles?

Please see the responses to your questions as follows: Normally mixed teams/doubles will be allocated to the male competition. If there will be sufficient mixed teams/doubles there might be the possibility to have a mixed competition as well.

Would doubles or teams also have an event for mixed (2 males and 2 females) athletes?

Normally mixed teams/doubles will be allocated to the male competition. If there will be sufficient mixed teams/doubles there might be the possibility to have a mixed competition as well.

In the male team competition, is it possible to register a team of two males and two females?

Yes. Mixed teams/doubles will be allocated to the male competition. If there will be sufficient mixed teams/doubles there might be the possibility to have a mixed competition as well.

Is the format competition Round Robin?

Yes, the format for the competition is Round Robin.

Will the Unified Partner be tested for skill level?

Yes, that is correct. And Unified Partners MUST complete their divisioning before the Athletes

Can the players train?

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Is T-shirt considered proper uniform or does it have to be polo shirt? Are long pants ok?

As stated in the Bocce rules 2016 <https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Bocce-Sports-Rules.pdf>: Players will dress in a manner which will bring credit to them and the sport of bocce.

Footwear: Players will not be permitted to wear shoes which may damage or disrupt the court

surface.

It is recommended that all players will wear close-toed shoes.

Do we have to bring our own equipment?

Provided by Special Olympics World Games Bocce Balls: Green and Red balls from 'Perfetta', size:107ml and weight: 870mg

Bocce Court Surface: synthetic turf 5mm Sighter cone if necessary

For athlete/delegation to provide:

Each athlete provides his/her own uniforms.

If bells or ramps are required they will have to be provided by athletes/delegations themselves.

On which surface will Bocce be played during the competition?

The surface will be synthetic turf 5mm

When is the single competition?

Competition: Traditional & Unified Teams on 15 March, Male singles 16 & 17 March and females 17 & 18 March and 19 & 20 March for Traditional & Unified Doubles

Bocce competition is starting on the 15th apparently, what is happening on this day?

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Could you please restate competition schedule: male first, female second?

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What colour is the competition Uniform?

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Healthy Athlete Program

Can also unified partners participate in healthy athletes program?

All athletes competing in the games can participate in Healthy Athletes.

Do you know which day the athletic-athletes can join Healthy Athletes?

Athletics athletes will have the opportunity to participate in Healthy Athletes on a non-competition day. Transport will be provided, and it will not affect their competition schedule.

Can you confirm Unified Partners can also go through the Healthy Athletes Program?

All athletes competing in the games can participate in Healthy Athletes.

What about the athletes with housing in Dubai? Is there a special day reserved for these athletes?

There are buses provided to bring athletes competing in Dubai to Healthy Athletes.

Will there be specific schedules for delegations to go through HA?

Currently we are looking at each sport's competition schedule and off days, for each athlete to participate without it affecting their competition

Medical

When will we be receiving the pre-approval for travel?

The process of approval is still in progress. During the 2nd week of February you will be provided with detailed information regarding the date of receiving the pre-approval

Could you inform me about volunteer doctors?

Unfortunately, the portal has been closed for Medical Volunteers. Thank you for showing your interest

Can the list of medication be in athlete's native language and translated to English?

The list of medications must be in English.

Can the translation of medication be translated by head coach or it has to be by doctor?

The medication can be translated by head coach.

General

When will the supporters outside the family program be able to buy tickets to the opening ceremony, and is there a link to where they can order the tickets?

Yes supporters other than family will be able to purchase tickets to the Opening ceremony. Tickets are available through ticketmaster (<https://www.ticketmaster.ae/>) and the indicative price is 100 AED.

Can you tell us in which hotel our athletes will be staying in Dubai?

Unfortunately, the Dubai accommodation has not been confirmed yet. Delegations will be notified immediately this information comes on hand.

Can you please share again the Dropbox location for the sports webinars?

Yes certainly. All participants will receive a dropbox updated link following the webinar.

Do you need to complete the Unified Sports course if already done?

If you have already completed it, you do not need to do it again.

Are sport rules 2016 available in translations to other languages in Spanish for Bocce?

The rules for all sports are available in multiple languages on the Special Olympics Website. Please use this link:

https://resources.specialolympics.org/Taxonomy/Sports_Essentials/_List_Sports_Rules.aspx

Should all coaches do the unified sport?

Yes. It is expected that all Unified Sports Coaches have received Unified Sports training, understand the principle of meaningful involvement and the goal of achieving social inclusion through Unified

Sports. If you need to complete the Special Olympics Unified Sports Coaches Course, please follow the attached guidelines link: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61127/coaching-unified-sports>

Where are the hotels for the athletes?

The accommodation for Dubai sports is being finalised now. Delegations will be advised immediately their accommodation is confirmed.

Can we have a quick rundown of all the activities in the ADNEC by showing on the map?

I hope you saw the ADNEC slide, you can check it in the webinar proceedings to give you some idea. However, the rundown of halls and activities is as follows: Halls 1 and 2: Healthy Athletes, Hall 3: Judo, Hall 4: Handball, Hall 5: Badminton, Hall 6: Roller Skating, Hall 7: Gymnastics, Hall 8 and 9: Volleyball, Hall 10: Table Tennis, Hall 11 and ICC: Basketball, Grandstand Air Dome: Powerlifting and Bocce.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to your Relationship Manager!

Please also use our other sources of information:

Shared Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k769845drnxcxah/AABo590XwStRPSl_10ina32ta?dl=0

Dropbox with Marketing assets:

<https://showcase.dropbox.com/s/3dOBW3dJp9u98liemaD32>



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