

Special Olympics Italia – Smart Games 2020

To access the SO Italia website about the Games, click on this link:

<http://www.specialolympicsitalia.org/event/special-olympics-italia-smart-games-2020/>

Format:

- SO Italy National Coaches prepared a video for each sport (20)
- The athletes will see the videos, then their coaches will send registrations for the Games
- Athletes and coaches will then send results (posting picture or video)
- They will receive medals (digital first and then if possible the real medal) in June (during the week that the original in-person National Games were due to take place in)

Details of steps being taken to implement the Games:

- Early April – Games logo developed and consulted on with all partners. Already received a lot of excitement via social media.
- 22 April – Zoom-meeting with the regional directors and coaches to explain the concept (+100 pp)
- 29 April – Launch to institutions, press, featuring Special Olympics leaders (+ 1000 people !!!) + invitation to the Prime Minister, Ministry of Sport, President of National Olympic Committee, President of Paralympic, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and of Defense, all the Sport Federations Presidents and the Body of Sport Presidents. SOI Board Member Angelo Moratti to open the meeting.
- 1-10 May registration – will start to receive results, pictures/video posted
- 1-10 May Torch Run in every region (at home)
- 10 May Opening Ceremony (on social media)
- 11-30 May results are sent to National Coaches from Teams Coaches, and photographs and video are posted on social with #smartgames2020
- 1-13 June results
- 14-20 June the athletes will receive certificates. Medals will be sent to the coaches of the teams and they will give the medals to their athletes the first time they meet again with a party. Every athlete will also receive a medal if they can participate in more than one sport (from the 20 sports). The medals will be the same for everybody (not gold, silver...) because medals will just be proof of participation.