



TO: Local Coordinators and Coaches

FROM: Special Olympics Ohio

DATE: November 4, 2016

RE: General Mailing #2

The staff of Special Olympics Ohio would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. In addition to this general information letter, the following are included in this mailing:

- √ 2017 State Winter Games Information
- √ 2017 Sports Directory

**UPCOMING STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES**

**November 16 State Aquatics Meet – Entry Deadline**

December 3-4 State Aquatics Meet – Columbus

**January 11 State Team Basketball – Team Roster Deadline**

**January 12 State Winter Games – Entry Deadline**

February 1-2 State Winter Games – Cuyahoga Valley National Park



## **POLAR PLUNGE – PLUNGE FOR PROCEEDS**

### **2017 Polar Plunge Dates**

January 21, Mosquito Lake, Cortland  
January 28, Thirsty Pony, Sandusky  
February 4, Greater Cincinnati, Belleville  
February 11, Ohio University, Athens  
February 18, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Powell  
February 25, LETR, Cleveland  
March 4, Grand Lake St. Mary's, Celina  
March 11, Caesar's Creek, Waynesville  
March 18, Indian Lake, Lakeview

Don't forget your local Special Olympics programs can benefit from our Polar Plunge events. Local programs will receive 20% of the net that their team raises in a polar plunge. Please note that local programs must adhere to the following set of guidelines to participate. Last year, Special Olympics Ohio shared over \$20,000 to local programs who participated in the plunges.

1. Special Olympics local programs must register their team online and include the program name in the team name, i.e. Gahanna Team So Hot Right Now.
2. All team members must be registered online and must be on one team.
3. Plungers may collect pledges online and offline.
4. The plunge team and members must be organic to the local program. i.e. no recruiting existing teams or previous plungers which have no ties to the local program.
5. Recruit plungers and raise money for your local program.
6. The OH/KY plunge is the only plunge exempt from this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Paige Ludwig at 614.239.7050 or [pludwig@sooh.org](mailto:pludwig@sooh.org).

Online registration is open at [www.soo.org](http://www.soo.org).

### **SOOH BRANDING**

Thanks to all the local programs who have embraced the "new" Special Olympics branding. We appreciate the follow-up with your questions, samples, etc. to help the programs be in compliance with the guidelines. Attached are the guidelines for local programs to create their own identity. If anyone is in need of a cd with all of the branding information including logos, templates, etc. please contact Paige Ludwig at [pludwig@sooh.org](mailto:pludwig@sooh.org) or 614.239.7050.