



TO: Local Coordinators and Coaches

FROM: Special Olympics Ohio

DATE: December 13, 2016

RE: General Mailing #3

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

- √ 2017 Sports Directory
- √ 2017 Ohio Medical & Release Form

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS AND DEADLINES

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| December 13 | State Winter Games – Figure Skating Entry Deadline |
| 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 |
| March 7 | State Basketball Individual Skills-Entry Deadline |
| March 24-25 | State Team Basketball & Individual Skills Tournament in Bowling Green |

Special Note: If your local organization has not yet submitted the 2017 Local Accreditation application to your Area Director, this will be the last mailing you will receive.

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POLAR PLUNGE – Plunge for Proceeds

We have marketing materials for the plunges. If you would like posters to help promote the plunge for your local group please contact Kate Burdett at kburdett@sooh.org or 614.239.7050.

2017 Polar Plunge Dates

January 21, Mosquito Lake, Cortland
January 28, Thirsty Pony, Sandusky
February 4, Greater Cincinnati, Belleville
February 11, Ohio University, Athens (TBA)
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.

Online registration is open at www.soo.org

SOOH BRANDING

Thanks to all of 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 is 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 or 614.239.7050.