



TEAM BC 2020

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
BRITISH COLUMBIA**



**TEAM BC
INVITES
FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS
TO
BE A FAN!!**

**2020 SPECIAL OLYMPICS CANADA
WINTER GAMES
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO**

FEBRUARY 25TH TO 29TH

STILL TIME.....

There is still time to register with the Games Organizing Committee so that you can get all the information on Families programs. Deadline is November 29th! Just go to
www.specialolympics2020.com/friends-family/
to purchase Team BC Families & Friends apparel and tickets to the Families & Friends Dinner!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 6:00PM Dinner

The cost of dinner tickets will be \$20.00 and is limited to the first 500 tickets! Purchase tickets on the Families and Friends link on the Games website. It'll be a staple of Thunder Bay's culture- a buffet-style Italian supper so don't miss out!!

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TEAM BC MEDICAL...WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW!

Team BC will be travelling with Medical Mission Staff member Carla Zilkowsky. Carla has over 30 years of experience as a Registered Nurse and Paramedic, so be assured our team will be in great hands should any medical issues arise!

While at the Games, the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) will have poly clinics set up to deal with all medical issues. Should an athlete require hospitalization, the GOC's medical team will make the call and, along with the Team BC mission staff and medical officer will transport the athlete to hospital (if it is an emergency, they will call the ambulance).

Once the athlete has been looked at and an assessment made, depending on what is found, the Best Contact for the athlete will be notified. If you are at the Games, every attempt will be made to contact you once the assessment has been made!

If you have any questions about the medical procedures of Team BC, don't hesitate to contact Michelle Cruickshank, **Chef de Mission** at games@specialolympics.bc.ca

MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE RULE (MPR)

For our Supporters attending Games, we want to provide some information on some competition processes that will be in effect at the Games. For these Games, MPR will apply to the sports of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and speedskating, all events that will have both a preliminary and then final race.

One of the unique things about Special Olympics competition is that athletes are placed in “divisions” so they compete against athletes of similar ability. People often refer to divisioning as creating the best competition in sport. However, in reality, the athletes must be putting in their best effort, or maximum performance, at all times and that is why MPR was created.

MPR comes in effect if an athlete improves on their preliminary time in the final event by 15% or greater. In such cases the MPR would re-division the athlete into the correct division as indicated by their final time. Although the athlete would still win a medal if their time warrants in the new division, they will not receive any selection points for that event to advance for selection to higher levels of competition.

If you would like more information about Divisioning and the Maximum Performance Rule (MPR) please contact Michelle Cruickshank, **Chef de Mission** at games@specialolympics.bc.ca

REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM GAMES AFTER COMPETITION

If any families are planning to remove their athlete(s) after the Games, there is a form that is required to be completed by Jan 15/2020. You can find this form on the SOBC website. Click on the Team BC link, click the “Request to Remove” link to get the form!! Please do this immediately if you haven’t done so as flights will soon be booked

TEAM BC SUPPORTERS/FANS CODE OF CONDUCT

For these Games, Team BC has developed a Supporters/Fans Code of Conduct. While every Manager, Mission Staff, Coach, and Athlete has signed and acknowledged a Team BC Code of Conduct, we are implementing a Supporters/Fans Code of Conduct. This will be sent to everyone that registers as a supporter to read and acknowledge to bring in line with the rest of the team, as you are part of Team BC!

We want to be sure that these newsletters provide you with the information you need to have a great games experience. Please don’t hesitate to contact Steve Oliver at soliver2@telus.net or Jason Yan at region6sobc@gmail.com with your questions and we’ll make sure we share the answers.

Team BC Supporter’s merchandise will be available for purchase starting Wednesday Oct 23rd from the SOBC Team BC site!