

Competition Sanction Form



Date of Request: _____ Requesting Individual: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Type of Event: **Local** **Area** **Sectional** **State**

Date(s) of Competition: _____ Event Director: _____

Name of Competition: _____

Venue Name & Address: _____

Approximate Number of Athlete Participants: _____

Below are the minimum standards required by Special Olympics to host a competition. Please check if the standards have been met.

A **Officially Approved Sports by Special Olympics Alabama:** **Summer Sports:** Aquatics, Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cycling, Equestrian, Flag Football, Football (Soccer), Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Sailing, Softball, Standup Paddle Board, Tennis, Volleyball. **Winter Sports:** Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Speed Skating.

B **Medical & Release Forms:** Assurance that every Special Olympics athlete has a completed Application for Participation and Release form prior to training or competition. An original of these forms must be on file with the SOAL Program Office. A member of the event's competition committee should ensure that all forms are complete and current.

C **"Olympic" Atmosphere:** Competition should reflect the values, standards, traditions, ceremonies, and activities embodied in the ancient and modern Olympic movement. This should include, but not limited to, an Opening Ceremony that includes the Parade of Athletes and reciting of the Special Olympics oath by all the athletes.

D **Volunteers & Officials:** All volunteers and officials need to go through an orientation session and/or receive a written explanation detailing the Special Olympics mission, their duties, and what is expected of them at the event. All primary volunteers (Category A) and officials should complete the Volunteer Registration form prior to the event. One-day volunteers (Category C) must register the day of the event.

E **Medical & Safety Considerations:** A safe environment must be provided and maintained. This usually includes, but is not limited to the following: Qualified Emergency Medical Technician, water, shade, and sunscreen. See the Official Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules Book for more information.

F **Entry Scores and Proper Divisioning:** Each team or individual that competes must provide an entry score prior to the event. Accurate entry scores are needed to ensure fair divisioning and thus provide every athlete an equal chance to excel during competition. See the Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules book for divisioning rules.

G **Timing & Measuring Techniques:** To insure fair and equal competition for all competitors standard timing and measuring techniques should be used at all events. These practices are documented in the Official Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules Book and/or respective National Governing Bodies (NGB's) for each sport.

H **Special Olympics Awards & Awards Ceremony:** Awards shall be presented to athletes within each division in a ceremony, which highlights their achievements. Athletes or teams shall receive ribbons according to their place of finish. In team competition, team trophies may be awarded for 1st through 3rd place and ribbons 4th and up. Those athletes who are disqualified or do not finish an event shall be given a participation ribbon. A designated awards area should be established at each competition that includes appropriate awards stands, decorations etc.

I **Projected Cost:** Please complete the following and attach any additional projected costs.

- Meals: Number of Meals _____ Cost per Each _____ Total Meal Cost _____
- Lodging: Number of Rooms _____ Cost per Room _____ Total Lodging Cost _____
- Facility Cost: _____ Transportation Cost: _____

Signature: _____
Requesting Individual

Date: _____