

SONE COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1. SONE must have a copy of every athlete's physical, release and code of conduct on file before they train.
2. Unified Partners must have a Unified Sports® Release Form, a Category A and Code of Conduct on file and must have completed Protective Behaviors training before they are allowed to train. All team members of a Unified Sports® Team shall have a minimum eight weeks of training (practice, scrimmages, league competition) before the culminating Regional or State competition. Unified partners and athletes should be of similar age and ability.
3. Skill Assessment scores must be submitted along with your entries (if required by the sport). If no scores are submitted, the Director of Competition will request scores by a specific date. There is an update in the 2009 Summer Sports Rulebook that Special Olympics Nebraska will comply with at our competitions.
4. Due to situations that arose during prior Summer Games, SONE would like to emphasize the following commercial message policy: **The display of any clothing or equipment, such as skis, bowling balls, shoes, etc. marked conspicuously with something other than the normal commercial markings on retail goods, for the purpose of advertisement by participants (whether competitors, coaches, trainers or anyone else associated with an Olympic team in any official capacity) shall result in immediate disqualification from the Games and may result in a loss of eligibility for participating in other amateur sports competitions.** (This policy is also stated in Team Information Guide)
5. Due to situations that arise in Special Olympics and other amateur sports, SONE has adopted the Special Olympics International Codes of Conduct for athletes, coaches and volunteers. These may be found in the Team Information Guide. Please review these documents with your athletes and coaches before participation in SONE sponsored events.
6. The SONE WILL NOT grant an exception to training requirements for athletes. Each athlete must receive a minimum of eight weeks of training to be eligible to compete.

SONE wants all events, trainings and competitions to be of the highest quality and run smoothly. Because of past enforcement inconsistencies, the preceding SONE procedures must be followed without exception.

It is not SONE's intention to prohibit an athlete or team from participating in any opportunity, but it is our responsibility to comply with all sports and competition rules set down by Special Olympics International.