

## **2018 Summer Games Rose-Hulman & Swimming Webinar Transcript**

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Greetings, and welcome to this webinar reviewing important information and changes for Rose-Hulman & Swimming at the 2018 Summer Games. Before we begin, let's go over some housekeeping items.

First, the duration of this webinar will be approximately 10 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 your stay at Rose-Hulman or the swimming competition. For additional details, I highly recommend that you check out all of our other webinars which are posted online in our Resource Library.

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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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Julie Burkholder is our Regional Manager for Northeast Indiana. She'll be overseeing registration and delegation services at Rose-Hulman, as well as helping out with all of the fun games and activities in Swim City.

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Buzz Lail is our Regional Manager for Northwest Indiana and oversees the operation of the various activities that take place in Swim City throughout the weekend.

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Before we get into information on swimming competition, I want to give you some arrival details. Check-in for Rose-Hulman takes place at Lakeside Hall, marked by a green star on this map. You will need to take the route marked with a green line to get to Lakeside Hall. Rose-Hulman is still doing a little construction on the student union which causes the road just north of the student union to be closed. This closure is marked with a red line on this map. The student union is marked with a red star on this map. Now there's no need to worry...even with the construction, the student union will be open for meal service during our stay.

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Now that you've arrived at Rose-Hulman, it's time to talk about important information for the swimming competition and everything else going on during the Games. Here is the overall schedule for the weekend's competition. You'll notice that like last year, we are not starting competition until 1:30pm on Friday. We want our swimmers to have a chance to get over to Olympic Town and Healthy Athletes which will both be opening at 10:00am on Friday. Worried about the long lines at Healthy Athletes?

Swimmers will receive priority in the Healthy Athletes lines on Friday...your swimming credential will act as a fast pass.

For more information on Healthy Athletes, please watch the Healthy Athletes Webinar. For more information on Olympic Town, please watch the General Summer Games Webinar.

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If your county program has a bus, or if you have your own transportation, I highly recommend you use those to get over to Olympic Town. We will have two buses that each makes a trip to drop off swimmers, but they have a limited seating capacity. You can catch these buses at the swimming bus stop which is located just outside the Aquatics Center and is marked with a blue star on this map. One bus will leave from this location at 9:30am, and the second bus will leave from this location at 9:45am.

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Olympic Town is marked by a red star on this map. If you ride the Special Olympics-provided bus over from Rose-Hulman, it will drop you off at the Red Bus Stop located at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets. This is just north of Olympic Town making for an easy walk. For those of you bringing your own bus or vehicle over, you may drop people off at the Blue Bus Stop on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets. From here, you can complete the short walk over to Olympic Town. After drop off, buses **MUST** park in either of the parking lots marked with yellow stars on this map.

It's also important to note a few road closures for your planning. 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed from Marks Field down to Olympic Town. Chestnut Street will be closed between US-41/3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. These closures are marked by a red line on the map. Please plan accordingly and pass this along to the person coordinating your transportation.

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When you're finished up in Olympic Town, you'll need to get back to Rose-Hulman using our normal bus routes if you did not use your own form of transportation. This picture shows our bus routes that will be running throughout the Games. Olympic Town is still marked with a red star. From Olympic Town, simply walk to the Blue Bus Stop at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets to catch the bus back to Rose-Hulman. If you came over to Olympic Town using your own transportation, your ride can also pick you up at the Blue Bus Stop.

For more information on transportation, including transportation from Rose-Hulman to Opening Ceremonies and Festival of Champions, please watch the General Summer Games Webinar.

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Now that we've covered how you'll get to and from Olympic Town, let's cover a few other important pieces of information. The blue star where the bus dropped you off is directly in front of the Aquatics Center entrance. The red star marks the location that our souvenir mobile store will use on Saturday morning. Souvenirs will be available from 8:30am to 10:30am on Saturday. We'll have a smaller selection than what's available at Olympic Town, so get those items while they're hot!

As you go inside the Aquatics Center, you'll see our information desk on your left. This desk will be run by Julie Burkholder, and you'll want to go here if you have any questions throughout the day. This is also where coaches and families can pick up heat sheets.

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Swim City is an area for athletes to hang out and have fun while their not competing. It's located on the lower level of the Aquatics Center. From here, you'll also be able to watch the swimming awards ceremonies. On Friday, volunteers from Finish Line will be back again to run some games and activities. Throughout the rest of the weekend, Buzz Lail and Julie Burkholder will take over and keep the excitement going. While Swim City won't be a replica of Olympic Town, Buzz and Julie have worked hard to enhance the experience for our swimmers and we hope they enjoy some of the new activities.

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While there will be a lot of exciting things going on, it's important to remember that competition will still be running. There will be staging announcements to let athletes know when it's time for them to report to staging. We will call for the event and heat numbers that should report to staging. For example, you might hear, "Now staging for the Boys 25 Yard Freestyle, Heats 1, 2, and 3." Athletes in those three heats should then report to staging. Heat sheets will be posted in Swim City if you need to check which heats an athlete is in. An example of what a heat sheet looks like is currently showing on your screen. In addition to announcements, there will be a TV screen listing which heats are currently being staged. The swimming competition runs on a tight schedule, so please look up swimmers' heats ahead of time, and keep an ear tuned for these announcements.

For heat sheets, as well as other sports schedules, please visit the Summer Games section of our Resource Library.

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We hope that you enjoy your experience at Rose-Hulman during the 2018 Summer Games. If you have any questions on the information that was covered, please don't hesitate to reach out to me before Summer Games. My email address can be found on Page 6 of the Program Information Guide.

Thank you for watching this webinar. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Safe travels to Terre Haute.