



**SOEE MINIMUM STANDARDS
FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS
ATHLETES SELECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN
MULTINATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

SO NATIONAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- SO National Director and Sports Director are responsible for appropriate athlete (athletes from every level of ability) and coach selection for multinational games and competitions according to SOI Sports Rules, Article 1, and Section AA.
- SO Programs Sports Director/ Coordinator is responsible for creating a Selection Committee to organize and oversee the selection process.
- SO Sports Director is responsible for providing all necessary information and materials referring to the competition to the selected coaches.

ATHLETES SELECTION

- All athletes selected for multinational Special Olympics games and competitions:
 - a) Must have been trained according to Special Olympics and NGB rules for at least 6 months
 - b) Should have participated in the same sport in the program's National Special Olympics games (if national games are held in the country within three years before the competition) before the selection procedure.
- SO Program Sports Director/ Coordinator is responsible for distribution and explanation of SOI sports rules (including Article 1) to all the coaches participating in SO Programs who want their athletes to be selected to the multinational competitions.

COACHES SELECTION

- SO coaches should be chosen after the athletes have been selected as all coaches have to know the abilities of their athletes
- Selected coaches should be certified by the SO National Program after participation in a Special Olympics training course of minimum duration of 8 hours and have participated as a coach at a National level SO competition.
- Selected coaches should know and understand the SO Mission, Philosophy and Divisioning System before traveling to a multinational competition.
- Selected coaches should have a good knowledge and understanding of (and possess a copy of) the respective IGB sport rules and SO sport rules including Article 1.

SO Program Selection Committee (or other SO Program body/committee) is responsible for ensuring that all the minimum standard requirements listed above are complied with.