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Welcome letter – Director of Sport



Dear Coaches and Officials,

Ahlan Wa Sahalan – Hello and welcome! It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 15th Special Olympics World Games – Abu Dhabi 2019. As the first time the World Games has come to the Middle East, we are very proud to welcome you to what will be an historic 11 days of world class competition.

Abu Dhabi 2019 is breaking Special Olympics records. We will welcome a record 7,500 athletes from 200 countries, making it the biggest humanitarian sporting event in the world ever. Athletes with determination and human spirit will celebrate the fun, excitement and sporting achievements in 24 sports at locations across the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

In partnership with Special Olympics International, the UAE government, Sports Federations and sponsors, the Local Organizing Committee and our magnificent team of many thousands of volunteers are ready to welcome all coaches, officials and athletes. We will ensure you have the best possible experience at the Games from your accommodation and transport through to all aspects of competition, information and conduct.

I am proud to present this Technical Manual for the Abu Dhabi World Games. It contains information essential to complete your Games experience including:

- Key dates and contacts
- General games information and special programs
- Specific information on the competition format, schedule and rules
- Specific information on all competition procedures
- Details on the competition venue, services transportation and maps
- Information on aspects for all sports including credential, accommodation, uniforms, ticketing and Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

I hope this manual helps you to prepare for and guides you through the Games in combination with other Games information sources. However, if you have further questions, please contact your Head of Delegation, or your Competition Management Team.

Abu Dhabi 2019 will be big, exciting and exotic. On behalf of our entire Sport Team, I look forward to meeting you and your athletes soon.

Marhaba Alsaa – Honored to have you!

Yours sincerely

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Abu Dhabi Local Organizing Committee,
Special Olympics World Games 2019

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1 Special Olympics Vision and Mission

1.1 Special Olympics Vision

The Special Olympics Vision is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all over the world.

1.2 Special Olympics Mission

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

2 Key Games Information

2.1 Arrivals and Departures

Games coaches and officials whose arrival and departure information is in the Arrivals and Departure System will receive welcome services inside Abu Dhabi and Dubai International airports together with transport service to their Games accommodation.

2.1.1 Airport Games Arrival and Departure Services

Arrivals service includes:

- preferential lanes at passport control and customs
- Games Welcome Desk
- credentials validation service
- assistance in the baggage claim area
- wayfinding/directions to transport load zones
- transport service to accommodation.

Departure service includes:

- transport from accommodation to airport
- guidance from transport drop-off areas to check-in
- guidance to the security area
- dedicated lanes at passport control.

2.2 Credentials

Credentials are the official identification badge for the Special Olympics World Games 2019. A valid credential will display information on entitlements and zone access for the Games.

The holder must wear and clearly display their official Special Olympics credential at all times. Access to venues and zones will be denied to those not displaying the correct access rights. The credential badge is strictly for personal use and is not transferable.

Access to a venue or zone will only be granted to those wearing the correct credential.

Credential Registration Deadline

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS - 13 JANUARY 2019

2.2.1 Collecting your Credential

Your credential badge can be collected at the UDAC (Uniform Distribution and Credentials Center). You will receive an email closer to the event about the exact timing and location for collection.

2.2.2 Credential Centers

Abu Dhabi

The UDAC is the primary center for Games coaches, athletes and officials to collect their credential. The Abu Dhabi competition venues only have a day pass service available.

Dubai

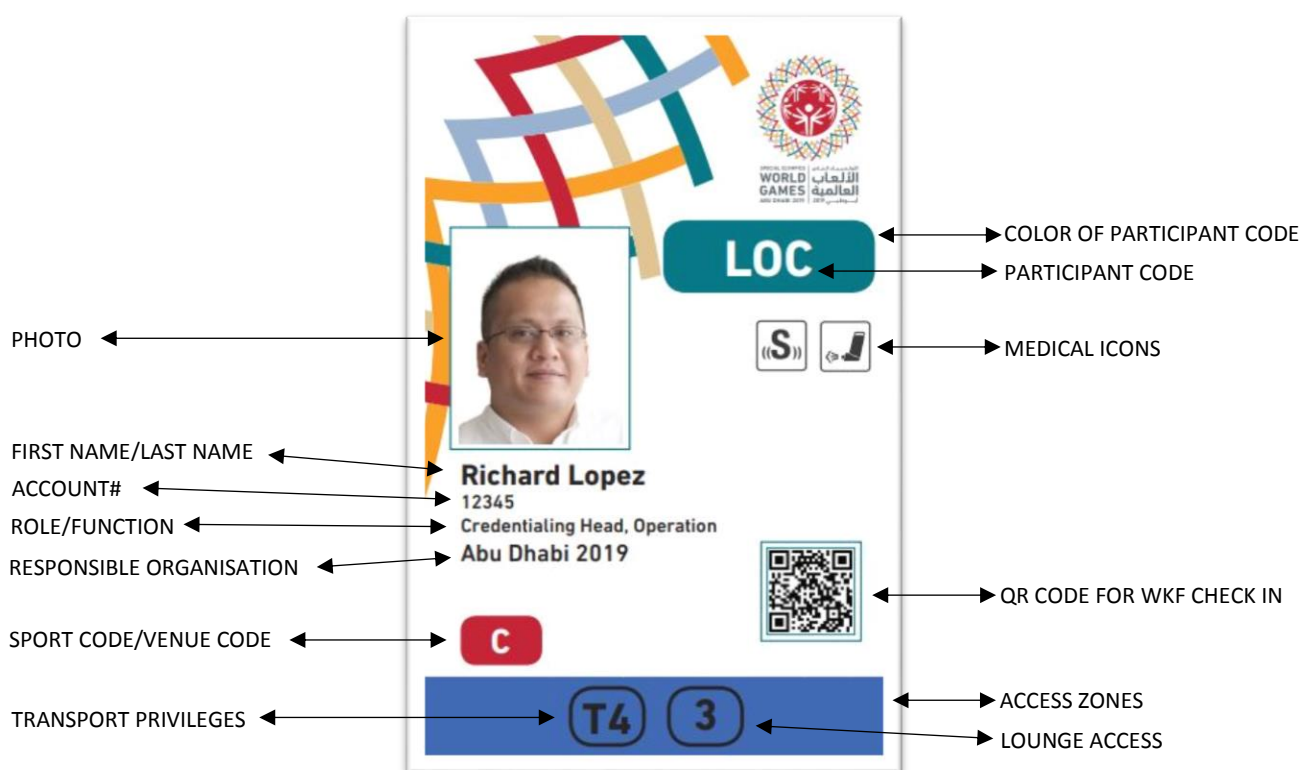
Those sports in Dubai will have their own center for Games coaches, athletes and officials to collect their credential. The Dubai center will also have a replacement service for lost credentials.

2.2.3 Access Codes and Symbols

Zone and venue access privileges are assigned to each credential according to the holder's minimum requirements to perform their Games time functions. There are different levels of access to venues and zones. The right to access a venue is indicated on the credential badge using a venue code or sport code.

After an accredited person has entered a venue, the zone designations on the credential identify where that person may circulate within the venue. The color or number associated with each zone must be shown on the individual's credential allow them to enter that area.

2.2.4 Your Abu Dhabi 2019 Credential Badge














2.2.5 Explanation Key for Codes and Symbols

Credential zones inside competition venues	
	Athletes Areas/Field of Play (FOP), Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
	Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
	General Circulation Areas (Front of House), Public Areas
Venue Code	YSL (example - Yas Links)
Sport Code	GF (example - golf)

Access codes	
3	Workforce Break areas
4	Media areas
5	Family areas
6	Guest areas
Transport codes	
T3	Dedicated shuttle service
T4	Intervenue shuttle service

Medical icons

Icons displayed on the front of the athlete's credential denote relevant health concerns. The full list (legend) of icons is on the back of the credential.

	Asthma		Hearing Impairment		Seizures
	Diabetes		Insect Allergy		Sickle Cell
	Easy Bleeding		Latex Allergy		Vision Impairment
	Food Allergy		Medication Allergy		

2.2.6 Lost or Damaged Credentials

If a badge is lost or damaged, it should be reported to the nearest Abu Dhabi 2019 credential center as soon as possible.

The holder must visit UDAC and complete a lost/damaged credential declaration and present an acceptable form of photo identification (passport or ID). A new credential will then be reissued as soon as possible.

The lost or damaged credential will be cancelled and will not be reactivated, even if found at a later time.

2.3 Transport

All credentialed coaches, athletes, technical delegates and officials will have transport provided for them for the duration of the Games via the Games Transport System (GTS).

2.3.1 Transport on Arrival and Departure

On arrival and departure from the UAE, internationally based coaches and athletes, technical delegates (TD's), assistant technical delegates (ATD's) and international technical officials (ITO's) will receive transport to and from their hotel via the GTS. This will be either with a dedicated driver (TD's and ATD's), car pool (ITO's) or shuttle bus service (others), arranged at the airport GTS desk.

2.3.2 Transport Service between Hotels and Competition Venues

The GTS will serve all coaches, athletes and officials staying at hotels, providing transport to and from their sport venues. There will be a daily transport schedule which links with the competition schedule.

The transport schedule service timings are available on the Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019 games app.

In general, the GTS shuttle bus and car service will start two hours before competition begins and finish one hour after competition ends.

2.3.3 Opening and Closing Ceremonies

All coaches, athletes and officials staying at hotels will be transported to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies via GTS shuttle buses with schedules linking to the start and finish times.

2.3.4 Car Parking

Self-driving UAE coaches and officials will have one allocated car parking space at their competition venue for all competition days (including divisioning days). For ADNEC sports, self-driving coaches and officials will use the dedicated car park at Zayed Sports City and will be transferred to the competition venue via the GTS shuttle buses.

Self-driving UAE officials and coaches staying at hotels will have one free car parking space at their hotel.

2.3.5 Other transport

Taxis

Abu Dhabi and Dubai have efficient and well-priced taxi systems. The largest taxi companies are Abu Dhabi Taxis which operate the silver colored taxis and Dubai Taxis (multiple colors). Abu Dhabi also has black 'airport taxis'. The easiest way to get a taxi in Abu Dhabi is via the Abu Dhabi taxi app. In Dubai, the Dubai Taxi app does the same thing. The apps are available through the Play Store or I-store:



The Abu Dhabi
Taxi App icon



The Dubai
Taxi App icon

Alternatively, taxis can be picked up at taxi ranks or flagged down in the street (look for the light on top of the taxi for vacant taxis).

Taxis can also be booked by calling:

Abu Dhabi: +971 2 418 6000

Dubai: +971 4 208 0808

Rental cars

Abu Dhabi and Dubai have many rental car companies and a variety of cars available to suit all requirements.

For information please go to:

Abu Dhabi: <https://www.rentalcars.com/en/city/ae/abu-dhabi>

Dubai: <https://www.rentalcars.com/en/city/ae/dubai>

2.4 Accommodation

All credentialed coaches, athletes and international technical officials whose residence is outside UAE, are entitled to hotel accommodation. Different service levels are applicable for different groups. The minimum service level is a shared room in a 3-star hotel.

Coaches, please see Section 6 for more details on your accommodation.

Officials, please see Section 7 for more details on your accommodation.

2.4.1 Accommodation Assistance at Hotels

There will be a dedicated Games person at each hotel to answer questions on accommodation and direct participants to their rooms.

2.4.2 Laundry

Coaches, athletes and officials have a laundry allowance of three articles of clothing per day through their hotels, which is non-cumulative.

2.5 Host Town Program

The Host Town Program (HTP) is a 3-day program preceding the Opening Ceremony which provides athletes with an opportunity to acclimatize, rest and experience cultural sharing. The largest cultural exchange program ever conducted in the Middle East will see each of the national delegations paired with towns throughout all seven UAE Emirates. The HTP enables visiting athletes to experience UAE's rich culture and history and spread the celebration of the Games together with the message of acceptance and inclusion to communities throughout the UAE.

In each emirate, local civic volunteer leaders and schools link with a Special Olympics (SO) delegation. That host town then organizes and conducts a 3-day program that can include visits to tourist sites, workshops and talks for their delegation. It then follows its delegation's journey during the games.

The HTP benefits the host town as it greatly raises awareness of the World Games and creates new or enhanced engagement for the host country Special Olympics Program.

2.5.1 UAE Host Town Program Emirates



2.5.2 Participation

Coaches and athletes will be invited to participate in the HTP through their delegations.

2.6 Opening and Closing Ceremonies

2.6.1 Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday 14 March at ZSC in Abu Dhabi. This glittering event will celebrate the superstars of the Games - the athletes of Special Olympics, with exciting entertainment, parade of athletes and lighting of the Special Olympics cauldron. The Opening Ceremony will be broadcast live around the world.

2.6.2 Closing Ceremony

As a fitting end to the Games, on Thursday 21 March, the Closing Ceremony will also be held at ZSC. The final festivities will honor the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, families and supporters who have come together for a successful and inspirational event. World class entertainers and celebrities will headline the celebration.

2.7 Weather

The UAE has year-round sunshine and very low rainfall. The constant blue skies can lead to hot days, even in March when the Games are taking place. Adjusting to the weather can be a challenge for visitors. The Host Town Program is designed to assist Games participants acclimatize to UAE weather.

Temperatures in March in the UAE typically range from 68-90F (20-32C) but can go up to 97F (36C). Therefore, all Games participants should plan accordingly. There will be plenty of water available in the venue. Although the temperatures outside will be high, indoors will be cool due to the air conditioning systems. Therefore, those attending indoor venues should bring warm clothes that can easily be removed (layers).

Games participants should bring lightweight clothes, but nothing that is too revealing, as well as hats and sunscreen. The UAE is a Muslim country and visitors should be aware of and respect the local laws, customs and culture.

2.8 Language Services

Special Olympics Word Games 2019 will provide a language service. Coaches, athletes and officials will have access to the service at competition venues. Language services include Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish. The service will be delivered:

- by multilingual volunteers who will be available upon request through the language service team in the venue
- via a phone service operated by the language services team
- via the Games app that will provide limited Arabic menus and which is accessible by everyone.

2.9 Medical

The medical team will provide multiple levels of medical care for all athletes, coaches and officials participating in the Games. The medical team aims to cover all emergency situations as much as medically required. However, the public hospital network will then cover any more complex situations.

Spectators will have access to paramedic services at venues and could receive further treatment at medical clinics if required.

2.9.1 Medical Services at Sport Venues

Athletes, coaches and officials will have access to medical clinics at each venue. Medical services will also operate during the opening and closing ceremonies. These services will link to ambulances and hospitals for any emergencies as necessary. The medical service will commence one hour prior to athletes' arrival and end 30 mins after awards ceremonies finish each day.

2.9.2 Medical Services - other

Athletes, coaches and officials will also have access to a nurse in their hotel.

2.9.3 Medicines - Customs Regulations and Import Restrictions

Coaches, athletes and officials must be careful about bringing medicines from their home countries into the UAE. The UAE has some of the toughest drug laws in the world and the Registration and Drug Control Department of the UAE Ministry of Health (MOH) has strict regulations on the import of personal medications. This is especially so for controlled medications which may contain banned substances.

Coaches and officials must work with their delegation doctor to take the following steps:

1. carefully check that every medicine coming into the UAE is not on the MOH controlled medications list available at: <https://www.uae-embassy.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20for%20carrying%20medecines%20to%20UAE.pdf>
2. where medicines are found to be on the controlled list, the person requiring the medicine must obtain a medical report stating that they need this medicine before entering the UAE
3. The amount of controlled medicines carried should not exceed 30 days of treatment.
4. Medications not on the controlled list are permitted into the country with any prescription or medical report.

Prescription only medications and supplements for a maximum of three months use are permitted.

2.9.4 Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy will be provided to athletes only through the venue medical clinics. The goal of physiotherapy is to enable the athlete to continue competing, in cases of minor injuries, as quickly as possible.

2.10 Healthy Athletes Program

The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® Program (HYA) is a program which provides free health services, including examinations and information for athletes.

HYA activities are conducted in a fun, welcoming environment that removes the anxiety people with intellectual disabilities can experience when visiting medical

professionals. The examinations are designed to educate athletes on healthy lifestyle choices and identify problems that may need additional follow-up.

Athletes in need will be provided with eye glasses, hearing aids and shoes as well as other products to help them during the Games.

2.10.1 Examinations Offered

Examinations will be offered in seven different health areas:

1. Fit Feet and Pierce Footwear
2. Fun Fitness
3. Health Promotion
4. Healthy Hearing
5. Special Smiles
6. Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes
7. Strong Minds.

2.10.2 Participation

All athletes are strongly encouraged to attend HYA. Schedules for attendance times, which link with transport, will be circulated to athletes throughout the Games. Pierce Footwear is providing athletes with shoes. Coaches should send in athletes shoe sizes to Delegation Services.

SHOE SIZES TO DELEGATION SERVICES BY 15 NOVEMBER 2018

2.11 Motor Activity Training Program

The Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program (MATP) is designed for athletes with severe or profound intellectual disability, including athletes with significant physical disabilities who are unable to participate in the Official Special Olympics sport competitions because of their skill and/or functional abilities.

For the Games, MATP will offer a number of skills-based activities that will help to prepare the athletes with appropriate sport specific activities for their abilities.

MATP will have its own venue and will take place over a duration of one day during the main Games competition. The day will consist of various activities in a swimming pool (morning) and a demonstration in a sports hall (afternoon).

2.11.1 Participation

MATP targets UAE children of school age who will be invited to attend through local organizations for people with determination.

Participants will be offered the opportunity to participate in all activities across the day, however, it is not compulsory to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions.

3 Competition: General

3.1 Divisioning

Athletes/teams will be divisioned according to Article 1 of the official Special Olympics Rules found at:

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

The divisioning process aims to ensure fair competition and will make every attempt to yield no fewer than three (3) and no more than eight (8) athletes/teams per division. Every effort will be made to guarantee the integrity of the Games during this process. The aim is to form divisions with athletes of similar ability. Athletes/teams will be divisioned based on gender, age and ability, with ability being the primary factor.

3.1.1 Divisioning Points of Emphasis

1. Athletes/teams should not come to the Games without significant experience competing in their events.
2. All Divisioning decisions are final and may not be protested.
3. It is expected that all athletes are well trained in order to achieve consistent results between their divisioning round and final competition. Poor training or preparation will not be considered an acceptable excuse for variations in performance. The integrity of the Divisioning process can be adversely affected by both poor athlete training and lack of honest effort and if we do not do our best to uphold the integrity of the Divisioning process those athletes that abide by the rules and train properly are unfairly penalized.
4. Mixed gender teams will be divisioned with male teams unless there are sufficient mixed gender teams of similar ability to make a separate division.
5. SOI reserves the right to cancel a sport specific event due to insufficient quota request interest and registration.
6. Each team is required to play all eligible team members in every game unless a player is injured or has been removed due to disciplinary reasons. Coaches must notify the competition management prior to each game if players on the approved tournament roster will not be playing due to injury or disciplinary reasons. SOI observers will be on hand to ensure this rule is upheld. Failure to play all eligible team members in each game will result in potential penalties, up to and including forfeit and disqualification.
7. Athletes/teams not submitting the appropriate scores or sport assessment information will be placed in the highest division.
8. Delegations must comply with the confirmed sport quota allocation. There will be no substitution of a female athlete/unified partner with a male athlete/unified partner. There will be no substitution of a unified sports team for a traditional team.

3.2 Refusal to Compete — Special Olympics

Special Olympics must transcend all boundaries of race, gender, religion, national

origin, geography, and political philosophy, and offer sport competition and training opportunities to all eligible persons with intellectual disabilities, in accordance with uniform worldwide standards.

A refusal by an athlete or team to compete or participate in any Special Olympics Games event based on race, gender, religion, national origin, geography, political philosophy, or any similar reason violates the principles of Special Olympics and is unacceptable. An athlete or team that refuses to compete at any Special Olympics Games for any such reason shall be ineligible to compete further and will be asked to leave the Games.

Every Head of Delegation (HOD) and the Chief Executive of each Program sending a delegation to the World Games and the Chief Executive of each Games Organizing Committee (GOC) shall acknowledge and agree to this policy in writing prior to the Games.

3.3 Maximum Effort Reminder

Athletes must participate honestly and with maximum effort in all divisioning and competition. Individuals or teams identified as not participating to their full potential with the intent of being placed in a lower division may be disqualified from competition. Head Coaches are responsible for assuring that the reported divisioning scores for their athletes accurately reflect the ability of the athletes.

At the completion of the divisioning process, Head Coaches will be given a report to sign off confirming individual players scores are a reflection of their playing ability. If, for any reason, the Head Coach does not consider this assessment, or score correct, it is their responsibility to notify the Competition Management Team.

3.4 Unified Sports

The Unified Sports team competition at the 2019 World Games will feature teams according to the Unified Sports Competitive model. The model has three main points:

- 1. Similar Ability Requirement**

Athletes and partners must be of similar ability. Similar ability should be based on sport performance assessments. Please note that the Unified Sports Competitive model is not exclusive to high ability partners and athletes. While the Unified Sports Competitive model emphasizes the importance of having team members of similar ability it does not prescribe that they must be of high ability only. Teams can be composed of lower ability participants as long as the team members are all of similar ability.

- 2. Similar Age Requirement**

Athletes and partners must also be of similar age.

- 3. Roster Size**

All unified teams are required to have a proportionate number of athlete and partner substitutes to the number of athletes and partners on the field of play.

In addition, delegations must comply with the confirmed sport quota allocation. There will be no substitution of a female athlete/unified partner with a male athlete/unified partner. There will be no substitution of a unified sports team for a traditional team.

3.4.1 Unified Sports Competition Protocol

Unified Sports® teams need to incorporate the principle of meaningful involvement. This means that during competition, all members (athletes and partners) are presented with numerous opportunities throughout the course of a game/match to contribute to their team's performance. This decreases the potential for domination by higher ability teammates.

The principle of meaningful involvement is the foundation of Unified Sports and helps to ensure a high quality experience. Therefore, it is the expectation for all Unified Sports teams participating at World and Regional Games to demonstrate their understanding of this fundamental principle. The following protocol has been established to assess all Unified Sports teams and ensure the principle of meaningful involvement is being followed. The process focuses on educating and communicating to coaches, as well as sanctioning when Unified Sports rules and policies not followed.

3.4.1.1 Unified Sports Evaluation Committee (USEC)

World Games have a USEC composed of Unified Sports Delegates and observers. The members of this committee are qualified individuals knowledgeable in Unified Sports who help observe, guide, monitor and enforce compliance.

- Each sport is assigned a Unified Sports Delegate. This USEC member works with the sport Technical Delegate (TD) and Sport/Competition Manager to oversee a process of observing all Unified Sports teams to ensure they are incorporating the principle of meaningful involvement.
- Sport-specific observation criteria are used to determine if a team is not following the principle of meaningful involvement or if player dominance is occurring.
- Teams will be observed regarding meaningful involvement in all rounds of competition, including divisioning and medal rounds.

3.4.1.2 Principle of Meaningful Involvement looked for at games

- Each player plays a valued role on the team
- During competition, all members (athletes and partners) are presented with numerous opportunities throughout the course of a game/match to contribute to their team's performance
- No domination by higher ability teammates
- Opportunity to play without heightened risk of injury
- Teams who exclude teammates will be sanctioned

3.4.1.3 Unified Sports Sanctions

Teams that do not abide by Unified Sports rules and protocol are subject to sanctions. These sanctions are not protestable.

When the USEC member determines that a Unified Sports team is not incorporating the principle of meaningful involvement, he/she consults with the Technical Delegate (TD). The following steps may be taken in the sanctioning process.

Education

During Divisioning, the Unified Sports Delegate or TD informs the respective coach with the specifics about why his/her team is not following the principle of meaningful involvement, and what needs to be done to correct it. They are informed that if their play does not improve, sanctions will be forthcoming.

Verbal Warning

If the USEC member determines a first violation has occurred, there will be a verbal warning in line with the sport specific competition warning protocol. Sport specific protocol will determine how and when to stop competition to give warnings, for example an official's timeout. The warning will be documented on an official scoresheet or similar format. The head coach is held accountable.

Written Warning and Coach Removed

If the USEC member determines a second violation has occurred, there will be a written warning and the head coach will be suspended for the remainder of that match/game. A time out will be called and the USEC member will meet with the coach and notify the opposing team. The HOD will be informed of the suspension.

Match is Forfeit

If the USEC member determines a third violation has occurred, the team will forfeit the game or match. Following the game or match, a meeting with the TD, USEC member, HOD (if present) and coach is held. If the HOD is not present, he/she will be informed in a written notification.

Move to Participation Division

If a fourth violation occurs in a subsequent game/match, the team will be removed from official competition and receive a Participation ribbon.

3.5 Protests and Appeals

Each sport has a two (2) step appeals process:

1. Sport Specific Jury
2. Jury of Appeals.

Coaches must use the protest process first. Only the Head Coach or a designated coach registered as such (in the absence of the Head Coach) can file a protest or appeal and must do so abiding by the rules of each sport. The coach must complete the protest form for the Sport Specific Jury. The exact timing requirements of the protest will be reconfirmed at the Head Coaches Technical Meeting.

3.5.1 General Guidelines for Protests and Appeals

- Coaches have a specific timeframe for submission of protest forms.
- Protest and appeal forms will be available at the SID.
- All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the head coach (or in the absence of the head coach, another designated coach).
- Three (3) main guidelines for what is considered as a situation of protest:
 1. Misinterpretation of sports rules.
 2. Failure of the Referee or judge to apply the correct rule at a given situation.
 3. Failure to impose the correct penalty at a given violation.
- The following two (2) points are **not** subject to protest or appeal:
 1. Fact-specific judgment calls of referees, judges or others
 2. Divisioning and meaningful involvement decisions.
- Each sport must identify the relevant section number of the Special Olympics Sport rules or Federation rules and clearly describe how that rule has been violated.
- The protest must cite the specific violation by stating the specific number noted in the 2016 version of the official Special Olympics Sport Rules and a clear description of why the coach feels that the specific rule has not been followed.
- The Sport Specific Jury shall review the protest. Once the Sport Specific Jury has made its decision, the person who submitted the protest may either accept the decision or submit an appeal to the Jury of Appeals.
- Appeals must be submitted within 60 minutes after the relevant decision of the Sport Specific Jury. All decisions made by the Jury of Appeals are final.

3.5.2 The Jury of Appeals

The Jury of Appeals shall ensure that the Sports Rules are followed and enforced overall. They will hear appeals of protest rulings made by the Sport Specific Jury and will be the final authority for all rule interpretations and appeals during the games.

The Jury of Appeals has the following members:

1. SOI, Senior Manager, Games and Competitions: **Ms Venisha Bowler.**
2. SO Middle East/North Africa, Games and Competitions Director: **Mr Sherif El Fouly.**
3. Abu Dhabi 2019: Chief Executive Officer: **Mr Peter Wheeler.**
4. Abu Dhabi 2019 Sports Director: **Mr Abdulla Al Wahibi.**
5. Abu Dhabi 2019 Head of Sport: **Ms Jess Baldwin.**

3.6 World Games Competition Schedule

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3.7 Competition staging area

The Competition Staging is an area close to the FOP where all competing athletes, check-in for pre-match procedures before their competition commences. The process ensures that all athletes are present for their event and minimizes delays. The exact location of competition staging will be announced at the Head Coaches Technical Meeting. Staging volunteers will assist athletes assemble and ensure they wear appropriate competition attire.

3.8 Clothing and equipment

3.8.1 Clothing

Athletes are required to be professional at all times. Their sport clothing/uniform should reflect this as a role model for their sport.

For competition, athletes 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.

3.8.2 Commercial Messages and National Flags

The following information is in accordance with Special Olympic International Governance and Operating Regulations.

3.8.2.1 General Information on messages

In order to avoid commercial exploitation of persons with intellectual disabilities at World Games, no uniforms, bibs or other signs bearing competition numbers, which are worn by Special Olympics athletes while competing or during any opening, closing, or award ceremonies of any Games may be emblazoned with commercial names or commercial messages. The only commercial markings which may be displayed on athletes' and coaches' uniforms during Games competitions and opening and closing ceremonies are the normal commercial markings of the manufacturer.

For these purposes "normal commercial markings" are limited to the following:

1. On larger clothing items, such as shirts, jackets, pants, jerseys, and sweatshirts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or logo display does not exceed an area of six square inches or 38.7 square centimeters (such as a display measuring 2" x 3" or 5.08 cm x 7.62 cm)
2. On small clothing items, such as caps, socks, hats, gloves and belts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or display does not exceed an area of three square inches or 19.35 square centimeters
3. On athletic shoes, no logos or commercial names are permissible except for names or logos which are included by the manufacturer on athletic shoes which are sold to the general public.

3.8.2.2 General Commercial Markings on Other Athlete Apparel or Accessories

Special Olympics athletes who are not engaged in competition or in opening/closing ceremonies may wear, carry or use at Games venues other than the sites of competition (such as at training or practice sessions) clothing and/or non-apparel

items which are not part of their sports equipment (such as tote bags), which contain small and attractively designed identifications of corporate or organizational sponsors.

3.8.2.3 Prohibition and Display of National Flags

The opening ceremonies of all Games shall celebrate the athletic skill, accomplishments, and courage of Special Olympics athletes. As such, no national flags shall be displayed and no national anthems shall be sung or otherwise performed by any athletes, coaches, or other members of any Accredited Program's Official Delegation at a World Games including the flag of the host nation at opening, closing and award ceremonies and Games venues.

3.8.2.4 Prohibition of Face Painting

Special Olympics Athletes, coaches and officials shall not paint their faces during competitions, Games, opening and closing ceremonies, at awards venues or victory banquets. This prohibition includes a prohibition against a display of commercial messages and the display of national flags painted on the face.

3.9 Sport Information and Resources

3.9.1 World Games 2019 Apps

Abu Dhabi 2019 will have a versatile and comprehensive Games App. It is called the Special Olympics World Games 2019 Games App.

The Games App will enable access to the following information:

Content	Details
Background	Historical data, statistics, competition formats and rules, divisioning and venue information
Biographies	Athlete biographies and team and coach profiles
Ceremonies	Details about ceremonies (opening, closing, awards) including timings and participants
Games News	Flash quotes, press conference highlights, sport previews, news, articles, statistics-driven reports, media communication and SOI news
Medals	Medal standings by sport, overall medal standings and medalists by day, sport and event
Results	Competition results, by sport, date and So delegation – including entry lists, start lists and additional sport-specific reports
Schedules	Competition and non-competition schedules, including press conferences, SOI activities and cultural activities
Transport	Transport schedules and maps
Weather	Real-time weather conditions and forecasts

3.9.2 How to Obtain the App

The Games app can be downloaded free from Play Store or i-Store.

3.9.3 Games Website

The official website for the Abu Dhabi World Games is: www.abudhabi2019.org. The Games website is a key portal for Games information that is exactly the same as listed in the table above for the Games App (Section 3.9.1).

3.9.4 Sport Information Desks

The Sport Information Desk (SID) will provide accurate and timely information about the sport competition to coaches, athletes, technical delegates and officials. It serves as the liaison point between the teams, technical delegates and the competition management team.

The SID will:

- provide competition schedules, start lists, division brackets, results, competition updates, technical forms, protest/appeal forms, weather information for outdoor sports and any other pertinent information.
- be easily identifiable and accessible to all team representatives. Team representatives should stop at the SID on arrival and departure from the venue, to collect information updates.
- open on the first day of training, divisioning or competition and close the last day of competition.
- open 30 minutes prior to the arrival of the first athletes and operate until one hour after play finishes each day.

3.9.5 Lost and found

All reports of lost items in the sport competition and back of house areas should be directed to the SID. All found items should also be delivered to the SID. Items will be kept at the SID until the end of competition.

3.9.6 Social Media Accounts and Hashtags

3.9.6.1 Abu Dhabi 2019 Social Media Accounts

Channel	Handle	URL
Website		abudhabi2019.org
Instagram	Worldgamesad	https://www.instagram.com/worldgamesad
Twitter	@worldgamesad	https://twitter.com/WorldGamesAD
Facebook	worldgamesad@	https://twitter.com/WorldGamesAD
Hashtags	#meetthedetermined	
	#abudhabi2019	
	#walkunited	

3.9.6.2 Special Olympics Social Media Accounts

Channel	Handle	URL
Website		specialolympics.org
Instagram	@SpecialOlympics	instagram.com/Special Olympics
Twitter	@SpecialOlympics	Twitter.com/SpecialOlympics
Facebook	@SpecialOlympics	FB.com/SpecialOlympics

4 Competition: Sport specific

4.1 Key Dates

The Football competition will be held from 12 March to 20 March 2019 at Zayed Sports City (ZSC) in Abu Dhabi. A total of 217 athletes is expected to compete.

Key dates – World Games 2019	
31 December 2018	Registration for credentials
11 February 2019	Submission of Times for Divisioning of timed sport events
11 March 2019	Head Coaches Technical Meeting
12-13 March 2019	Competition
14 March 2019	Opening Ceremony
15-20 March 2019	Competition days
20 March 2019	Awards
21 March 2019	Closing Ceremony

4.2 Competition Management

Competition Management Team	
Competition Manager	Mr Afsheen Panjalizadeh
Sport Supervisor	Mr Salem Ahmed
11 a side Technical Delegate	Mr Cal Lovering
UAE Federation Head Technical Director	Mr Abdul Razzaq Al Kabi
Head of Technical Officials	tbc
Unified Sport Delegate	Mr Juan Carlos Guizar

4.3 Events

List of Events	
Unified Sports® Team Competition – 11 a side	Male

For the Unified event, the roster size is a maximum of 16 where only six partners are allowed. During the game, there should only be six athletes and five partners on the FOP at any one time. The ratio must be consistent throughout the game.

4.4 Competition Format

Registration instructions:

- Unified teams must be composed of teams of 6 athletes and 5 unified partners
- The competition will be conducted outdoors on a grass surface

4.4.1 Competition

The Football competition will have a rounds and finals format. Teams will progress through the draw depending on final division format and then play in semi-finals and finals to determine the group places.

4.5 Unified Sport

Team numbers: Each Unified Sport team shall consist of the following numbers:

Football competition	Roaster Size
11 a side	6 athletes and 5 partners
	5 athletes and 5 partners
	5 athletes and 4 partners
	4 athletes and 4 partners
	4 athletes and 3 partners

4.5 Competition Schedule

Date	Activity
12 March	Round robin play
13 March	Round robin play
15 March	Round robin play
16 March	Round robin play
17 March	No competition
18 March	Semi-finals
19 March	Finals and award ceremonies

4.6 Competition Rules

The Football competition will be conducted using FIFA Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations 2018-2019 and the Official Special Olympics Rules 2016 version found at: <https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Football-Sports-Rules.pdf>.

The only exception to this is where these rules conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Football or Article 1 (see below). In these cases, the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules for Football will apply.

Article 1 of the Special Olympics Sport Rules has detailed information about topics including Codes of Conduct, Training Standards, Medical and Safety Requirements, Age Requirements, Divisioning and other criteria. It can be found at:

https://resources.specialolympics.org/Taxonomy/Sports_Essentials/_List_Sports_Rules.aspx and is available in several languages.

It is expected that all coaches are knowledgeable about, and familiar with, Special Olympics General Rules, Sport Rules Article 1 as well as the Official Special Olympics Sport Rules and International Sport Federation Rules of their sport.

NOTE: All Coaches MUST complete the Special Olympics online coaches training ‘World Games: Coach Preparation’ prior to 1 December, 2018. This course can be found on the Special Olympics Learning Portal at: learn.specialolympics.org.

In addition, all coaches attending the World Games are expected to hold valid and current coach certification from Special Olympics and/or the relevant National or International Sport Federation.

4.7 Clothing and Equipment

4.7.1 Clothing

Athletes are required to be professional at all times. Their sport clothing/uniform should reflect this as a role model for their sport.

For competition, athletes 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.

- Shirts must be numbered
- Shin pads are required
- No metal studs are allowed
- No jewelry – except medical alert or religious and these items must be taped.

In case of uniform color conflict, the team designated as “home team” will change uniforms or wear vests.

4.7.2 Equipment

The LOC will provide all required equipment for the competition to SO and International Standards.

It's your own responsibility to bring your personal belongings such as boots and shin pads.

4.8 Pre-competition procedures

4.8.1 Head Coaches' meeting schedules

Date	Time	Location	Topic
11 March	16.00-17.30	TBC	Head Coaches Technical Meeting
12 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting

13 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting
15 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting
16 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting
18 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting
19 March	07.45-08.00	Football Warm-up FOP	Daily Coaches Meeting

4.8.2 Technical Officials' briefing schedule

Briefings for technical officials will take place as per the following schedule:

Date	Time	Location	Topic
11 March	16.00-17.30	TBC	Head Coaches' Technical Meeting
12 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing
13 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing
15 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing
16 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing
18 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing
10 March	08.00-08.15	ZSC- Technical Officials lounge	Technical Officials' Briefing

Coaches, athletes and officials must follow specific procedures before competition commences (pre-competition) during competition and after competition finishes. These procedures must be carefully noted and followed for successful competition.

4.9 Competition procedures

Specific details on duties and responsibilities for coaches and officials will be clarified at the Head Coaches Technical Meeting and the Official's briefings.

Coaches: All coaches are expected to be available as required for their athletes/teams throughout the Games.

Officials: All officials are expected to be available for 30 minutes after the completion of a competition session in case of any protests.

4.9.1 Check-in

Coaches and athletes must check in for competition on arrival at the competition venue before warm-up and/or a minimum of 60 minutes before the start of competition. This will be done at the athlete check in desk at the athlete lounge entrance.

4.9.2 Staging

Athletes should enter the staging area 15 minutes before the proposed kick off time. Athletes will be staged in rows of people and then escorted to the pitch by a dedicated athlete escort.

Note: For Football, coaches are allowed in the competition staging area.

4.9.3 Warm-up

- A separate warm up pitch will be available for teams use.
- Following warm up, teams will be directed to the staging area to be called for their match.

4.9.4 Pre-match procedures

Minutes before match start time	Activity	Details
90 minutes	Arrival at the competition venue	Check-in opens. Athletes and coaches must check-in at the check-in desk in the athlete's lounge
45 minutes	Warm-up starts	Teams should enter the warm-up pitch and begin game warm-up
15 min	Warm-up ends	Players leave the field and go to staging area
10 min	Presentation starts	MC announces teams. Teams and referees at the designated entry point
3 min	Coin toss	Referee and captains do the coin toss to decide ends
1min	Ready for game start	Extra players at the benches
0 min	Game starts	On referee's whistle

4.10 Post-competition procedures

4.10.1 Leaving the Field of Play

After completion of match and shaking hands, players will return to the supervision of their coaches and be escorted from the FOP via the mixed zone to either the athlete lounge or stands.

Coaches must sign the Match Report before leaving the FOP.

4.10.2 Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone is an area close to the FOP for photos and media interviews as they leave the FOP.

4.10.3 Results

Competition related information for all sports, including results reports, will be available in two main ways:

1. on the Games website: www.abudhabi2019.org
2. via the Games app.

Selected reports will be available for collection from SID's at competition venues.

4.11 Awards

The Award ceremonies will take place following the SO rules. The awards for Football 11 a side will take place on the FOP 30 minutes after the finals results have been confirmed.

4.11.1 Award Ceremony Process

For all awards ceremonies, athletes/teams will be escorted by an awards volunteer. The awards volunteers will meet the athletes/teams then guide them through the full awards ceremony process including:

- the awards staging area
- the awards area
- photo opportunity zone and handover to the coach at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Only athletes and teams can enter the awards area. Family members and coaches are asked to watch from the spectator area.

4.11.2 Awards Schedule

Day	Time	Location
19 March 2019	12.30-14.00	ZSC FOP
19 March 2019	18.45-20.15	ZSC FOP

4.12 Protests and Appeals

4.12.1 The Football Jury

The Football Jury has the following members:

1. The International Technical Delegate for Football: Mr Cal Lovering
2. The Football National Federation Technical Director: Mr Abdul Razzaq Al Kabi
3. The Football Head of Technical Officials: TBC

General procedures to submit the protest form:

- The protest must be submitted within 30 minutes of the end of the game directly to the Technical Delegate
- The committee will consider the protest and respond directly to the coach
- Protests that concern the games format are not accepted and will not be taken into consideration.
- Protests that concern the judgement call of the technical officials are not accepted, only a misapplication of the laws or rules of the game is allowed

Further information on protests and appeals can be found in section 3.5.

5 Competition: Venue

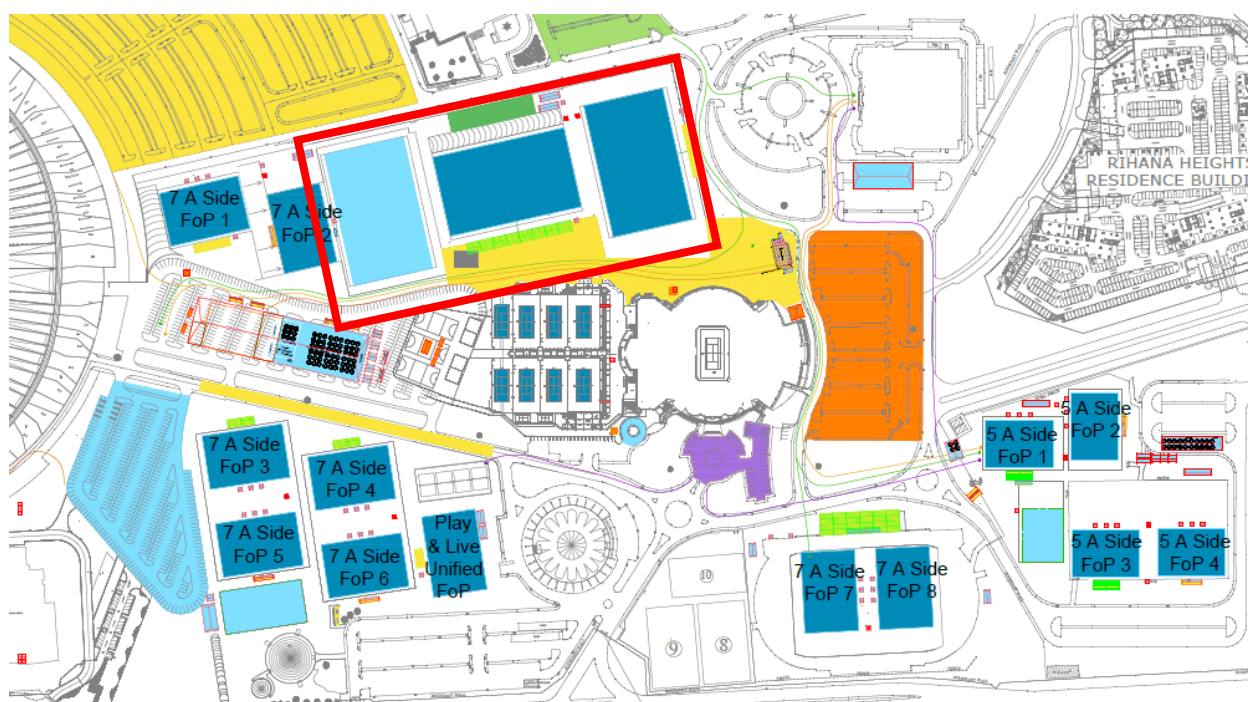
5.1 Venue introduction

The Football competition will be held at Zayed Sports City (ZSC) a leading sport hub in Abu Dhabi. Apart from Football, other sports held at ZSC include: Bowling, Football 7 a side, Futsal and Tennis.

Participants arriving at the venue must pass through the security check, to gain access.

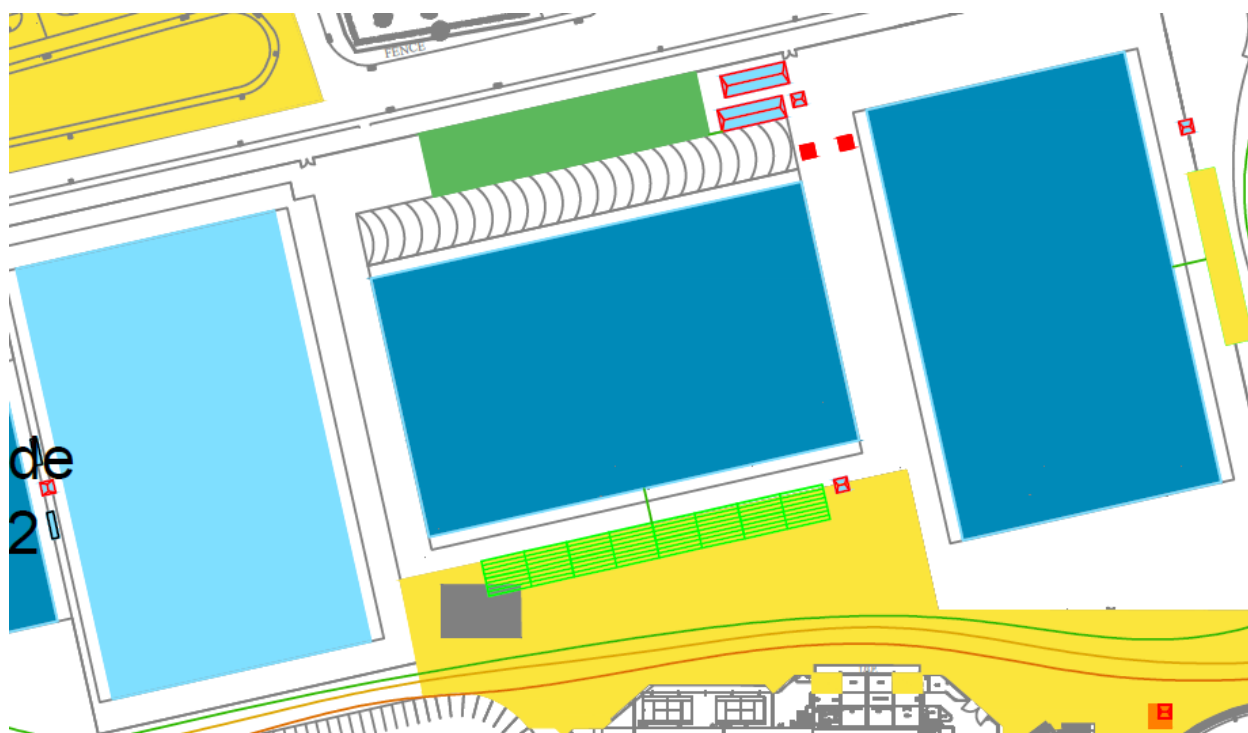
5.2 Venue Map

Football



5.3 Field of Play (FOP)

Football



5.4 Warm-up Area

There is a separate warm-up pitch. Warm-up will start no later than 45 minutes and end 15 minutes before the start of the match.

5.5 Facilities and Services

5.5.1 Athlete Lounge

Meals and drinks will be provided to competing athletes and coaches at each venue in the Athlete Lounge. The lounge will provide Wi-Fi access, refreshments and rest areas, and will operate at designated times that link with the competition schedule.

5.5.2 Technical Officials' Lounge

Meals will be provided to officials at each venue in the Workforce Break area. The lounge will provide Wi-Fi access, refreshments, work tables and chairs, and will operate at designated times that link with their duty schedule.

5.5.3 FOP Refreshments

Unlimited bottled water will be available to athletes, coaches and officials very close to each FOP. This service will be available from the start of training/warm-up until the end of each competition day.

5.5.4 Changing Rooms

There are two technical officials' changing rooms and four athlete changing rooms that can be used.

5.5.5 Sport Information Desk (SID)

The SID for Football will be located in the athlete lounge. The SID will be opened all days of the competition at 90 minutes before competition starts and continue until 30 minutes after play finishes each day.

5.5.6 Language Services

Please see Section 2.8 for details on Games language services.

5.5.7 Credential Centers

There will be a Credential Center at each sport venue or zone. At ZSC this will only provide day passes. Full credential services will be available at UDAC. See Section 2.2 for further details.

5.5.8 Smoking and Alcohol

In line with Special Olympics International regulations, no tobacco or alcohol products are permitted in Special Olympics World Games 2019 venues at any time.

5.6 Evacuation and Emergency

All personnel will be notified in the event of an evacuation. Please use the nearest available emergency exit route to the appropriate assembly point as directed.

6 Coaches Section

6.1 Arrivals and Departures

Please refer to Section 2.1 for details on arrival and departure services.

6.2 Accommodation

All credentialed coaches and athletes are entitled to hotel accommodation. These coaches will be provided with twin share, single gender accommodation at a minimum 3-star level.

There will be a dedicated person at each hotel to answer questions on accommodation.

6.3 Transport

All credentialed coaches and athletes will have transport provided for them for the duration of the Games via the GTS. Coaches and athletes should access the GTS shuttle buses which operate to all competition venues via a daily schedule that links with the competition schedule.

6.3.1 Car Parking

Self-driving local coaches for ADNEC venue sports will use the dedicated car park at ZSC and will be transferred to the competition venue by the GTS. Coaches at other venues, please refer to Section 2.5.4 for details on parking.

Self-driving local coaches staying at hotels are entitled to one car parking space at their hotel.

6.4 Unified Sport

6.4.1 Coaches

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. Coaches needing to complete the Special Olympics Unified Sports Coaches Courses should follow the links below:

[file:///C:/Users/User/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/OLSYF8IB/How%20to%20complete%20the%20Special%20Olympics%20NFHS%20Unified%20Sports%20Online%20Course%20\(003\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/User/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/OLSYF8IB/How%20to%20complete%20the%20Special%20Olympics%20NFHS%20Unified%20Sports%20Online%20Course%20(003).pdf)

Unified Sports® teams need to incorporate the principle of meaningful involvement. This means that during competition, all members (athletes and partners) are presented with numerous opportunities throughout the course of a game/match to contribute to their team's performance. This decreases the potential for domination by higher ability teammates. The principle of meaningful involvement is the foundation of Unified Sports and helps to ensure a high quality experience. Therefore, it is the expectation for all Unified Sports teams participating at World and Regional Games to demonstrate their understanding of this fundamental principle.

The Unified Sports Competition Protocol has been established to assess all Unified Sports teams and ensure the principle of meaningful involvement is being followed. Please see details in section 3.4.

6.4.2 Divisioning

Divisioning for unified events will follow the same process as the general divisioning process for all other events.

6.5 Pre-Competition Procedures

6.5.1 Coaches' Meetings

Every coaches' meeting of the Games is important. They are a key way for coaches to receive technical sports information to pass onto their teams. There are two types of coaches' meetings:

1. The Head Coaches' Technical Meeting
2. The Daily Coaches' Meetings

See section 4.8 for the Head Coaches Technical Meeting and daily coaches' meeting schedule.

6.5.1.1 Head Coaches' Technical Meeting

The Head Coaches' Technical Meeting is crucial. It sets the standard for the Games.

- All Head Coaches **MUST** attend this meeting to receive important, specific and detailed information on their sport competition.
- All entries will be validated and coaches will agree to the terms and conditions presented for the conduct of the Games.
- This meeting will be immediately prior to training, divisioning or competition.
- The meetings will be conducted in English with translation services.

The agenda for the Head Coaches' Technical Meeting includes:

- Welcome
- Introduction of Committee Members
- Review of codes of conduct
- Divisioning
- Maximum Effort Rule
- Fair Play
- Competition schedule
- Practice information
- Warm-up schedule
- Delay/Postponement/Cancellation Management
- Competition format
- Competition rule of Emphasis
- International Sport Federation and Special Olympics Rules

- Protest and Appeals Procedures
- Uniform and equipment
- Special Equipment Procedures
- Athlete staging and flow
- Coaches meetings
- Final declaration of entries
- Results
- Awards
- SID
- Clinics and demonstrations/Play and Live Unified Zones
- Healthy Athletes
- Weather reports/forecast
- Venue operations
- Athlete transportation
- Catering service
- Medical service
- Safety and security
- Credentials
- Language service
- Questions and answers
- Venue walkthrough.

NOTE: Head Coaches are responsible for distributing all relevant competition information to their Head of Delegation, other senior delegation officials, and their athletes.

6.5.1.2 Daily Coaches' Meetings

Coaches must attend the daily coaches' meetings. These meetings will be held on venue and will include vital information on that day's competition including any changes to schedules, timings, draws updates.

6.6 Check-in at Competition Venues

All coaches and athletes must report to the check-in desk at the competition entry point before every session. Refer to Section 4.9 for specific check-in times.

6.7 Coaches' Dress Code

Coaches are required to be professional at all times. Their sport clothing/uniform should reflect this as a role model for their sport.

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.

6.8 Coaches' Code of Conduct

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all coaches to honor sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics Coaches agree to observe the Code of Conduct which can be found at:

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

and abide by the coaches' oath:

"In the name of all coaches and in the spirit of sportsmanship, I promise that I will act professionally, respect others, and ensure a positive experience for all. I promise to provide quality sports and training opportunities in a safe environment for all."

7 Technical Officials' Section

7.1 Arrivals and Departures

Please refer to Section 2.3 for details on arrival and departure services.

7.2 Accommodation

All credentialed officials whose residence is outside Abu Dhabi for Abu Dhabi sports, and Dubai for Dubai sports will have hotel accommodation for the duration of the Games. The table below indicates the type of accommodation allocated.

There will be a dedicated person at each hotel to answer questions on accommodation.

Service	Constituent Group				
	<i>Technical Delegates Assistant Technical Delegates</i>	<i>Unified Sport Delegate</i>	<i>National Federation Senior Officials</i>	<i>International Technical Officials</i>	<i>National Technical Officials</i>
Single room	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Twin room (shared)	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

7.3 Transport

All credentialed officials will have transport provided for them for the duration of the Games via the GTS. Technical Delegates, Assistant Technical Delegates, Unified Sport Delegates, National Senior Officials, International Technical Officials and National Federation Officials will have transport from their hotels to sport venues and return either by GTS dedicated buses and/or shuttle buses throughout the competition via a daily schedule that links with the competition schedule. They will also have GTS shuttle bus transport to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

7.3.1 Car Parking

Self-driving UAE officials will have one allocated car parking space at their competition venue for all competition days (including divisioning days). For ADNEC sports, self-driving officials will use the dedicated car park at Zayed Sports City and will be transferred to the competition venue via the GTS shuttle buses.

Self-driving UAE officials staying at hotels will have one free car parking space at their hotel.

7.4 Officials' Uniform

Uniform

A uniform will be supplied to officials for Games use. It should be worn at all times at the competition venue.

7.4.1 Uniform Collection

Officials will collect their uniforms from the UDAC. International officials will be transported to the UDAC from their hotels by the GTS. Self-driving officials will be directed to the UDAC.

7.4.2 Displays of Commercial Messages

Sports officials may not wear, carry or use clothing or other apparel items which contain the names or logos of corporate or organizational sponsors (except for the normal commercial markings permitted) during the opening or closing ceremonies of any Games, at the sites of any Games competition or demonstration, or while officiating at any Games competition or demonstration.

At other times, or at Games venues other than the sites of opening and closing ceremonies, competitions or demonstrations (such as at the sites of training and practice sessions), officials may wear, carry or use clothing or other items which contain sponsors' names or logos providing those displays do not exceed an area of six square inches or its metric equivalent.

7.5 Competition Procedures and Meetings

7.5.1 Check-in at competition venues

Officials should check-in at the Technical Officials' Lounge at the time directed by the Technical Delegate or Competition Supervisor for their sport.

7.5.2 Briefings

Officials should make every effort to attend the Head Coaches' Technical Meeting to set the scene for the Games. This meeting will cover many topics, including the following special interest topics for officials:

- confirmation of entries
- specific rules and regulations
- procedures for competition conduct
- venue walkthrough.

See section 6.5.1.1. for the full agenda

Officials must attend the daily officials' briefings. These meetings will be held in the technical officials' lounge each morning before competition commences. They will include information on that day's competition, any changes to schedules, timings and draw updates. See section 4.8 for the schedule of TO briefings.

7.6 Technical Officials' Meals and Lounge

Technical Officials' meals will be provided in the Workforce Break area. Technical Officials will also have access to a dedicated lounge which include seating and rest areas, refreshments and a space to leave personal items (note: valuables should not be left in this area). The Technical Officials' lounge will operate at designated times which link in with their duty schedule.

7.7 Officials' Oath

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all officials to honor sport and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics officials agree to abide by the following oath:

"In the name of all Judges and Officials, I promise that I shall officiate in these Special Olympics Games with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the spirit of sportsmanship."

8 UAE and the Games

8.1 UAE in 2019

Population: 9,500,000

Geography: The UAE is on the eastern part of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula.

Political system: Abu Dhabi and Dubai are emirates of the UAE, which is a federation of seven constitutional monarchies/emirates. Traditionally, the ruler of Abu Dhabi is also the president of the UAE.

Major religions: Islam. Other religions are tolerated, but proselytizing is illegal.

Main languages: Arabic is the official language, but English is widely spoken.

Time: GMT +4

Currency: Dirham (AED) divided into 100 fils.

8.2 UAE then and now

The Bedouin of the Bani Yas tribe settled on the island of Abu Dhabi in 1761. Early on, the ruling Al Nahyan family remained at Liwa Oasis, but in 1793 the family moved to Abu Dhabi in 1833 and established it as their capital. In the same year, the Al-Maktoum family moved to Dubai and founded a Sheikdom there. Then, Abu Dhabi (meaning 'Father of the Gazelle') and Dubai (various meanings) expanded rapidly through pearl trading in the late 19th century. However, the collapse of the pearl trade saw fortunes fade.

Everything changed in 1958 when oil was discovered, and from then the development of modern UAE commenced. His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan forged the creation of the UAE and served as President of the United Arab Emirates until his death in 2004.

In 1975 another rapid phase of development started as oil prices rose. Vast amounts of money from oil revenues was spent on the country's infrastructure.

Abu Dhabi and Dubai are now crowded, modern, bustling hi-rise cities that focus on post oil strategies and existence. Both cities are major tourist hub with many attractions such as the recently opened Abu Dhabi Louvre and Dubai's Burg Khalifa.

8.3 Special Olympics World Games 2019 in brief

Sports: 24

Disciplines: 26

Athletes: 7,500

Days of Competition: 8

Competition Venues: 11

Medal events: 228

Awards ceremonies: 3,600

Opening Ceremony: 14 March 2019

Closing Ceremony: 21 March 2019

8.4 Special Olympics World Games 2019 Competition Venues

There are five competition zones in use for Abu Dhabi 2019. The zones and sports are:

- **Zone 1 (Abu Dhabi – ADNEC):** artistic gymnastics, badminton, basketball, bocce, judo, handball, powerlifting, rhythmic gymnastics, roller skating, table tennis, volleyball
- **Zone 2 (Abu Dhabi – Zayed Sport City):** bowling, football (5, 7 and 11-a-side), tennis
- **Zone 3 (Abu Dhabi):** cycling, equestrian, golf, triathlon
- **Zone 4 (Abu Dhabi):** beach volleyball, sailing, kayaking
- **Zone 5 (Dubai):** athletics, swimming
- **Public Event Venues:** open water swimming, half marathon

8.5 Essential information

Emergency Contacts:

Medical/Ambulance: 998

Police: 999

Fire: 997

Emergency – general: 999

Electricity

220 and 240 volts, 50Hz. The square three-pin plugs are almost always used as below.



ATMs and Credit Cards

ATMs are widely available across the UAE. Most have a daily withdrawal limit of around AED 2,000. Credit cards are accepted nearly everywhere, but if using an international card, visitors should be aware that they will be charged additional fees for each transaction performed outside their home country.

Tipping

A 10% fee is usually added to restaurant bills, but this rarely makes it to the serving staff, so leaving an additional cash tip on the table may be a good idea. It is customary to round up taxi fares to the nearest AED 5.

Transport and driving

Cars drive on the right-hand side. Seat belts are mandatory and children under 10 must sit in the rear seats. Tourists can drive hire cars for up to three months.

8.6 Mobile Phones

As considerable amounts of Games information will be circulated by internet and the phone app, please bring a smart phone with you.

Mobile phone numbers begin with 050 to 055.

If you don't have a worldwide roaming service but do have an unlocked phone, it is recommended to purchase a prepaid SIM card with a local number at the airport or licensed mobile-phone shop. A credit card and a passport are required. Local SIM cards cost from AED55 and include AED5 credit. Recharge cards in various denominations are sold at grocery stores, supermarkets and petrol stations.

Wi-fi

Wi-fi is usually available free of charge in the competition venues. It is also available to room guests in hotels.

Making Calls

- +971 for UAE, plus (0)2 for Abu Dhabi and (0)4 for Dubai
- Local directory services (181)
- International directory assistance (151)
- Abu Dhabi area code (02)
- Dubai area code (04)
- When calling the UAE from another country, dial the country code 971, followed by the mobile number or subscriber number (minus the zero).
- To call abroad from the UAE, dial 00 followed by the country code.
- When making local calls within either Abu Dhabi or Dubai, dial the seven-digit local number. If dialing a number in another city – or using a mobile phone – dial the two-digit area code first.

8.7 Safety and Security

8.7.1 Safety

Abu Dhabi is interesting, exciting and one of the safest cities in the world. You can confidently travel around during the day or night. Visitors can safely take taxis on their own.

Like any city however, you should take care about personal safety and look after your belongings. Some tips to help you:

- Do not leave your bags unattended in public places or venues. You might attract thieves or create a security alert
- Do not keep all your valuables in one place and do not carry large amounts of cash with you. Use credit or debit cards and be careful with your PIN numbers.
- Keep records of your belongings to help police identify them if they are lost.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously or unattended bags or suspicious items, notify a staff member, security personnel or a police officer.

8.7.2 Security

The Local Organizing Committee will provide a safe and secure environment at the Games. Security teams will manage access points, conduct security checks and maintain crowd control at all Games venues. Security will also work closely with the Games Transport, Traffic and Parking Team to manage bus and vehicle access as well as traffic routes to parking and shuttle locations. Planned event security for participants and spectators includes:

- Access control: checking credentials for access to Games venues and designated spaces with the assistance of spectator services staff
- Crowd control: monitoring and enforcing venue seating capacities, safety and prohibited items
- Accommodation security: 24 hour hotel security at delegation accommodation locations
- Emergency response: Working with local agencies on the execution of emergency response plans if required.

Drugs and Prohibited Items

The UAE has some of the toughest drug laws in the world and a zero tolerance towards illegal drugs. Some prescription drugs are illegal. Please see Section 2.11.3 of this manual and the Head of Delegation manual for further information and actions required.

Other prohibited items include:

- Firearms, dangerous weapons
- Religious propaganda and potentially offensive materials, DVD's and videos
- Pirated articles and illegal computer software.

8.7 Sightseeing in Abu Dhabi and Dubai

Abu Dhabi

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is the major sightseeing attraction in the UAE. Clad in Macedonian marble, the beautiful Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is Abu Dhabi's landmark building. The mosque celebrates Islamic architecture. It was opened in 2007 after nearly 20 years of construction and can hold 40,000 worshippers. Non-Muslims are allowed into all areas of the mosque and guided tours are available.

Note: a dress code applies.

Address: Al Khaleej al Arabi Street, Abu Dhabi.
For information: <https://www.szgmc.gov.ae>

Ferrari World

Experience the thrill of Formula One in Abu Dhabi. This is one of the city's top things to do for thrill seekers and families alike. Buckle up and ride the Flying Aces rollercoaster, with the tallest loop in the world. There's also a mini Ferrari museum. Address: Yas Leisure Drive, Yas Island.

For information and costs: www.ferrariworldabudhabi.com

Boat Tours

For the best views of Abu Dhabi's glittering skyscrapers, head out onto the water. Several operators run tours for all types of budgets, including some beach and snorkeling time on various islands in the bay, and sunset cruises. For information and costs: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Products-g294013-zfg11865-Abu_Dhabi_Emirate_of_Abu_Dhabi.html

Qasr Al-Hosn

Al-Hosn Fort is the oldest building in Abu Dhabi and a major historical point of interest. The palace was built in 1793 as the residence of the ruling family and the seat of government. The interior of the Al Hosn Fort has been renovated and is now a museum that traces the history and culture of Abu Dhabi. The courtyard and the magnificent tile work over the main northern gate are notable features. Address: Hamdan bin Mohammed Street, Abu Dhabi city.

For information and costs: <http://www.qasralhosn.ae>

Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital

The Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital is a working veterinary hospital for ill and injured falcons and offers unique guided tours of its facilities. The tours allow you to get up close and personal with these birds of prey, even to feed one, while an on-site museum explains the history of falconry. Address/location: Off Sweihan Road, Al Shamkha, Abu Dhabi.

For information and costs: <http://www.falconhospital.com>

Yas Waterworld

For some relief from the heat, head to Yas Island to cool off at the waterpark. Waterworld is a huge theme park, with waterslides, a lazy river ride, the world's first hydromagnetic water rafting ride and the world's largest surfable sheet wave and more. Address: Yas Leisure Drive, Yas Island.

For information and costs: www.yaswaterworld.com

Louvre Abu Dhabi

Located on Saadiyat Island, the Louvre Abu Dhabi is the first major initiative of a cultural and artistic hub. The Louvre is spectacular and world class. There is also art exhibitions at the nearby Manarat al Saadiyat. Address: Sheikh Khalifa Highway, Saadiyat Island

For information and costs: www.saadiyatculturaldistrict.ae

Heritage Village

Abu Dhabi's Heritage Village is an authentic replica of a Bedouin village and Emirati life before the oil boom. It's located on a beach with views back over the Corniche in the city. Exhibits feature traditional day-to-day objects, workshops demonstrating Emirati metalwork and weaving skills and displays of local agriculture and the pearl diving trade. Address: Abu Dhabi Theatre Rd, Corniche Breakwater, near Marina Mall.

For information: <http://www.torath.ae>

Dubai

Burj Khalifa

Standing 828 meters high, the Burj Khalifa is hard to miss. The world's tallest tower naturally dominates the Dubai skyline, but is best appreciated up close or, even better, from inside. On a clear day, the views from the observation deck on level 124 or the luxurious At The Top Sky Lounge on the 148th floor are stunning. 'Meals in the clouds' are available at At.mosphere on level 122. Address: Downtown Dubai.

For information and costs: www.burjkhalifa.ae

Dubai Mall

The Dubai Mall is the world's largest mall and welcomes more than 80 million visitors annually. The Dubai Mall has over 1,300 retail outlets and over 200 food and beverage outlets. Special precincts include: Fashion Avenue (the Mall is a fashion hub for the Middle East), the Souk (jewelry and traditional wares) and the Village (an open-air streetscape). Address: Downtown Dubai.

Further information: <https://thedubaimall.com/>

Old Dubai and Dubai Creek

Dubai's Old Town is home to traditional markets, authentic meals and cultural experiences. Transport yourself to Old Arabia in the restored authentic village with wind towers, art galleries, the Dubai Heritage Village, the Dubai Museum and the Sheik Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding.

Cross the Dubai Creek on an abra for only 1AED to Al Seef a new cultural precinct showcasing traditional Bedouin life. Visit the souks – the traditional shops for gold, perfumes, textiles and the famous spice markets. Address: Dubai Creek area.

Further information: <https://www.visitdubai.com/en/articles/dubai-old-town>

Green Planet

The Green Planet is the region's first bio-dome that recreates a tropical forest with its rich biodiversity of over 3,000 plants and animals. It is a vertical rainforest with an enclosed ecosystem that offers visitors an immersive tropical expedition over four levels of interaction for visitors. It includes sloths, tucans, tree porcupines, South American plants, vines, reptiles, fish and insects.

Address: Corner of Al Wasl and Safa Roads, City Walk, Al Wasl, Dubai

For information and costs: <https://www.thegreenplanetdubai.com>

9 Maps

9.1 Sport Locations



Disclaimer

All information in this guide was correct at the time of publication. Changes to schedules, procedures, facilities and services, along with any other essential updates, will be communicate to teams by competition management if required. Changes to the competition schedule will also appear on the Games website and Games app.