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To: CMT Sports Chairs & Coaches

From: Sarah Arts, Director of Sports & Programs

CC: Emily Tymick, Sports & Programs Manager

Date: April 4, 2018

Re: 2018 Summer Games

Please see below regarding the 2018 Summer Sports Season:

- **Mid-Season reports: due by 4pm Monday, April 23, 2018.** Results from the midseason reports will determine which events are offered at the 2018 Summer Games and whether or not a quota will need to be set for any sports. Events in which there are less than 3 athletes training may result in that event not being offered.
- **Local Games Sanction Forms: due by 4pm Monday, April 23, 2018.**
- **Local results and Games registration: due by 4pm Monday May 21, 2018.**
- Registration for training, Mid-season reports, BSATs and Local Results/Games Registration must be completed and submitted electronically.
- Ensure coaches have reviewed the most updated Sports Rules for their sport.
- Only athletes and volunteers who are officially registered are authorized to participate in training or competition. Please be in contact with coaches to ensure they have the information they need to conduct practice.
- As a result of program growth, schedules for the 2018 Summer Games are being reviewed and may change.
- Categories should be utilized when selecting events for athletes in swimming and track and field. Athletes in these sports should train to compete within one category of events. Please see supplemental documentation on categories for these two sports.
- Athletes training in track and field are encouraged to compete in the maximum number of events for the sport: 3 events and a relay, plus a jump and throw.
- Athletes training in swimming are encouraged to compete in the maximum number of events for the sport: 3 events and a relay.
- It is encouraged that each community training in track and field and swimming put together teams to train and compete in relay events. Each athlete may only compete in one relay event.
- Swim teams are encouraged to train to compete in the following relay events: 4x50 Freestyle Relay, 4x25 Freestyle Relay, 4x25 Medley Relay. Assuming multiple teams compete at locals and advance in each event, all will be offered at the state level.

- Swimming relay teams must wear matching swim caps (or no caps at all).
- Athletes can train and compete in multiple sports on a local level, however, they may only compete in one sport over the Summer Games weekend. Please contact me if you would like more information.
- For athletes training and competing locally in more than one sport, please be communicating with the coach and athlete regarding their “selection” of sport for Summer Games.
- *Basketball Skills Assessment Test (BSAT) scores will be due with local games results. It is encouraged that teams complete the BSAT an additional time toward the beginning of the season to help assess athlete ability. Please ensure coaches review the rules and BSAT procedures (including totaling scores and marking players) and complete the form electronically. Please also ensure that the BSAT is done for substitutes. The BSAT is an assessment only and not a competition so athletes do not earn awards.
- *Official uniforms must be worn at local competition and Summer Games. Athletes/Partners who are not in official uniforms will be subject to disqualification from competition.
- When creating opportunities for Special Olympics athletes to participate in sports training and competition, Special Olympics Programs should be guided by the following principles: 1) each athlete should enjoy a dignified and meaningful competition experience; 2) the integrity of the sport must be preserved; and 3) the health and safety of all athletes, coaches and officials must not be compromised.
- Please be advised that the Games Organizing Committee for Summer Games will be considering meaningful competition in relationship to divisioning based on gender, age, ability and number of competitors in divisions (meaningful competition). The optimal number of athletes in a division for competition is at least 3 and no more than 8. Divisions of less than 3 competitors will be reviewed and considered for cancelation.
- For all team sports (when they register) coaches are recommended to train for and submit substitutions. Scores will be required for those substitutes. Substitutes do not travel to Summer Games unless they are registered in another sport. Communities are not charged a registration fee for substitutes unless they end up competing.
- The basketball competition for the 2018 Summer Games will have a quota of 6 traditional teams and 4 unified teams.
- The basketball roster for Summer Games must include 10 players. Any team(s) with a roster less than 10 players must be approved by Special Olympics Alaska. Unified Teams must be proportionate in regards to the athlete/partner ratio on the roster and on the court. We ask that all coaches review the Unified Sports packet on our webpage.
- Only registered competitors, coaches and assistant coaches will be allowed in designated “team” areas of competition (bench/pool deck/field/auditorium stage/gymnastics floor). Please contact us directly if you are requesting additional people to be in these areas during competition (AKA Field of Play).

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- Only certified head coaches will have the authority to submit a protest during competition.
- 2018 Summer Games Locations:
 - Dimond High School** – basketball (traditional & unified), track and field, powerlifting, Healthy Athletes
 - Dimond High Pool (*tentative*)** – aquatics
 - Arctic Gymnastics** – gymnastics

* Can be found on the Special Olympics Alaska webpage inside the sport training and competition link.