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SOI 2021 Special Olympics World Winter Games

On December 17, 2018 SOI announced that Sweden has been granted the opportunity to host Special Olympics World Winter Games in 2021. Noted below is the most current information regarding the event:

The event will be in the first quarter of 2021.

- Quota request information will be provided to Programs by SOI and the Local Organizing Committee after the 2019 World Summer Games.
- Training camp for potential SO USA Delegation members will be held sometime in January-March of 2020.
- It is estimated that World Games registration will begin no earlier than June 2020.
- SONA has recommended that all Programs use their 2019 Winter Championship events as qualifiers for 2021 World Winter Games.

SOSC has **not** yet received an allocation for the event. If SOSC receives an allotment for Floor Hockey, following is information about athlete eligibility and selection:

Athlete Selection

Athlete Eligibility

- To be eligible for 2021 World Winter Games, an athlete or team must have competed in the 2019 SOSC Floor Hockey Championship.
- The athletes and/or team selected must meet all eligibility requirements set forth by SONA as part of the allotment process. These requirements have not yet been released.

Athlete and Team Selection

Athletes and/or Team will be selected in accordance with Special Olympics Article I Sport Rules as noted below.

1. Priority will be given to first place team finishers from all divisions of the sport. If the number of first place finishers exceeds the quota, athletes and teams will be selected to advance by random draw.
2. If there are not enough first place finishers, the quota shall be filled by random draw of second place finishers from all divisions of the sport.
3. This process will be repeated, adding each place of finish as necessary, until the quota is filled.

Selected athletes will be announced after SOSC has confirmed an allotment.

Information will be updated as soon as we receive it from SONA or SOI.