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Special Olympics Prince Edward Island (SOPEI) will make an effort to provide a competition or camp for each official sport. This effort will be made in each program year regardless of where the organization falls within the competition cycle.

COMPETITIVE SPORT SELECTION:

Athletes who wish to follow the competitive pathway can identify up to one (1) Summer and one (1) Winter competitive sport from the list of official sports (Policy 5000-20) offered by SOPEI. Athletes must identify their competitive sport during the registration period (Policy 5000-18) a minimum of one (1) year in advance of the Provincial Games/Championships. Athletes must comply with policy 6000-01 to submit their identified competitive sport for Summer and/or Winter.

PROVINCIAL GAMES/CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Provincial Games/Championships will be offered in each official sport where there is at least one registered athlete who has identified it as their competitive sport. Provincial Games/Championships will occur a minimum of one program year in advance of the National Games/Championships for those sports. An effort will be made to group sports however there may be circumstances that require a sport to be offered on its own.

If there is more than one Provincial Games or Championships held in the same cycle (Summer or Winter) an athlete is only eligible to participate in the one competitive sport in which the identified as their selected competitive sport. By participating in the Provincial Games/Championships an athlete is eligible to continue the selection process for National Games. See policy 6000-01 for more information.

If the eligible athlete list exceeds venue capacity for a sport, affiliates and community programs may be provided a quota based on registration numbers to ensure proportional representation. See policy 6000-27 for details.

Provincial Games/Championships Cycle shall run:

 Summer Provincial Games
 Winter Provincial Games

 2021, 2025, 2029, 2033
 2019, 2023, 2027, 2031

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA NATIONAL GAMES/CHAMPIONSHIPS:

National Games/Championships will be offered in each official sport. National Games/Championships will occur the year proceeding the Special Olympics International World Games for those sports. An effort will be made to group sports however there may be circumstances that require a sport to be offered on its own. By participating in the National Games/Championships an athlete is eligible to continue the selection process for World Games. Please refer to Special Olympics Canada Selection Policies.

National Games/Championships Cycle shall run:

 Summer National Games
 Winter National Games

 2022, 2026, 2030, 2034
 2020, 2024, 2028, 2032

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WORLD GAMES/CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Special Olympics International World Games are held every four years.

World Games/Championships Cycle shall run:

 Summer World Games
 Winter World Games

 2019, 2023, 2027, 2031
 2021, 2025, 2029, 2033

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Programs are responsible for ensuring they have up to date medical forms on hand for all athletes at all times during Games/Championships.

Programs will be required to submit athlete allergy and specific medical alerts to staff or the Games Organizing Committee at the time of registration for the Games/Championship.