



# 2017 Plane Pull Team Captain's Handbook

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# What is a Plane Pull™?



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- The Plane Pull™ is a fundraising event benefitting Special Olympics North Carolina through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®.
- Five-person community and corporate teams compete to see who can pull a jet the fastest based on outright speed.
- Every team entered gets to pull in Round One, with the top 20 teams advancing to an exciting Final Round pull off!
- The event is open to the public and will include entertainment, food trucks, a raffle, photo booth and an awards ceremony.
- Spectators are encouraged to attend and cheer on their favorite team!



## What is the Law Enforcement Torch Run®?

Through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®, the law enforcement community has selected Special Olympics as its official charity and raises funds and awareness for the organization worldwide.

- Annually, more than 97,000 dedicated, compassionate and volunteer law enforcement officers participate in the Torch Run throughout 47 nations, 12 Canadian provinces and 50 U.S. states.
- The Law Enforcement Torch Run® generates more than \$55 million annually.
- The Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised more than \$619million since its inception in 1981.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® in North Carolina is a leader in the Torch Run community and is one of the most successful programs in the world. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® in North Carolina:

- Involves more than 2,500 law enforcement officers in over 200 departments
- Has raised more than \$21 million while carrying the Flame of Hope and the message of Special Olympics across the state.

# Event Contact and Details



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## When & Where

Saturday, April 29, 2017  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Registration starts at 8 a.m.  
RDU Airport, UPS Tarmac  
1480 International Drive,  
Morrisville, NC 27560



## The Challenge

Who can pull an airplane the fastest? Approximately 80 teams will step onto the tarmac and pull in Round 1. The teams with the 20 fastest pull times will advance to Round 2. The top five team performances from Round 2 will advance to the Final Round to determine the 2017 Plane Pull Champion. Division awards will be presented to top performing all-female teams, corporate/community male/coed teams, and male/coed law enforcement teams based on Round 1, Round 2, and/or Final Round results, depending on number of competing teams and corresponding advancement.

## The Event

The Plane Pull is a great event to build camaraderie while offering community, corporate, and law enforcement teams a unique and visual way to put their weight behind a worthy cause. The event offers a festive atmosphere with music, food trucks, a kids' zone and a raffle. Bring your friends and family to cheer as you flex your muscles for Special Olympics athletes in our state!

## The Contests

*Top Participating SONC Athlete Team*  
*Top Fundraising Team*  
*Top Fundraising Individual*  
*Top Event T-Shirt*  
*Top Team Spirit T-Shirt*  
*Fastest Pull Time*



# Team Captains

Team Captains can make the 2017 Plane Pull for Special Olympics the best ever! Please follow these three steps:

**1. Recruit your team!** Ask co-workers, your friends, your family, or anyone who would enjoy participating to join you! Strong muscles and strong fundraisers make excellent team members! When your team is compiled, submit your TEAM ROSTER via email or fax to:

Special Olympics North Carolina  
Attn. Leslie Moyar  
2200 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 201  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
FAX: 919-719-7663  
Email: [lmoyar@sonc.net](mailto:lmoyar@sonc.net)

You may list TBA for any yet to be named team members and provide names as you confirm.

**2. Set a team fundraising goal** and decide how you will reach the goal. Encourage team members to set personal fundraising goals and let them know that incentive gifts will be provided at the \$800 and \$1000 levels.

To help with fundraising, go to [www.tiny.cc/2017NCPlanePull](http://www.tiny.cc/2017NCPlanePull) and register today.

**3. Attend the Pre-Event/Open House!** As the Team Captain, you are encouraged to PRE-REGISTER. Help coordinate plans for your team to Pre-Register on Thursday, April 27 between 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. by coming to the Special Olympics office, turning in all funds and picking up all prizes and team shirts. You will avoid the lines on the morning of the event and can show up focused and ready to Pull! You can even drop off your extra team shirt at that time if you are entering the Event T-Shirt Design Contest!



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## **Event Rules**

- Participants must be at least 14 years old and sign a waiver prior to competing.
- Only five-person teams are allowed to pull.
- No rope attachments, i.e. Velcro.
- Timing begins when the flag drops and stops when the plane travels twenty-five feet.
- Two primary timers and one back up timer are used. The official time is the average of the primary timers - the back up timer will be used if a malfunction occurs with a primary timer.
- The signal to begin the pull from the referee is: "Ready; Set; and the dropping of the flag".
- Pullers may remove slack from the rope but may not begin pulling until signaled. Any team that is issued a false start by the referee will receive one re-pull. The referee will signal the end of the pull and the aircraft's brakes will be applied.
- Any issues that arise during a team's pull will be addressed by the referee and overall event supervisor - their decision is final.
- Any re-pulls will occur 15 minutes after the original pull. A re-pull is awarded only due to a malfunction in timing and/or plane equipment. The decision to allow a team to re-pull is made collaboratively by the event referee and event supervisor.

## **Team Advancement**

- The 20 fastest teams from Round 1 will advance to Round 2. No team substitutions can be made for Round 2.
- The 5 teams with the fastest times in Round 2 will advance to the Championship Round and compete for the 2016 Plane Pull Championship! Pull times from earlier rounds will not be considered.
- The champion will be determined from the pull time in the Championship Round. In the event of a tie, the team with the fastest time in Round 2 wins.
- In order to determine the top teams in each division, all successful pull times will be averaged together. For example, if a team has pulled in all three rounds, those three times will make up the divisional time. Teams will then be ranked by their average pull time in order to determine divisional winners.

## **Team Information**

- Teams must refer to the Schedule of Pulls and enter the on-deck area when called. All team members must be on-deck and ready to pull when called to the plane.
- Teams may station their pullers on the rope in any order but may not tie the rope around the anchor puller. A rope minder will be available to remove the slack from the rope if requested. The rope may not be knotted.
- If a puller falls during the pull and cannot get up quickly they should roll away from the rope.
- Pull times will be listed on the scoreboard kept on the runway.

## **Awards**

Division awards will be presented to the top performing all-female teams, top performing corporate/community all male/co-ed teams and top performing Law Enforcement all male/coed teams based on the pull time in the most recent round of competition.

# Event Information



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## Parking

All participants and spectators should park in **Parking Lot - Economy 2**. A shuttle service will be available every 10 minutes starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the event.

## Medical Services

A medical tent with licensed personnel will be available on site. Participants and spectators should use good judgment while attending the event. Sunscreen and plenty of hydrating fluids are highly recommended, the tarmac area offers little shade from the sun and wind.



## Lunch

Lunch and drinks will be provided for all registered participants. Food will be available for purchase for all spectators.

## Tarmac Area

Due to strict TSA safety requirements, all participants, spectators, and volunteers must stay in the tarmac area designated specifically for the event. Smoking is prohibited beyond the entrance gates. No dogs allowed, with the exception of service animals. Anyone not adhering to these requirements may be asked to leave.



## Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that in the case of event cancellation due to inclement weather or if the entry fee is not met, the funds are considered a direct donation to Special Olympics with no refunds being provided.

# Dates to Remember



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## **Attend Pre-event Open House on Thursday, April 27, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Avoid long lines on Saturday by coming out to the Pre-Registration event! This is your chance to turn in all of the funds raised by your team, turn in your team members' signed waivers, and receive your team T-shirts and fundraising incentive awards. You can also drop off an extra team shirt if you are entering the Most Creative T-shirt contest.

Where:

Special Olympics North Carolina  
2200 Gateway Centre Blvd.  
Suite 201  
Morrisville, NC 27560

## **2017 Plane Pull on Saturday, April 29 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Get excited for the biggest SONC Plane Pull event yet! We hope to exceed last year's 90 registered teams and \$100,000 raised. We can do it with your help!

The Plane Pull will be held at:

Raleigh Durham International Airport, UPS Tarmac  
1480 International Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560



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