

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC – ATHLETICS (Track & Field)

Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition

SPORT RULES

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website www.specialolympics.bc.ca at

Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Athletics

RULES - EXCEPTIONS TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA, (SOC) RULES.

Please note that these rule exceptions only apply to Local, Regional, and where noted, Provincial Games. Athletes and coaches must be aware that all competitions outside of the above would be governed by SOC rules and the rules of that Sport's Governing Body.

1. An athlete may participate in the 50 metre running event only at Local and Regional track and field meets. This is a developmental event only and athletes capable of distances longer than 50 metres do not require this event.

DIVISIONING

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is suggested.

1. Local Coaches identify times generated by their athletes at events no earlier than three (3) months prior to the regional qualifier or a personal best time (or distance) within the past year whichever is faster
 - Should an athlete produce a time faster than the seed time submitted to the organizing committee prior to the regional qualifier the coach is obligated to submit the new time to the organizing committee prior to the start of the event.
2. The Competition Coordinator and a SOBC Staff Representative will division athletes based on the Special Olympics Canada Divisioning Process.

FACILITY

The facility must meet all required specifications for long jump, high jump and shot put as they read in the International Amateur Athletics Federation's, (IAAF) Handbook.

In addition to the facility requirements detailed in the IAAF Handbook the following should be kept in mind when securing an appropriate facility:

- Access to 6-8 lane synthetic surface track
- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Separate changing facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.
- Access to shelter in the event of inclement weather.

SPORT OFFICIALS

Due to the technical nature of the sport of athletics the following officials, (refer to attached form) must be in place prior to applying for sanctioning from the Provincial Office, (form must be included with the application for sanctioning). For assistance in recruiting individuals appropriate for these roles please contact the SOBC Provincial Office. Brief job descriptions for each of these positions can be found in the SOBC Event Planning Guide for athletics.

REGISTRATION ENTRY FORM (Excel)

Please email jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca for an excel template to use for your registration form.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Special Olympics Canada has established Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) for the following Athletics events: 1500M, 3000M, 5000M and 10,000M.

Event	Qualifying Time (Female)	Qualifying Time (Male)
1500M	10:44	8:50
3000M	24:58	19:42
5000M	44:04	36:38
10,000M	1:40.22	1:17.24

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at sanctioned Special Olympics BC Athletics competition.

- Four (4) First Aid attendants - (standard certification)

**Special Olympics BC – Track & Field
Primary Officials Registration Form**

The Officials listed on this form must be certified under the 'Official Certification Program' of their respective National/Provincial Sport Organisation. Officials not presently registered with Special Olympics BC must complete the 'Special Olympics BC – One Day Volunteer Form' to be covered under the organisations insurance policy.

POSITION	NAME	HOME TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
Meet Referee				
Track Referee				
Field Referee				

