



Berlin World Games 2023
Sport Impact Standards Guidelines

Special Olympics





What is Sport Impact Standards?

The Sport Impact Standards are enhanced processes of both written and implemented protocols that produce high quality sports competition. At Special Olympics World Games and International Single Sport Invitational events, the athlete experience is driven by unprecedented standards of quality across four essential pillars: **Optimum Performance Environment, Presentation of Competition, Quota Allocation Refinement, and General Sport Operations.**



Sport Impact Standards | Impact Areas

Developing a Safe, Quality and Dignified Competition.



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**Optimum Performance
Environment**



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**Presentation of
Competition**



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**Quota Allocation
Refinement**



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**General Sport
Operations**

Athletics Badminton Basketball



ATHLETE

Football Swimming Tennis

Enhancing the Athlete Experience | Quality Sport Operations

Impact Area 1 | Optimum Performance Environment

Issues & Solutions

Issue:

A stressful environment for athletes to properly prepare and recover due to insufficient time, space and support to train, warm-up, compete and recover. There too many events and divisions within events to provide sufficient time and resources to ensure athletes can properly prepare themselves in a relaxed manner for performance.

Solution:

The Optimum Performance Environment includes: Proper physical and mental health support, Sufficient space and time before and after competition.



Impact Area 2 |

Presentation of Competition

Digital, New Divisioning Model, Equitable competition, Statistical Highlights

Issues & Solutions

Issues:

Outdated methods of divisioning have not necessarily yielded equitable competition, but have resulted in inaccurate ability assessments from Programs and general external confusion of the competition format.

Lack of digital information infrastructure to directly link the coaches knowledge of their athletes ability level and needs into the design of a world class competitive athlete experience.

Lack of statistics to better dignify the determination and persistence of our athletes training while highlighting their performance in the context of their sport identity and the support network of their coaches, family and friends.



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Solutions:

Digitization of the competition production process, while keeping true to the founding principles of the movement.

Equitable competition driven by advanced ability assessments from coaches, easy to follow competition progression and individual and team statistical performance highlights will enhance the integrity of the event while dignifying the effort of our athletes with compelling content about the resilience and persistence of the Special Olympics Athlete.



Impact Area 3 |

Quota Allocation Refinement

Balanced Participation, Improved Preparation, Level of Performance of Coaches & Athletes

Issues & Solutions

Issues:

Inequitable numbers in terms of gender, level of athletes. Insufficient and/or excessive impacting participation in events/sports (i.e. 1 team in Unified Female Handball & 682 athletes in 100m).

Solutions:

Data driven quota allocation designations based on the real global development of the sport and equity in gender and varying ability levels.

Enhanced athlete support quota with robust criteria standards for head coaches and additional delegation management positions.



Impact Area 4 |

General Sport Operations

Operational documents implemented for SO World Summer Games 2023 Berlin

Enhanced Documents

The following 'Standard Documents' are being enhanced to guarantee higher standards of operations under the Sport Impact Standards Model:

- Competition Scheduling
- Technical Delegate Development
- Unified Sport Delegate Development
- Sport Information Stations
- Coaches Meetings/Sport Specific Webinars
- Technical Officials
- Sports Presentation
- Quota Allocation Operational Plan
- Sports Registration Operational Plan
- Sports Publications (Coaches/Officials Manuals)
- Awards Manual



The Athlete Journey

World Games Operations under Sport Impact Standards

Step 1 | The Registration Process

Coaches select appropriate level at registration or final declaration in advance.

Step 2 | Arrival to the Competition & Quarter Final Race

Athletes are divided in groups of 8, randomly within the level. For example – There are 32 Athletes in Level C (8 athletes are placed in 4 separate divisions).

Quarter Final race is conducted.

Step 3 | Semi Final Race

Athletes are re-divided in groups of 8, based on times from fastest to slowest for Semi Final race. The Semi Final race is conducted.

Step 4 | Final Race

Athletes are re-divided in groups of 8, based on recent results from fastest to slowest for the Final Race. The Final race is conducted and awards are presented to Athletes.





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