

2022 Special Olympics USA Games

Location: Orlando, Florida

Dates: June 5-12, 2022

Website: 2022specialolympicsusagames.org



Athlete Selection Process

It is the intent of Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) 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. The first part of this process will take place in early 2021 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, Team NC coaches 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 the 2019 SONC Summer Games, 2019 SONC Equestrian Tournament, and 2019 SONC Fall Tournament.

Example:

- For the first female swimming slot, female athletes who placed first at 2019 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 candidate 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 2022 Games. This is being done to ensure that more people have such an opportunity.

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.

Process

Online applications are being accepted from certified coaches in the appropriate sports with the exception of team sports. Team sports coaches will automatically be selected with their team in most cases. Local program coordinators, athletes and families will all be interviewed about the coach's qualifications prior to final selection. A coach selection committee will evaluate coach applications and interview results to make recommendations. SONC 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. The fundraising goal for athletes, Unified partners and coaches is \$2,022 per person who attends the games. A separate fundraising amount for teams will be set.

TEAM NC QUOTA SLOTS

Athletics:

4 females, 4 males

Interscholastic Unified Athletics:

4 females, 4 males

Basketball:

1 traditional 5v5 team,
1 intercollegiate Unified team

Bocce:

4 females

Bowling:

2 females, 2 males

Equestrian:

2 females, 2 males (Western
discipline)

Golf:

2 level 1 females, 1 level 3 male
Unified pair

Powerlifting:

2 males

Soccer:

1 5-a-side team

Swimming:

4 females, 4 males

Youth Leadership Unified Pair:

1 athlete, 1 Unified partner

Total athletes/Unified partners:

74

Total coaches: 19

For more information about Team NC contact Team NC Head of Delegation Nathan Brookins at nbrookins@sonc.net or visit the [Team NC webpage](#).



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