

2023 State Winter Games

Sunday, March 5th through Tuesday, March 7th

Special Olympics
New Hampshire



Waterville Valley Resort

Waterville Valley, NH

The 2023 State Winter Games includes competition in alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Please take a moment to review the Rules of each sport.

Please note that Time Trials will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 5th and the Resort Experience will take place on Monday afternoon, March 6th.

To register for Winter Games, you will use Agon. Please make sure you are familiar with the timeline below.

IF YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS

About **registration**, which includes compliance and registration process through Agon including Intent to Participate, Registration and Scratch, please contact Bridget Carleton at BridgetC@sonh.org or by phone at (603) 969-9572.

About **the competition**, which includes Pre-season Video Call, Coaches' Video Conference, Final Games Information, and day of questions, please contact Ian at IanW@sonh.org or by phone at (207) 710-4586.

About **everything outside of competition**, which includes food, housing, the Resort Experience, Opening Ceremonies, and transportation, please contact Shelby at ShelbyC@sonh.org or by phone at (603) 933-1093.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All athletes must complete a time trial during the scheduled time allotment.
- Training is an important part of athlete growth in both skill development and overall physical fitness. Special Olympics New Hampshire expects teams to train twice a week for 10 weeks prior to the State Games, with one practice focusing on sport specific training and one practice focusing on fitness (cross training, etc.) to allow for optimal performance and readiness at the State Tournament.
- Food totes and drinks will be delivered to condos based on how many people are in each condo.
- Changes in the schedule will be communicated with Head coaches via phone or email by 6:00am on the day of the event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

During the registration process, we will communicate with the primary LP contact, head coaches, Local Program Coordinator, Secondary Local Program Coordinator, and the Communications and Technology Manager.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE (TELL US YOU ARE COMING)



Sunday, January 1st

- Enter the primary Local Program contact for the Games as well as the Head Coach for each Sport. These may be the same or different people.
- Give us an estimate of the number of athletes participating in Sport. We are looking for a rough estimate for planning purposes only; this number can change as you move through registration.

PRE-SEASON VIDEO CALL

Thursday, January 12th

- We will discuss the season, events that will take place, rules and high-level picture of event.
- To access the meeting, please click the Microsoft Teams link below or call in using the number printed in red below.

Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing
Thu, January 12 th , 7:00pm
Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 254 999 147 945 Passcode: JJvcZE Download Teams Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 917-933-5640,,36597451# United States, NYC Phone Conference ID: 365 974 51# Find a local number Reset PIN Learn More Meeting options

FIRST PRACTICE SHOULD BE HELD BY

Monday, December 26th

- Training is an important part of athlete growth in both skill development and overall physical fitness. Special Olympics New Hampshire expects teams to train twice a week for 10 weeks prior to the State Tournament.

COMPLIANCE (TELL US WHO IS COMING AND DEAL WITH PAPERWORK)

Wednesday, January 18th

- A minimum ratio of four athletes-to-one LPV and/or coach (4:1 athlete-to-LPV/Coach ratio) is expected. Please note, for Unified Events, (i.e. basketball/softball etc. partners do not count toward this ratio, volunteer should be a non-playing LPV).
- By the end of the Compliance phase, all athletes, Unified Sports partners, head coaches, coaches or LPVs must be compliant.
- No athletes, Unified Sports partners, head coaches, coaches or LPVs may be added to the Games after Compliance closes.
- One head coach must be registered for each sport that your team will participate in.
- New athletes must be recorded in Agon.
- If you would like your registration from 2020 flipped into this year, please email Bridget at BridgetC@sonh.org.

REGISTRATION (ENTER EVENTS, QUALIFYING SCORES, LEVELS, CATEGORIES, MEALS)



Thursday, January 19th to Wednesday, February 1st

- All participants (athletes and Unified Sports partners) must be registered for event specific information (event, level and qualifying score and team, if applicable)
 - Participants must register for events in only one category.
 - Participants may register for up to three events (mountain) and four events (valley). Additionally, each participant must register for a time trial.
 - Qualifying scores need only be entered for snowshoeing and cross country skiing time trial event.
- Number of meals for Monday night dinner and housing information must be entered.
 - Accommodations for athletes and LPV's are available Sunday and Monday nights at the Black Bear Lodge, Golden Eagle Lodge and Town Square Condos.
 - Rooms are available for 4 people.
 - We will follow up with LPs by February 19th with housing location.
 - Local Programs will be assessed the following:
 - Winter Games Assessments (athletes and volunteers) = \$110 each.
 - Housing = \$190 per room per night.
 - Additional meals = \$10 for each additional meal requested.

SCRATCH (UPDATE QUALIFYING SCORES; REMOVE PEOPLE)

Thursday, February 2nd to Wednesday, February 15th

- Athletes, Unified Sports partners and LPVs may be removed during this period.
- Time trial qualifying scores (snowshoe and cross-country skiing only) may be updated.
- Local Programs will be assessed \$110 for each athlete and LPV registered for the Games at the end of the scratch period as well as \$10 for each additional meal requested.

COACHES' VIDEO CALL

Tuesday, February 28th

- We will discuss draft final schedule, lunch menu, awards process, bad weather and Resort Experience
- To access the meeting, please click the Microsoft Teams link below or call in using the number printed in red below.

Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing
February 28 th , 6:00pm
Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 271 261 690 379 Passcode: WTRjpw Download Teams Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 917-933-5640,,837926027# United States, NYC Phone Conference ID: 837 926 027# Find a local number Reset PIN Learn More Meeting options

FINAL INFORMATION

Wednesday, March 1st

- Final Schedule and any follow up information required after the coaches meeting will be distributed.



ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN NON-PRIMARY LOCAL PROGRAMS

An athlete may be associated with up to three Local Programs. Every athlete has one primary Local Program. The primary Local Program is fiscally responsible for their athletes and is the program that an athlete competes with most often. In Agon you will be able to see if an athlete is primary with your LP. If an athlete participates with their Secondary or Tertiary Program, the Primary Program will ultimately be assessed the athlete's participation as outlined below.

1. The athlete must let his/her LPC know they would like to participate in another sport or with another Local Program and which Local Program they are interested in joining.
 - If the Primary Local Program offers the sport, the LPC should work with the athlete to determine why the athlete would like to participate with another Program and decide if they will approve participation by signing the top section of the Transfer Form. Athletes should be empowered to choose where to participate.
2. The athlete needs to ask the LPC of the team he/she would like to participate with (either the Secondary or Tertiary program).
 - If the LPC of the "participating team" does not have the infrastructure (enough volunteers to make a safe environment), they may say "no" to the athlete.
 - If the secondary LPC says yes, s/he will need to fill out and sign the middle section of the *Transfer Form* (Non-Primary Participation Form) including the amount of money that will need to be transferred to cover that year's participation costs (including but not limited to any facility fees, equipment or uniform fees, or paid lessons associated with the sport) and any expectations as a result of the athlete's participation.
 - The participating LP may register an athlete they think will be participating with them – but if the *Transfer Form* is not completed by the scratch date, the athlete will be scratched.
3. The athlete needs to get the *Transfer Form* back to their primary LPC who will sign off on the final section of the form, agreeing that they understand how much will be transferred from the Primary Program's Net Funds for the year and the expectations of the athlete, and then submits to SONH for processing.
 - The LPC of the athlete's Primary Local Program will submit the form to our office, and we will make the transfer between Local Programs and ensure that the athlete is listed in the non-primary program's intent.

Please note that while the assessments will be processed yearly based on registration after the Transfer form has been processed the first time, the Transfer form will still need to be completed annually for the associated fees with participating in the sport with the Secondary or Tertiary Local Program.