



2010 Rule Change Summary

Article I

Change From	Change To
<p>Section A-Sport Rules.3 a. & b.</p> <p>3. Honest Effort Rule.</p> <p>a. If a Competition Manager determines that an athlete or team has not competed with maximum effort in preliminary and/or divisioning rounds with the clear intent to gain an unfair advantage in the divisioning process, he/she has the right to sanction that athlete or team.</p> <p>b. Sanctions may include: Verbal Warning to the player and/or coach, adjusted division placement, final placement or disqualification based on 'unsportsmanlike conduct'.</p>	<p><u>Section I – Special Olympics Divisioning</u></p> <p>7. If a Competition Manager determines that an athlete or team has not competed with maximum effort in preliminary and/or divisioning rounds with the clear intent to gain an unfair advantage in the divisioning process, he/she has the right to sanction that athlete or team. Sanctions may include: Verbal Warning to the player and/or coach, adjusted division placement, final placement or disqualification.</p>
<p>SECTION D — Classification of Special Olympics Sports, 4.</p> <p>Team Handball</p> <p>Speed Skating</p>	<p>SECTION D — Classification of Special Olympics Sports, 4.</p> <p>Handball</p> <p>Short track Speed Skating</p>
<p>Section J. Awards, 1.</p> <p>1. At all Program-Level Games, Regional Games, World Games and any other Games or events, medals shall be presented to the first, second and third-place winners in each event and ribbons shall be presented to athletes who finish in fourth through eighth place. Athletes who are disqualified (<u>for reasons other than unsportsmanlike conduct including violation of the honest effort rule</u>) or who do not finish an event shall be presented with a participation ribbon</p>	<p>Section J. Awards, 1.</p> <p>1. At all Program-Level Games, Regional Games, World Games and any other Games or events, medals shall be presented to the first, second and third-place winners in each event and ribbons shall be presented to athletes who finish in fourth through eighth place. Athletes who are disqualified (for reasons other than unsportsmanlike conduct) or who do not finish an event shall be presented with a participation ribbon.</p>

NOTE: For full detail of Proposed Rule Changes (Accepted and Denied) please contact your Regional Sport Director. This list does not indicate those proposed changes that were not adopted by the Sports Rules Advisory Committee in 2009.