



### **Procedure for 2023 SO World Games Athlete Selection from SOBC**

The following was developed by a working group of SOBC athletes, volunteers, and staff, in consultation with SOC and Chapters across Canada.

#### **Individual sports:** (swimming, track & field)

- 1<sup>st</sup> consideration – Event & gender
  - SOBC has been given specific events by gender within each individual sports. Only athletes who compete in those events can be considered.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration – Time Standards
  - To be considered for selection, athletes must meet the time standards set out by Special Olympics Canada
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration – Endorsement
  - All athletes must meet the SOC endorsement policy.

All first-place winners who meet the above criteria would go into a hat for a draw to select BC's submission.

#### **Team sports:** (basketball, soccer, bocce)

- 1<sup>st</sup> consideration – Gender
  - We have been provided with gender quotas for these sports so must fill those.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration – Top tier
  - SOC and Chapters have agreed that athletes for team sports must come from our top tier teams (A team or high B team). This is for athlete safety. It would be difficult if C level players were placed on a team with A level players.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration – Endorsement
  - All athletes must meet the SOC endorsement policy.

Scouts with knowledge of the sports will be at qualifiers and will identify athletes who meet the “top tier” level that Special Olympics Canada has identified for consideration. Those names will go in a hat for a draw to select BC's submission.

#### **Other sports:** (10-pin bowling, powerlifting, golf, rhythmic gymnastics)

- 1<sup>st</sup> consideration – Gender
  - We have been provided with gender quotas for these sports so must fill those.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> consideration – Endorsement
  - All athletes must meet the SOC endorsement policy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration – 10-pin bowling
  - Top 10 scores will be put in a hat



- 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration – powerlifting
  - All athletes who did three lifts
  - All athletes who come first in their weight class will go into a hat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> consideration – rhythmic gymnastics & golf
  - All gold-medal winners in the selected level go into a hat

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Facebook Live will be used to do the selection of all individuals being recommended to move forward to ensure transparency.

Special Olympics Canada has established Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) for two summer sports (athletics and swimming) in order to ensure fair and meaningful competition for each participating athlete. MQS have only been established for longer distance events and the specifications are outlined in the respective technical packages. Athletes will be required to meet the minimum times in order to be eligible to qualify for the Special Olympics Canada Summer Games 2022.

### **Athletics**

Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) have been established for the following events: 1500M, 3000M, 5000M and 10,000M.

Distance	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

### **Swimming**

Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) have been established for the following events: 200M Freestyle, 400M Freestyle, 800M Freestyle, 1500M Freestyle, 200M Backstroke, 200M Breaststroke, 200M Butterfly and the 200M Individual Medley.

Distance	Qualifying Time (Female)	Qualifying Time (Male)
200M Freestyle	5:24	4:22
400M Freestyle	11:38	9:14
800M Freestyle	23:28	19:10
1500M Freestyle	44:20	35:46
200M Backstroke	6:34	5:20
200M Breaststroke	7:14	5:52
200M Butterfly	7:20	4:46
200M Individual Medley	6:34	4:50