

2018 State Basketball Information *Special Olympics* Guide



The 2018 Special Olympics Utah State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for **March 23-24, 2018** at the University of Utah. Competition will be offered in 3v3 Basketball, 5v5 Traditional and Unified Sports Basketball, Basketball Skill (Level I and Level II), and Motor Activities Training Program (MATP).

In this packet, you will find general information related to participation in Special Olympics Utah's State Basketball Tournament. Registration documents are available on our webpage at <http://sout.org/state-basketball-tournament/>. Please use the specific registration document for this event. **There will not be area competitions held for this season.

Coaches and Participant Registration are due by February 28, 2018

This includes coaches roster and housing requests.

Please note, we will not accept late registration

*** All request for uniforms and equipment must be made before February 28, 2018**

Registration Follow-up:

A follow-up packet will be sent out, after registration is complete, to all participating programs. Including:

- Confirmation of registration
- Status of athlete's medical forms
- Updated schedule of games and times
- Other information as appropriate to assure our successful participation



GENERAL INFORMATION

Required Forms and Documents

Each athlete and partner who participates with Special Olympics Utah is required to be registered with the organization (this is separate from the event registration process). A medical and consent form for each athlete/partner is required to be filed before the individual begins participation with the local delegation. Each delegation is expected to travel with athlete and partner forms. Put Team Names or Delegation on all forms to ensure they are filed properly.

Forms can be found here: <http://www.sout.org/compete>

If athlete and/or Unified Sports[®] partner forms are not on file at the Special Olympics Utah office prior to competition the individual will NOT be allowed to participate!

ALL MEDICAL FORMS MUST BE UPDATED AND SIGNED BY A DOCTOR/MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL EVERY THREE YEARS!

Please direct any questions concerning various forms and requirements to
Alisa Graham at graham@sout.org

Special Olympics Utah's Policies regarding Alcohol and Tobacco

Special Olympics prohibits the serving and/or sale of alcoholic beverages during competition. Drinking by volunteers or any other leadership positions when they have responsibilities for athletes will not be allowed.

Special Olympics Utah became a smoke-free in 1995 and any use of tobacco-whether by athletes, coaches or spectators-must take place at least 50 feet away from any event site. In addition, please be cautious about disposal of your tobacco products and place all butt/trash into appropriate containers (the ground is not an appropriate container)

Recreational Swimming Policy

No athlete, coach, head of delegation or other volunteer will be allowed to participate in recreational swim activities (except during swim events and practice) during Special Olympics Utah events unless a certified lifeguard(s) is present.

If an athlete, partner, coach, head of delegation or other volunteer is found to be using the pool or hot tub at any hotel in which they are being provided housing by Special Olympics Utah the individual will be scratched from all further competition and every effort will be made to send the individual home immediately at the individual's expense.

Meals

Special Olympics Utah will offer lunch & dinner for registered competitors and coaches only (as indicated on the schedule of events). Individuals with significant dietary needs should plan to provide their own meals.

Housing

Housing will be provided for delegations traveling more than 75 miles. Housing Request forms must be completed by February 28th if your delegation is to get housing during the competition. The Housing

Request form is found on our website with all other registration forms for this event. Late housing request will not be expected. Please see Special Olympics Utah Housing policy in the Special Olympics Utah Handbook found on our website in Delegation Resources.

COACHING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

All coaches must complete the following to meet the minimum criteria for coach certification. Coaches must ensure their Green Level (Class A) status is current and complete all three (3) levels listed here: <http://sout.org/sports-and-fitness-programs/coach-training/> within the time parameters listed for each level.

- Green Level (Class A) Requirements
- Coach and Volunteer Registration Form
- Background Check Waiver
- General Orientation
- Concussion Training
- Protective Behaviors Training

All forms and quiz results must be received no less than two week before the state-level competition to process all required information and attain "green level" status.

Minimum Training Requirements for Competitors (Athletes & Partners)

Basketball 10 weeks

COMPETITION

The most current rules can be found at the website www.sout.org or you may contact Alisa Graham to receive a hard copy. Athlete can only participate on one team or in one event. For example, a player cannot play on a 3v3 and a 5v5 team (traditional or Unified). They also cannot participate in basketball skills and on a 3v3 or 5v5 basketball team. Athlete's participating in the Motor Activity Training Program should submit a goal summary and description of the program with registration. Offering different basketball events allows for all levels of skilled athletes to participate.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS RULES - There are 2 levels of Individual Skills Competition

- **Level I:**

Three events make up Level 1 Individual Skills Competition: Target Pass, 10 Meter Dribble and Spot Shot. The athlete's final score is determined by adding together the scores achieved in each of these three events. Athletes will be pre-divisioned according to their total scores from these three events. Each event is diagrammed with instructions in the Special Olympics Basketball Rules starting on page 4.

- **Level II:**

Three events make up the Level 2 Individual Skills Competition: 12 Meter Dribble, Catch & Pass and Perimeter Shooting. The athlete's final individual score is determined by adding together the scores

achieved in each of these three events. Athletes will be pre-divided according to their total scores from these three events. Each event is diagrammed on page 7.

*Level II is more challenging than level 1 and athletes should move into Level II Skills Competition when they have mastered Level I Skills Competition.

3-on-3 vs 5-on-5 Basketball

- 3v3 basketball is to be used as a step between Skills and 5v5. An athlete struggling with ball handling skills, passing, movement, game awareness, shooting, or being able to run the full court could be a candidate for 3v3. Use the Basketball Team Assessment when evaluating an athlete to help determine if a player should be on 3v3 or 5v5. A possible standard that can be used is if an athlete scores on average of 2-3 on the assessment, they would be a good fit for 3v3. Athletes scoring an average above 4 on the assessment would be a good fit for 5v5.
- Competitors should wear athletic attire appropriate for their sport. This means basketball teams need numbers on the back of uniforms, **no jeans** for any sport (athletic attire) and bocce players should wear dress shorts or slacks with a collared shirt. Coaches are also encouraged to dress appropriately for the sport they are coaching. SOUT recommends not wearing jeans to help encourage our participants to dress appropriately.
- Teams need to provide their own adaptive equipment for all sports.
- Coaches must submit a team skill assessment score for divisioning. If a score is not submitted the team will be placed in the highest rated division for competition. Please only submit the TEAM score sheet (keep individual score sheets for your records)
 - For competition in Unified Sports® Basketball, teams must have a registered, non-playing coach.
 - Team assessment sheet is for TEAMS only and be found on our website <http://sout.org/state-basketball-tournament/>, please use the skills assessment in the Official Rules for athletes competing in Basketball Skills (Level 1)
 - Players must play in preliminary competition (Friday) to be eligible for finals (Saturday)

Tournament Format and Information

To provide better quality play, 3v3 basketball, 5v5 traditional and Unified Sports Basketball will be in a Pool Play Format on Friday. This will allow us to better division teams for Saturday games. A Pool Play Format tournament may have one or more pools. The pool assignment is based on the assessment scores provided by the delegation and how many teams are registered for 3v3 Basketball and 5v5 Traditional and Unified Sports Basketball.

Teams play in a 9 team pool play or and 11 team pool play depending on the number of teams registered. Each team will have a chance to play each other except the teams that are seeded 1st and teams seeded last. Please be mindful of the schedule during the tournament and know what time and what court your team will be playing on. Teams may not be on the same court the entire time.

9-team Pool Play Format

- 9-Team Pool Play tournament could consist of 1 pool playing between two courts.
- Games will be maybe shorter during pool play due to the number of games with 10 minutes between each game.
- Each team will play all teams within the pool
- Pool Play games will be played to a Win, Loss or Tie, there will be No overtime in pool play

- Pool Play points will be awarded this way:
 - 2 – Points for a Win
 - 1 – Point for a Tie
 - 1 – Point for a Shutout
 - 0 – Points for a Loss

11-team Pool Play Format

- 11-Team Pool Play tournament may consist of two pools.
- Games maybe shorter because of the number of games with 10 minutes between each game.
- Pool Play games will be played to a Win, Loss or Tie, there will be No overtime in pool play
- Pool Play points will be awarded this way:
 - 2 – Points for a Win
 - 1 – Point for a Tie
 - 1 – Point for a Shutout
 - 0 – Points for a Loss

Tiebreakers for Pool Play

If, after the completion of games there are two teams tied with the best won-lost records in their pool, then the winner of pool play game previously played between those two teams (head-to-head) will advance to the appropriate division.

- If the two teams did not play each other during pool play, then goals allowed will be computed to determine which one of the two teams will advance.

Saturday divisions is assigned to teams based on record from Friday's pool play and team assessment scores.

5v5 (traditional and Unified)

- Teams will be divided into divisions of based on event (3v3, 5v5 traditional/Unified) age, assessment scores, and outcome of Friday's pool play.
- The maximum allowable roster size is 10 players for 5v5
- A game will be two 12 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
- Each team will receive two 60 second time outs for the entire game.
- The only other time the clock will be stopped is due to injury on the court or on a dead during the last two minutes of the game.

3v3

- Teams will be divided into divisions of based on event (3v3, 5v5 traditional/Unified) age, assessment scores, and outcome of Friday's pool play.
- The maximum allowable roster size is 6 players for 3v3
- Coaches are **NOT** allowed on the court during competition at any level.
- A game consists of two 10 minute halves and a 5-minute halftime **OR** when one team scores 20 points the game will be complete.
- Each team will receive two 60 second time outs for the entire game.

Skills and MATP

- Skills and MATP will be held together on Saturday, March 24th at 1pm. Location/court and more information will be sent out. Please bring your own adaptive equipment for both Basketball Skills and MATP.

Additional Tournament Guidelines

- Only athletes who appear on the Final Roster will be allowed to play. Teams that do not comply with this rule will receive a forfeit for the game involving a player not on the roster.
- All players must play in a minimum of 2 preliminary/pool play game to compete in final round competition on Saturday.
- *Fighting or aggressive arguing of any kind by anyone will result in that person (player, coach, fan) being asked to leave the game and will not be allowed to participate for the remaining tournament.*
- All players shall wear appropriate team uniforms as stated in the Uniform Standards Section of Special Olympics Utah Program Guide.
- For **Unified Sports® Soccer**, teams must maintain a ratio of 3 athletes and 2 partners on the court at all times.
- After the registration date, no programs will be allowed to change or add athlete events!
- You may still scratch participants up to two weeks before the competition.
- Please review your competitors' event registration in the follow-up packet!

UNIFIED SPORTS® EVENTS

- All Head Coaches MUST attend a Unified Sports® coaches' training before beginning training. All coaches are encouraged to attend.
- Please make every effort to match athletes with partners of similar age and ability.
- Unified Sports® partners should be listed on the athlete roster and should complete all requisite training. Please note which individuals are Unified Sports® partners.
- Unified Sports® partners require the much of the same documentation as "green level" volunteers. This includes:
 - Complete the Unified Sports® Partner Application
 - Complete a Background Waiver (and pass the background check)
 - Complete General Orientation Training (quiz completion required)
 - Complete Protective Behaviors Training (quiz completion required)



Comments, concerns, question about State Basketball Tournament, please contact Alisa Graham graham@sout.org

