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## Canada Summer Games Special Olympics Selection Criteria

<b>Required Dates:</b>	One of the following Swim Alberta Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provincial Series #4 June 3-5, 2022, Calgary</li><li>- Provincial Series #5 July 8-10, 2022, Edmonton</li><li>- Swim Alberta Summer Provincials July 28-31, 2022, Calgary</li></ul> July 10-11 (Equipment, Edmonton) <b>August 1-5 (Tentative: Staging in Ontario)</b> August 5 to 14 (Canada Games, St. Catharines, ON)
<b>Competition dates:</b>	August 7 to 13
<b>Program Cost:</b>	TBC
<b>Competition Location:</b>	St. Catharines, Ontario
<b>Team Size:</b>	4 Swimmers (2 Male / 2 Female) 1 Coach

### Eligibility:

All Participants **MUST** be vaccinated: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Canada Games Council (CGC), with the endorsement of the 2022 Canada Games Host Society, will implement a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for all accredited individuals at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in the Niagra Region. More info can be found at [www.canadagames.ca](http://www.canadagames.ca)

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 (SOA). Swimmers and coaches must be registered through the SOA office by January 30, 2022.

Swimmers born between 1996 and 2008

A swimmer with an intellectual impairment may choose to compete as a Special Olympics Canada swimmer OR in sport class S/SB/SM14 but not both. Swimmers choosing to compete in the Special Olympics Canada events must meet the participation guidelines determined by Special Olympics Canada. Athletes who wish to swim as Special Olympics athletes must be an active registered athlete in their Affiliate.



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Swimmers excluded from the Canada Summer Games are:

1. Senior National Team swimmers;
2. Swimmers that have held, at any time, a SR, SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance Program);
3. Swimmers that have competed for any nation at any Pan American Games, Para Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, FISU Games, Pan Pacific Championships, Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships, FINA World Aquatic Championships, or the WPS World Swimming Championships.

*\* Special Olympics athletes who have previously competed at the Special Olympic World Games are eligible to compete.*

No swimmer can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or national team status (i.e., no swimmer will be excluded if they compete in an event listed in point (c) for the first time or are granted carding status after May 1, 2022).

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; SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA Section: SPORT M-3002 Topic: Athlete Eligibility for Competition Effective Date: February 2013 Policy Type: MANAGEMENT Page 2 of 2 Policy Reference: National 5000-04 Athlete Eligibility Criteria for National Games National 5000-08 Athlete and Team Age Groupings P-3001 Athlete Eligibility
- 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)

**Selection Meet:** Swim AB Provincial Trials, March 11-13, 2022, Calgary Alberta

Registration Deadline:

To register, contact Jill Moore by

Email: [jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca](mailto:jmoore@specialolympics.ab.ca)

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



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**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, page 4)

**Coach Selection:**

Special Olympics Alberta & Swim Alberta will form a selection committee to appoint the Special Olympics coach.

The Special Olympics coach must meet the coach certification requirements as outlined in the Canada Summer Games swimming technical package. All coaches must be registered with Swimming Canada and be a member of the CSCA. 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:

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- 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. ALL SO athletes who are selected must fill out the following: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4951623>

#### 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

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