



2026 Mini-Meet Application

As we adjust our statewide competition schedule in 2026, we are offering Local Programs the opportunity to host Mini-Meets to help ensure athletes continue to have meaningful and dependable competitive experiences. Mini-Meets are intended to provide smaller-scale competitions during this transitional year as we evaluate and refine our broader competition structure.

Local Programs may organize and host a Mini-Meet for their athletes and are encouraged to collaborate by inviting other programs or schools to participate. We appreciate your partnership and flexibility as we work together to strengthen the quality and consistency of competition opportunities across the state.

The criteria for Mini-Meets are outlined below. All Mini-Meets must be approved through this application process.

Requirements for the Hosting Local Program

- General requirements
 - No more than 150 athletes and Unified Partners may compete in a mini-meet.
 - All contracts must be reviewed and signed by SONH.
- Compliance & Paperwork
 - All [athletes](#), [Unified partners](#), [coaches](#), and [Local Program volunteers](#) must be compliant before the event and have been submitted to our office for processing.
 - All one-day volunteers must complete the [one-day volunteer form](#). Forms must be provided to us with event results.
- Registration & Results
 - Local Program must collect registration information before the event and provide participation details and results after the event.
- Sports and General Special Olympics Rules
 - All sports and general Special Olympics rules must be followed.
 - [Sports Rules](#) may be found here.
 - This includes creating equitable [divisions](#) of between three and eight competitors/teams.
- Risk Management
 - Risk Management is the process of making and implementing decisions that will protect Special Olympics athletes, volunteers, and the organization. Manage risk at the mini-meet by asking:
 - What can go wrong? What can we do to prevent that from happening?
 - What else can we do to prevent or to reduce the chance of harm from occurring?
 - If anyone is injured at the event, complete the [incident report form](#).
 - A crisis is a serious situation (i.e.: severe injury, criminal activity, death). Should a crisis occur, medical or other emergency personnel should be contacted if needed. After directing necessary emergency action, the crisis should be reported to Bridget Carleton (603) 969-9572. Should it be necessary for us to provide information to any media outlet direct them to Bridget.

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Support provided by Special Olympics

- The mini-meet will be a sanctioned Special Olympics New Hampshire event.
 - This means all our standard insurance coverage applies to the event.
 - We can provide [certificates of insurance](#) for vendors if required.
- We will provide ribbons to be distributed at the mini-meet.
- We will support with drinks, signage and equipment that we have available.
- We will help advertise the event if needed.
 - To other Local Programs and/or Schools to encourage participation.
 - To help find one day volunteers.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please thoroughly review pages one and two of this application, fill out page two and return to Deb Coyne at DebC@sonh.org. We will process and provide approval as quickly as possible, generally within two weeks. Questions about mini-meets should be directed to Ian Wyman (ianW@sonh.org).

Organizer Name: _____

Local Program: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Sports Offered: _____

Please provide a brief description of the mini-meet and anything else we should know to process your application.

AGREEMENT

I agree to comply with all requirements listed on page one of this application.

Event Organizer

Date

AUTHORIZATION

The event organizer is authorized to conduct the mini-meet as outlined in this application.

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Date