



## ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

### Quota Slots

**Athletics : 4 females, 5 males**

**Basketball: One 5 on 5 team**

**Bocce: 2 females, 2 males**

**Bowling: 4 females**

**Flag Football: One Unified team**

**Golf: 1 male skills Level 1  
1 male 9-hole indiv. Level 4**

**Artistic Gymnastics: 2 females**

**Powerlifting: 2 males**

**Swimming: 2 females, 2 males**

**Tennis : 3 females**

**Volleyball : One Traditional team**

**Total 62 Athletes**

**Total 19 Coaches**

### USA Games Fast Facts

- **Location:**  
Seattle, Washington
- **Dates:**  
July 1-6, 2018
- **Approximately 62 athletes from North Carolina will compete in 11 sports.**
- **North Carolina will hold meetings/trainings across the state to allow coaches, athletes and their families the opportunity to meet fellow Team NC participants.**
- **Web site**  
[www.specialolympicsusagames.org](http://www.specialolympicsusagames.org)

It is the intent of Special Olympics North Carolina to achieve a fair and equitable distribution of quota across the state while following the intent of Section 13 - *Criteria for Advancement to Higher Level Competition* from Special Olympics Sports Rules Article One.

SONC will randomly draw candidates from the eligible athletes while ensuring representation of all areas in the state.

The first part of this process will take place summer 2017 with all sports being selected.

Several individuals will be involved in the selection process. Present at the random drawing will be a mixture of SONC Board members, local program and

athlete leadership, as well as staff.

For each slot, three random draws will be made from the eligible athletes (gold medal winners from state-level events) in that sport and of that gender. Results from 2016 Fall Tournament, 2017 Summer Games, and 2017 Fall Tournament (basketball only) will be used.

Example:

- For the first female swimming slot, female athletes who placed first at Summer Games will be placed "in the hat."
- Three random draws will be made and recorded in order of draw.
- The first name drawn will be considered the primary candi-

date and will not be confirmed as a Team NC athlete until that athlete, his/her coordinator and family members are all interviewed to confirm the athlete's desire and ability to take part in such an opportunity.

• The second and third names drawn will be contacted next if the first athlete drawn is unable to take the slot.

• All athletes who have participated in a quota-based event outside North Carolina in the past four years are ineligible for selection for the 2018 Games. This is being done to ensure that more people have such an opportunity. A more thorough explanation of this process is available.

## COACH SELECTION PROCESS



The selection of Team NC coaches must be a subjective process to evaluate commitment, personality

and teamwork. This event will require immense commitment - possibly up to two weeks of time off from work to include

- Conference Calls
- Training/meetings with athletes

- Attendance at state-level events
- Overnight training camp prior to games
- More than one week of travel in July 2018 to Seattle, Washington

Process

- Online applications are being accepted from certified coaches in the appropriate sports with the exception of team sports (coaches come with the teams selected).

- Local program coordinators, athletes and families will all be interviewed about the coach's qualifications.
- A coach selection committee (similar makeup of athlete selection committee) will evaluate coach applications and interview results to make recommendations.
- Staff will review final leading candidates.
- The SONC President will evaluate final results and confirm selected coaches.

## FUNDRAISING

The final step for athlete selection is the commitment of the local program to raise money to support the athlete's participation in the Games. The athlete and his/her family members are of course encouraged to participate in this fundraising, but the commitment lies with the local program. \$2,018 must be raised for each athlete who joins Team NC (a separate maximum amount is set for the team slots).