

2018 Summer Games Sports Webinar Transcript

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Greetings, and welcome to this webinar reviewing important information and changes for the 8 sports taking place at the 2018 Summer Games. Before we begin, let's go over some housekeeping items.

First, the duration of this webinar will be approximately 15 minutes.

Second, this webinar will primarily consist of photos and maps so much of the information will be verbalized to you. Don't feel like you have to take notes. The transcript of this webinar is also available online in our Resource Library.

Third, this webinar only focuses on changes and important points of emphasis. We will not cover every aspect of each competition taking place during the Games. For additional details, I highly recommend that you check out our online Resource Library where you'll find sports schedules, other webinars, and helpful information to plan your weekend.

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Next, let me introduce myself. I am Patrick Kozlowski, the Manager of Sports Programs for Special Olympics Indiana. I coordinate bocce, horseshoes, powerlifting, swimming, and volleyball at Summer Games.

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Scott Mingle is our Director of Sports & Competition. For Summer Games, he serves as the Games Director on top of coordinates bowling, medical services, and transportation.

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Mike Hasch is our new Director of Programs. This will be his first Summer Games on staff, so be sure to introduce yourself to him throughout the weekend. Mike coordinates cycling and track and field.

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Let's start off by going over where each sport is located. There are a few venues that are off-campus and not shown on this map. Bowling is spread across two venues which are off-campus. Terre Haute Bowl is approximately 4 miles south of campus off of US-41, and there is no transportation provided to or from this venue. The second bowling venue is Vigo Bowl. Vigo Bowl does have a dedicated bus route that runs to and from campus. Horseshoes takes place at Collett Park, located 2 miles north of campus. There is no transportation provided for Collett Park. The last off-campus venue is Rose-Hulman, which hosts our swimming competition. There is a bus route from campus that runs to and from Rose-Hulman.

Now we'll cover the on-campus sports venues. The yellow line shown is US-41/3rd Street and it's the dividing line for what we call Main Campus and West Campus. We'll use these terms when referring to the location of these venues. Bocce has a new venue this year at Marks Field, which is on Main Campus just left of center on your screen. For those of you who have been around for a few years, this is the same location as the old Marks Field track. Cycling takes place at Rec East, located on the right edge of this map on Main Campus. There is no transportation provided to Rec East. Powerlifting is back in the weight room this year. The weight room is located in the HHS Building seen on the center of your screen. Volleyball is in its usual home at the Rec Center. The Rec Center is towards the top of your

screen on Main Campus. Lastly, track and field is spread across two venues. Gibson Track is on West Campus and seen on the far left of your screen. Since the North Gym is under construction this year, track and field will also be using the Rec Center, located on Main Campus towards the top of your screen.

As you can see, our sports venues are very spread out geographically. I highly recommend you watch the General Summer Games Webinar to better familiarize yourself with our transportation plan for the Games. Although I mentioned minor details here, that webinar contains important transportation information that will be helpful in planning for the Games.

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Before we start talking about each sport, I want to show you the shirts that our venue managers and captains will be wearing over the weekend. The light blue shirt is what our venue managers will wear. This is the person who oversees each particular sport venue. The green shirt is what our venue captains will be wearing. The captains work with the venue manager to keep competition running smoothly and to help solve issues that arise. If a competition related issue comes up, these are the people that your head coach may speak with to address the concern. Each venue has its own manager and captains, so your head coach should speak with the team overseeing the venue in which the issue arose. It's important to keep in mind that all of our venue managers and captains are volunteering their weekend to help run Summer Games. Be sure to thank them for their help, and please be courteous when addressing any concerns with them.

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Now, let's start talking about the 8 sports taking place at the 2018 Summer Games. Bocce is in a new venue for the sport, but a venue that many of us are familiar with from past years. Marks Field will be the new home for bocce competition. The old track at Marks Field is gone leaving a spacious green area. The venue managers and captains are Al Capuano, Briana Harrison, Whitney Kozlowski, Rachel McFadden, Walt Peycha, and Pat Walter. On Friday, we'll start with a mandatory coaches meeting at 12pm at the bocce operations tent at Marks Field. Following the coaches meeting, competition will begin promptly at 1:00pm. On Saturday, competition will run from 8:30am to 12pm. We'll then take a lunch break before resuming competition at 1:30pm. On Sunday, competition will begin at 8:30am and finish up around 11:00am. Bocce will run on a tight schedule this year, so be sure to look up athletes' divisions and schedules prior to arriving at Summer Games. We'll touch base on where to find important sports information and schedules a little bit later.

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Since Bocce is moving back outdoors, and Marks Field provides a lot of extra space, we will allow the setup of tents to provide a team camp area. Tents may be setup against the fence that runs along US-41/3rd Street and Chestnut Street. This area is shaded in red. There will be markings painted into the grass showing how far your team camp may protrude from the fence line. Space will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Each program is responsible for transporting and setting up their own equipment. We recommend that you pack up your gear at the end of each night as this is not a secure location. Special Olympics Indiana and Indiana State University will not be responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

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Bowling takes place at two venues, Vigo Bowl and Terre Haute Bowl. Remember that Terre Haute Bowl does not have any transportation to or from the venue. The venue managers and captains for Vigo Bowl

are Cinda Milan, Tharon Geckeler, and Tom Adams. The venue managers and captains for Terre Haute Bowl are Jodi Moan, Phil Cooper, Mindy Schultz, and Jan Feuquay. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting at both venues beginning at 12pm on Friday. Each county program has been assigned to specific sessions at the venues, so please be sure to double check your venue assignments and schedule prior to arriving at the Games.

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Rec East is home to the sport of Cycling. Remember that there is no transportation to or from Rec East. The venue managers for cycling are Cindi and Ken Hart, along with track announcer Al Perone. Cycling has a mandatory coaches meeting on Friday at 12pm in the Rec East conference room. Following the meeting, competition will begin and go until approximately 5pm. On Saturday, competition will run from 8am to approximately 6pm, with a lunch break tentatively from 11:30am to 1:30pm. There are a few important reminders for cycling. Coaches are responsible for the safety check of their cyclists' equipment, including the helmet, which will take place at 12:30pm on Friday. Bib numbers must be attached to all competitors' bikes and are picked up by the HOD during delegation check-in at Burford Hall. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to pick-up bib numbers from your HOD and get to the venue before the coaches meeting. If a bib number is lost, replacements are available at the Rec East conference room. Only the head coach or HOD will be issued a new bib number. The cost for bib replacements is \$25 per bib and will be assessed to the county program after the Games.

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Horseshoes takes place at Collett Park and does not have any transportation to or from the venue. The venue managers and captains are Keri Asher, Barb Funkhouser, Dennis Funkhouser, Bob Laney, and Jimmy Richardson. There will be a coaches meeting at 12pm on Friday followed by competition. The coaches meeting will take place at the horseshoes operations center next to the horseshoes pits. On Saturday, competition will run from 9am until approximately 2pm with a lunch break built in.

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Powerlifting will be back at its normal home inside the weight room in the HHS Building. The venue managers and captains for Powerlifting are Becki Newby, Bill Newby, and Dave McMannus. Friday begins at 12pm with weigh-ins and a mandatory coaches meeting for athletes competing in weight classes up to 183 pounds for males and 158 pounds for females. Warm-ups and competition will begin following the coaches meeting. Athletes in weight classes above 184 pounds for males and 159 pounds for females will compete on Saturday. Our newest event in Powerlifting, the Unified competition, will also take place on Saturday. For Saturday competition, weigh-ins will take place at 9am followed by a mandatory coaches meeting. If you have athletes competing on both days, both of these meetings are mandatory. Following the coaches meeting on Saturday, warm-ups and competition will begin.

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Swimming is hosted on the campus of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at their Aquatics Center. The venue managers and captains for swimming are Tori Gregory, Kevin Hedrick, Eliot VanVelzen, Tanya Wiseman, and Lorrie Woycik. Like last year, we will start competition a little bit later than normal. This is meant to give swimmers a better opportunity to experience Olympic Town, Healthy Athletes, and Souvenirs. Friday's coaches meeting will now take place at 1pm, staging will begin at 1:15pm, and competition will begin at 1:30pm. Saturday and Sunday's schedules will be the same as last year. Saturday will run from 8:30am to 5pm with a lunch break in the middle of the day. Sunday will begin at 8:30am and end around noon. Swimming runs on a tight schedule so it's imperative you look up swimmers' events and heats prior to the Games. We will make staging announcements throughout the

venue to call athletes to staging. Please keep an ear tuned for those announcements. For additional details on your stay at Rose-Hulman or the swimming competition, please watch the Rose-Hulman & Swimming Webinar.

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Track & Field takes place at Gibson Track and the Student Rec Center. Due to the renovation of the North Gym, the 400m Walk on Friday will now be held in the grassy area of the Gibson Track & Field Complex. This area is north of the track and the site of our throwing events. The Level 1 and Level M events will compete in the Student Rec Center, site of our Volleyball venue. Coaches, please note that the 400m Walk is in grass. Please note that the 50m distances of Level 1 will now be “down & back” – competitors will travel 25-meters down, perform a 180-degree turn, then return to the 25-meter distance to the finish line. Please prepare your athletes properly. Because Track & Field is such a large component of Summer Games, it has its own webinar. For more in-depth Track & Field information, please watch the Track & Field Webinar.

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Volleyball will be hosted in its usual venue at the Rec Center. Maddy Carter, Sydney Eggers, and Caitlin Kane make up the venue managers and captains for this sport. On Friday, we will have a coaches meeting at 12:30pm in the Rec Center. Then, at 1pm, we will start evaluation games. All volleyball teams are required to be in the Rec Center for these evaluation games. The volleyball management team will call teams out on the court 2 at a time, evaluate them, and place them into divisions. The divisions and schedules for the rest of the weekend will be posted at the entrance to the Rec Center on Friday evening. On Saturday, competition starts at 9am with round robin matches. Towards the end of Saturday’s competition, we will begin the semifinals for medal round matches. On Sunday, at 8:30am, final games for medal round matches begin.

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If you would like to download sports schedules or rules, you may find them in our online Resource Library under the Summer Games tab. Sports schedules will be posted under each sport as they become available, along with any other pertinent information. We highly recommend you review rules and schedules prior to arriving at the Games. Additionally, the Resource Library will contain other webinars on various Summer Games topics that will be useful in planning for your trip.

If you have any sport specific questions between now and the Games, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the appropriate staff person directly. For a list of responsibilities, either review this webinar or visit Page 6 of the Program Information Guide. Page 6 also contains staff email addresses.

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Thank you for watching this webinar. We wish all of our athletes and Unified partners the best of luck during the 2018 Summer Games! We look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you safe travels to Terre Haute!