

2019 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 2019 Summer Games. Before we begin, let's go over some housekeeping items.

First, the duration of this webinar will be approximately 25 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. You can contact me for questions about 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 coordinating bowling, medical services, and transportation.

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Mike Hasch is our Director of Programs. Reach out to Mike about questions regarding cycling, track and field.

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If you haven't heard, this is our 50th Anniversary at Special Olympics Indiana! We are excited to give our athletes a better chance to experience all the different activities available at Olympic Town and Healthy Athletes. To do this we have made quite a few changes to the sport schedules, which will be covered in this webinar. In addition, pay close attention in this webinar to information about two of the commemorative medal distribution points, which will take place at track & field and swimming. We are looking forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary with all of our athletes, coaches, and volunteers! For more information on all of the exciting things happening for the 50th Anniversary, check out the Special Events Webinar.

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To help distribute information more quickly, we'll be using a text alert system again for the Games. To opt-in, text "50Years", no spaces, to 84483. We purge the list of numbers after each year, so if you signed up for this service last year, you'll need to opt-in again. We'll use this system to distribute important games information such as sports schedules, weather updates, souvenirs, and more. We highly recommend everyone attending the Games opt-in to these alerts. If you no longer want to receive the alerts, simply text "Stop" to 84483.

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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 is at Marks Field again, 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 CHHS 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. After receiving a renovation, the North Gym will again be utilized for Level 1 and Level M track and field events. The North Gym is located inside the CHHS building seen on the center of the screen.

As you can see, our sports venues are very spread out geographically. I highly recommend you watch the Transportation 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 cover details about each sport, I want to talk about our venue managers and captains. Our venue managers will wear the pink shirts you see. Our venue captains will be wearing royal blue shirts. The venue manager and captains work 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 2019 Summer Games. Bocce is returning to Marks Field this year. The venue managers and captains are, Al Capuano, Briana Harrison, Whitney Kozlowski, Rachel McFadden, Savannah Vaughn and Pat Walter. Take note that Bocce is one of the many sports that has a schedule change. All teams from each delegation will be assigned to Session A or Session B. Session A takes place Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Session B takes place Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. While Session A is in competition, Session B will be off, and vice versa. On Friday, we will start with a mandatory coaches meeting for Session A coaches at 12pm at the bocce operations tent located at Marks Field. Following the coaches meeting, competition will begin promptly at 1:00pm. Session A will wrap up on Saturday morning with competition running 8:30am to 12:00pm.

Saturday afternoon there will be a mandatory meeting for Session B coaches at the bocce operations tent located at Marks Field beginning at 12:30pm. Session B competition will then begin at 1:30pm. On Sunday, Session B competition will begin at 8:30am and finish up around 12:00pm. 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 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. You will not be able to drive vehicles up to Marks Field, so do not plan on vehicular transportation to transport your items to Marks Field. 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, Tom Adams, and Becky Pear. 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. 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. Please take notice that Horseshoes is another sport with a schedule change this year. Horseshoes competition will be one-day only and takes place on Saturday. There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30am on Saturday followed by competition. Doubles competition will run from 9am until approximately 12:30pm with Singles competition beginning after lunch.

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Powerlifting will be back at its normal home inside the weight room in the CHHS Building. The venue managers and captains for Powerlifting are Becki Newby, Bill Newby, and Dave McMannus. Powerlifting is another sport that has a schedule change. There will be NO lifting on Friday. Instead, Friday will have weigh-ins for ALL athletes at 12pm and a mandatory coaches meeting for ALL delegations at 1pm. The lifting schedule for the rest of the weekend will be based on the results of weigh-ins. Lifting will now take place on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday was not typically used for lifting, so plan accordingly as you may have lifters competing on Sunday. The lifting schedule will be available as soon as possible Friday evening.

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Swimming is hosted on the campus of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at their Aquatics Center. For those of you housed at Rose-Hulman, check-in 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. As in past years, the road just north of the student union is closed to vehicular traffic. This section of closed road is marked with a red line on the map. The student union is marked with a red star, and this is where you'll go for meals. Swimming competition takes place in the aquatics center, marked by a blue star. If you need to catch a bus over to ISU, they'll pick you up and drop you off at the entrance to the aquatics center. Be sure to watch the Transportation Webinar for more information on our bus routes for the Games.

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Now that you've arrived at Rose-Hulman, let's go over some quick competition information. The venue managers and captains for swimming are Tori Gregory, Kevin Hedrick, Eliot Van Velzen, Tanya Wiseman, and Lorrie Woycik. Julie Burkholder is our Regional Manager for Northeast Indiana and she oversees registration and delegation services at Rose-Hulman, as well as helping out with all of the fun games and activities in Swim City. See Julie at the aquatics center desk for questions or to pickup heat sheets. 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.

Swimming has a big competition schedule change this year. There will be no competition on Saturday afternoon. The order of events is the same as last year, and we'll still use a prelims and finals format for our 25 and 50 yard events. The change is that all relays and events 100 yards or more are now direct finals. On Friday, awards for direct finals will start to be distributed as the 4x25 Freestyle Relay begins. On Saturday morning, awards for direct finals will be distributed as each heat finishes. On Sunday, awards will be given for all heats as they finish. We will have a mandatory coaches meeting on Friday at 1pm where we will outline these changes and give you further instructions. The coaches meeting will take place in the multipurpose room located in the lower level of the aquatics center.

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Swimming runs on a tight schedule so it's imperative you look up swimmers' events and heats prior to the Games. 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 Girls 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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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, and there will be additional activities taking place on Saturday. Swim City will also be where athletes can pick up their 50th Anniversary commemorative medal! Athletes should go to the racquetball court with their credential to get the medal. No medals will be given without a credential, and they are for athletes ONLY! Athletes can pickup their medals on Friday from 1pm to 5pm, or on Saturday from 9am to 12pm. Don't have a chance to get your medal at Rose-Hulman? Don't worry! You can pick it up at Olympic Town throughout the day on Saturday, or at the dance that night!

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Track & Field takes place at Gibson Track and will be back in the newly renovated North Gym. The 400m walk on Friday will now be held on Saturday afternoon, and has been moved to Gibson Track & Field surface. The Level 1 and Level M events will compete in the North Gym. A representative from each delegation must attend the mandatory coaches meeting on Friday at 12pm in the north staging tent at Gibson Track.

Here's a glimpse of the competition schedule for Gibson Track. With as many races and divisions as we have at Summer Games, the track & field schedule is actually 3 schedules. We will have one for the Gibson Track running and walking events, one for Gibson Track's field events, and one for the Level 1 and Level M events at the North Gym. Please note the changes to the new schedule as shown in **RED**. Same as last year, we will list the staging times for each event and each division. **DO NOT** arrive to the staging tent **BEFORE** this staging time. Finally, divisions will compete ahead of the posted start times only if all competitors have arrived. While we will stage a division up to the start time, we ask that you arrive at the staging time or just after the staging time. **DO NOT** wait until the start time. Some events have prelims and finals. After the prelims, our finish line crew will work on the new divisions. But we will not post the new divisions until after that track session has concluded. The new divisions will be posted at the 2 Info Tents. In addition, each evening, the new divisions will be posted at Delegation Services within Burford Hall.

Finally, within these events, some gender/age groups do not have sufficient numbers to warrant both prelims and finals. If so, they will be run as finals only and will run during the time that the other gender/age groups are running their prelims. Check the schedule for notification of when this occurs. Track & field will use Gibson Track for Level 2 and 3 events Friday thru Sunday and North Gym for our Level 1 and Level M events on Saturday.

In the field events, we will allow competitors to perform 3 **CONSECUTIVE** attempts. The exception is the running long jump. In that event, competitors will alternate.

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Athletes will have credentials, but we prefer that athletes and partners **DO NOT** wear them into the staging tent or during competition. Instead, and as we have done for some years now, competitors will have bib numbers. Keep this number throughout the weekend! Wear it on the front and outer most layer of the uniform. Each athlete and each partner will be given 4 safety pins. Please use all 4. Your

head of delegation will pick up the bib numbers at delegation check-in at Burford Hall. If you lose it, seek a replacement at the volunteer tent at Gibson Track. Replacement bibs are \$25, and only the HOD or head coach may request a replacement bib.

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Gates are outlined here in a purplish circle and are labeled Gates A through E. For track & field competition, we will utilize 3 different staging tents. The east staging tent is located near Gates B and C. The east tent will be for all running, walking, and wheelchair events on the track, including THE 400m WALK. The west staging tent location will be in the middle of the backstretch. It will be used to stage the running long jump on Friday. The north staging tent, located in the grassy field, will be used to stage for the shot put, softball throw, mini-javelin throw, and standing long jump. The north tent is best accessed through Gates D and E. For awards, we will use 2 stations. The track awards will be for any event taking place on **BLUE** – meaning the track. This includes the running long jump. The field awards will be for any event taking place in **GREEN** – meaning the grassy field. In addition to being used for competition, our north and west staging tents will also be used for the 50th Anniversary commemorative medal distribution. Athletes can come to the north staging tent on Friday from 1pm to 5pm. On Saturday, commemorative medals may be picked up from 9am to 5pm at the west staging tent. On Sunday, we'll also be in the west staging tent from 9am to 12pm. Remember that these commemorative medals are for athletes only, and athletes must have their credential present to receive the medal.

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The red **"X"** marks the location you can drop off your team camp equipment and supplies. Francie Smith, our Southern Regional Manager, will have a crew assisting her on Friday morning. That crew will deliver your equipment to your team camp for you. Just get it here, and she'll take it from there. Each team camp area will be 16 feet by 16 feet. We project space available for 50 team camps. Team camps have been distributed on a first come, first served basis via a registration process.

For Saturday lunch only, Indiana State University is willing to bring box lunches to you and your delegation. Now, this isn't an "all or nothing" situation. If you have some athletes who do not compete Saturday morning, don't have them come over to west campus for lunch. Have them go to the dining area as always. The box lunch option is for those athletes and coaches who will be at track & field until late morning on Saturday. Or perhaps they have to return in the early afternoon for another event. Order a few box lunches and don't worry about the round-trip. Pick up your box lunches at the location marked by a crossed fork and knife on the upper part of your screen. This is in the Annex parking lot. Then, take them back to your team camp.

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Regarding water, we will have it available under each awards tent and each info tent at the Gibson Track. With water, we ask that athletes, coaches, and Games volunteers come to Summer Games with water bottles. For Gibson Track, the finish line building has restrooms on the first floor. And we will have portable restrooms near Gate A and the west staging tent. As for medical personnel and athletic trainers, they will be located in a tent near the finish line.

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Volleyball will be hosted in its usual venue at the Rec Center. Maddy Carter, Kaylee Carter, Lydia Dessauer, and Caitlin Kane make up the venue managers and captains for this sport. It's important to note that volleyball is another sport that has a schedule change from last year. Teams will be split into Session A and Session B. While Session A has pool play, Session B will be off and vice versa. On Friday,

we will have a coaches meeting for Session A coaches at 12:30pm in the Rec Center. Then, at 1pm, we will start Session A pool play games. Teams in Session B are off on Friday. On Saturday, there will be a coaches meeting for Session B coaches at 8:00am. Competition for Session B pool play teams will begin at 8:30am. Session A teams are off on Saturday morning. The divisions and schedules for the rest of the weekend will be available around lunchtime on Saturday. On Saturday afternoon, the semifinals matches will begin at 1:30pm for all teams. On Sunday, at 8:30am, final and consolation 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 are excited to celebrate Special Olympics Indiana's 50th Anniversary with all athletes, unified partners, coaches, and spectators! We wish all of our athletes and Unified partners the best of luck during the 2019 Summer Games! We look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you safe travels to Terre Haute!