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2019 Western Canada Summer Games Special Olympics Selection Criteria

Required Dates:	July 8 (Equipment, Edmonton) TBC - July 31 to August 8 (Staging, Calgary or Edmonton) TBC - August 8 to 13 (Western Games, Swift Current, SK)
Competition dates:	August 10 to 13
Program Cost:	\$TBC
Competition Location:	Swift Current, Saskatchewan
Team Size:	4 Swimmers (2 Male / 2 Female) 1 Coach 1 Team Manager

Eligibility:

Swimmers and their coach must be registered members in good standing with Special Olympics and Swimming Canada. Registrations can be obtained from Special Olympics Alberta. Swimmers and coaches must be registered through the SOA office by February 1, 2019.

Swimmers born between 1994 and 2006

A swimmer with an intellectual impairment may choose to compete as a Special Olympics swimmer OR in sport class S/SB/SM14 but not both. Swimmers choosing to compete in the Special Olympics events must meet the participation guidelines determined by Special Olympics.

Excluded from the Games are:

- Athletes that have held an SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time.
- Able body athletes that have held Senior cards (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) at any time; para athletes that have held a Senior card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program) for two years or more.
- Athletes who have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, FISU Games, Pan Pacific Championships, Senior World Aquatic Championships, Paralympic Games, Para Swimming World Championships or Special Olympics World Games.



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Selection Meet: Provincials - Short Course, March 1-3, 2019, Calgary, Alberta

Registration Deadline:

To register, contact Jill Moore by February 1, 2019

Email: jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca

Phone: (800) 444-2883 or (780) 415-0719

Events: 50 m & 100 m Freestyle, 50 m & 100 m Backstroke, & 50 m Breaststroke.

Swimmer Selection Criteria:

The top two (2) male and top two (2) female swimmers will be selected as per the Special Olympics Athlete Eligibility & Selection Policy. (Appendix A)

Coach Selection:

Special Olympics Alberta & Swim Alberta will form a selection committee to appoint the Special Olympics coach. Coaches must submit an application that includes relevant certification and experience to Jill Moore at jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca before February 1, 2019.

The Special Olympics coach must meet the coach certification requirements as outlined in the Western Canada Summer Games swimming technical package. All coaches must be registered with Swimming Canada and be a member of the CSCTA. All coaches must be members in good standing with Swim Alberta.



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APPENDIX A

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The criteria for athlete eligibility to attend **Integrated Competitions** are as follows:

- Age coincides with what is listed in the respective technical package
- Registered with Special Olympics Alberta and a member in good standing within their community;
- Member of and endorsed by an accredited Special Olympics Alberta Affiliate or Community Program;
- Must be actively participating in a Special Olympics Alberta program, in that sport, for one (1) full program year.
- Displays appropriate maturation, without one-on-one support, based upon the following:
 - Ability to cope with pressures involved in traveling and competition
 - Ability to cope with being out of usual environment
 - Ability to work with individuals who are unfamiliar (including coaches and athletes)
- Have competed in a qualifying competition preceding the Games in that particular sport;

Once an athlete is notified of selection, he/she must sign an 'Athlete Agreement'

SELECTION

To ensure fair and equitable selection of athletes to a Team, the details outlined below will be used by the Provincial Office Program Staff to determine which athletes will advance to Integrated Games.

1. Point System

- a) The events taking place at the games selected for will be the events scored for qualifying.
- b) Competitors will be ranked among all other participants meeting the eligibility criteria at the qualifying event.
- c) Competitors will be awarded the following point scores according to their final placing; the placing an athlete receives at the selected qualifying event(s) are the placing's that will be used for awarding points.

1st place	10 points
2nd place	8 points
3rd place	6 points
4th place	4 points
5th place	2 points
6th - 8th place	1 point
Disqualification, scratch	0 points
Did not show, did not finish	0 points



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Note: If an athlete/team is awarded a medal on site in error, (e.g. the athlete should have received the gold medal yet was awarded the silver medal, and this was later corrected in the official results), the point calculation will reflect the actual placement and not the medal that was awarded incorrectly.

- d) When two or more competitors tie for a place, the total of the points for the place and for the subsequent vacated places shall be equally divided among all competitors involved in the tie, (e.g. if there is a tie for 2nd place, 1st place receives 10 points, 2nd and 3rd are worth $(8 + 6) \div 2$, each competitor receives 7 points. The next competitor would receive 4 points).
- e) The events that are taking place at the games being selected for, will be the events that will be scored and totaled (excluding relays).

2. Averaging

Each athlete's totaled score will be divided by the number of events in which the athlete was entered in including disqualifications, scratches, did not show and did not finish event results.

If an athlete can not compete in an event(s) for medical reasons, that event will not be used in the calculation, medical scratches must be supported by a note from the Doctor designated by the Games Committee.

3. Ranking

Average scores will then be ranked from highest to lowest.

4. Ties

In the case of a tie within a category, the following tie breaking procedures will be utilized in the same order if step a) does not break the tie, move to step b), and so on:

The athlete who has the highest placing is selected, ie: athlete A has two 1st placing's (20) and one 5th place (2) = 7.3 average; athlete B has one 1st place (10), one 2nd place (8), and one 4th (4) = 7.3 average. Athlete A will be selected.

The athlete who participates in the event(s) where the Team has no representation will be selected to ensure the Team's composition reflects the participation of athletes in all events, e.g. both long and short distances. An athlete who has already attended the Integrated Competition would be the second choice.

The athlete from an affiliate who is not represented will be selected.

The athlete who has participated in more events will be selected.

If none of the above 4 procedures succeed in breaking the tie, a draw will be used. All eligible names will be put into a hat and the draw will be made by the President & CEO of Special Olympics Alberta or designate.



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5. Substitutions

If an athlete is not endorsed by his or her Affiliate Management Committee or if an athlete drops out, a substitution must be made. The replacement will be the athlete with the next highest average, using the ranking order.

Substitutions will be made up to six (6) weeks prior to departure for Games.

6. Selection of Alternates

One alternate per gender will be noted and the respective affiliates will be notified. It is then up to the affiliate to decide whether or not to inform the athlete, taking into account the athlete's level of functioning and training