



## Special Olympics North Carolina Plane Pull FAQ

### **Will the Special Olympics North Carolina Plane Pull® occur in 2020?**

The 2020 SONC Plane Pull was originally scheduled to take place April 25; however, the pandemic caused the event to be rescheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. As with most scheduled, in-person events this year, whether the Plane Pull® will occur in October is still up in the air. At the moment, all we know is that we very much hope that the athletes of Special Olympics North Carolina will see you on the UPS Tarmac at RDU International Airport on October 17.

### **When will a decision be made about the status of the 2020 SONC Plane Pull®?**

Special Olympics North Carolina, along with its partners in the event, will continue to monitor the pandemic's impact on the Triangle region and hope to make a decision about the status of this annual fundraiser by the first week of September. Please continue to check Plane Pull website, social media and your inbox for updates.

### **If the SONC Plane Pull® occurs, what should I expect?**

At this time, we do not fully know what event day will be like, if we are able to move forward with the 2020 SONC Plane Pull®. We can say that if we are lucky enough to be able to host this fundraiser, it will be a scaled-down affair. We plan on following whatever state and local government guidelines exist for managing the spread of COVID-19 at that time to keep all of our participants, fans and friends safe.

### **I was considering forming a team. Should I still do so now?**

YES! While the event may or may not occur, the athletes of Special Olympics North Carolina need to know that you are PULLING for them, as the isolation that they often feel does not subside with the end of this current pandemic. We are encouraging all past and future teams to continue to register for the event as soon as possible and donate at least the minimum donation as a show of support for the athletes of Special Olympics North Carolina. If the event goes on as planned, then we are excited to offer you a place on the ropes. If it does not, know that your donation will be helping to keep the hope alive in our athletes during this uncertain time.



### **What are some examples of how my donation will be used?**

Special Olympics North Carolina has been providing health services for our athletes through the Healthy Athletes and Healthy Communities initiatives. These programs are so very essential, as they help our athletes to access quality health care and promote the importance of equitable health services for all. Currently, Special Olympics North Carolina is committed to finding innovative ways to support our athletes, even when we can't be with them physically during this pandemic. Through virtual fitness, online programming and social media, we promise to keep doing our job and finding ways for our athletes and supporters to get involved. Your donation will help keep these essential programs going during this time in addition to welcoming athletes back to the playing field once we reopen our doors.

### **I've been an event volunteer in the past. How can I help this year?**

Thank you for your past support! Our events provide opportunities for people to come together for a wonderful cause, but unfortunately, that joining together can pose a risk to our athletes and communities. Therefore, it may mean that we forego having volunteers in the same capacity at the event this year in order to ensure that we keep the community safe. The health and safety of the athletes and volunteers is our top priority.

If the event occurs and volunteer spots become available, they will be released [here](#) this summer. That said, the best way to help the athletes of Special Olympics North Carolina during this time is to consider forming a Plane Pull® team or donating to the event using [this link](#).

### **I would like to be a vendor or exhibitor this year if the event occurs. Can I?**

Thank you for your interest! At this time, we do not know what the event will look like, if it in fact takes place. It may mean that we must forego having food vendors or community exhibitors at the event this year in order to ensure that we keep the community at large safe. The well-being of our athletes, family members, volunteers and supporters is our top priority and will be considered during the decision-making process. If the event does occur and we can welcome food vendors and community exhibitors, we will post registration information on the Plane Pull webpage.

### **I wanted to attend the event as a spectator. Can I still do so?**

Thank you for your interest in attending this important annual fundraiser! As October 17 gets closer, we will be able to gauge if we will be able to welcome general spectators to the SONC Plane Pull®. The best way to support the event and the athletes of Special Olympics North Carolina is to make a donation using [this link](#).