



***Special  
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Georgia***

***January 26-27, 2024***

***State Indoor Winter Games  
& Southeast Powerlifting***

***Cobb & Bartow Counties***



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FOR SPECIFIC TIMES.**



## *2024 General Schedule*

Friday, January 26

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Basketball Competition – LakePoint Sports Complex

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bowling Competition – Bowlero Marietta, Bowlero Austell

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Housing Check-in at Civic Center & LakePoint Sports Complex

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Opening Ceremony, Cobb Civic Center

Saturday, January 27

6:00 am – 7:30 am Grab N' Go Breakfast at Hotels

8:00 am – 7:00 pm All Competitions

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Olympic Town at LakePoint Sports Complex, Court 10

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Healthy Athletes: Special Smiles, Healthy Hearing, Opening Eyes, Fit Feet at LakePoint Sports Complex (Meeting Rooms & Court 10)



## **ID Credentials**

- \* All Athletes, Partners, Coaches, Asst. Coaches and Chaperones, **MUST** wear their ID Credentials
- \* Athletes & Partners **MUST** wear their credentials during competition. During competition, credentials should be worn under his/her shirt.
- \* Lost credentials can be verified and replaced at the SOGA Nerve Center.

## **•NUMBERS TO KNOW•**

Nerve Center– Atlanta Marriott Northwest Galleria  
229-305-2415

Wellstar Cobb Hospital  
770-732-4000

Emory Adventist Hospital  
770-434-0710

Wellstar Kennestone Hospital  
770-793-5000

Cartersville Medical Center  
770-382-1530

*Cobb County Sheriff's Office*  
*(770) 499-4600*

## **Credential/BIB Colors**

**Yellow Bib**

Venue Director

**Red Bib**

Medical

**Volunteer Credentials** Volunteers

**Special Olympics Georgia Team will be wearing Team Shirts**

## **Swimming Policy**

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Special Olympics Georgia has determined, for the health and welfare of its participants, to prohibit recreational swimming at any time while under the auspices of Special Olympics. This applies not only to the time at Special Olympics competitions or activities, but also while in transit to/from Special Olympics competitions or activities.

This includes pools, spas, hot tubs, etc.

## **Inclement Weather Plan:**

In case of threatening weather conditions, Special Olympics Georgia will monitor the weather via Marietta Fire & Emergency Services. If roads are closed in Cobb & Bartow County and conditions are not expected to improve prior to agencies arrivals, SOGA will advise agencies NOT to travel to Cobb & Bartow County.

If inclement weather conditions are forecast as temporary or passing and are expected to clear during the first day of competition, agencies will be advised to delay travel and can monitor weather conditions in the area through the Nerve Center. **You will be notified of any changes to schedules due to inclement weather via a no reply text message.**

**\*\*Mandatory Coaches Meeting\*\***

**VIRTUAL via Zoom**

**Coaches will meet the week prior to State Indoor Winter Games**

General questions concerning the weekend's events, schedule changes and competition brackets will be discussed at the meeting.

Venue Directors and SOGA Team will be on hand to answer any sport specific questions you might have. Please utilize all Zoom information to attend the meetings

All coaches meetings will be held via Zoom on

Friday, January 19th

Basketball

Bowling

Floor Hockey

Powerlifting

Gymnastics

Pickleball

ALL SCRATCHES / ADDITIONS /  
SUBSTITUTIONS ARE TO BE MADE DURING HOUSING  
REGISTRATION FROM 10AM-4PM AT THE CIVIC CENTER AND  
LAKEPOINT!

**NO ATHLETES WILL BE ENTERED INTO GAMES ON  
SATURDAY!!!!**

*THANK A VOLUNTEER  
FOR MAKING THE  
2024 WINTER GAMES POSSIBLE!*



## **LETR Souvenir Sales**

### **Friday**

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

LakePoint Sports Complex  
(Near Volunteer Check-In)

6:00pm—8:30 pm

Opening Ceremony—Cobb Civic Center

### **Saturday**

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

LakePoint Sports Complex  
(2 locations: Olympic Town & Main Hall)

Powerlifting—KSU Marietta Event Center

8:00 am—5:00 pm



### **Accident Insurance**

Athletes, Coaches, and Asst. Coaches that are part of the official delegation are covered by accident insurance while attending the Games. Coverage is secondary to any primary coverage the individual has. If the individual has no coverage, the insurance becomes the primary coverage up to \$10,000. This applies ONLY to accidents (ear aches, stomach aches, etc. are not covered). Accident Insurance forms can be obtained from the Nerve Center at the Wyndham Garden Inn or at the Venues, see Medical personnel.

### **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs**

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by Athletes, Coaches, Asst. Coaches, and Head of Delegations is **not** permitted during the Games weekend.

Violation of these regulations will be cause for immediate expulsion from the Games.

### **Bus Service**

**There will be NO transportation provided to or from any venues. Please make your own arrangements. Thank you!**

### **Applications for Participation/ Unified Partner Forms**

Just a reminder that Coaches / Assistant Coaches are to have copies of their athletes' applications for participation forms / unified partner forms with them at all times.



## **Curfew & Supervision of Athletes**

Athletes, Partners, Coaches, and Asst. Coaches should be in rooms & quiet by curfew (10:00 pm). Asst. Coaches and Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their athletes AT ALL TIMES. Remind your athletes that there are other paying customers in the hotels. Any athlete(s) found unsupervised, or who are engaged in disruptive behavior can be disqualified from the Games. Please ensure the safety of your athletes and help provide an enjoyable weekend by being responsible for their whereabouts and behavior.

### **LATE ARRIVAL POLICY**

**On the Friday of Games, if you are running late for housing check-in you must call the Nerve Center by 4 pm 229-305-2415 to let us know that you are still coming, with an approximate time of arrival and any scratches/substitutions you may have. SOGA will then confirm your rooms with your assigned hotel, and you can pick up your keys at your hotels front desk. Your registration packet and credentials will be in the Nerve Center. You will be able to pick up that packet in the Nerve Center, upon your arrival between 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm.**

**If SOGA does not hear from you by 4 pm, we will assume you and your agency are not coming and will turn in all rooms reserved for your agency. At that point, it will be your responsibility to work out housing for your agency with the hotel.**

## **Lost and Found**

Any athlete who is lost at a venue site or needs assistance should go to the nearest Volunteer (name tag credential). They should notify the SOGA Team member at your venue and contact the Nerve Center to attempt to locate the coach or HOD.

Lost items, if found and turned in, can be claimed at the Nerve Center.

## **Saturday Check Out**

You are responsible for checking out of the hotels on Saturday. Please make yourself aware of the check out times at the hotel where you are staying. **Agencies will be responsible for any additional cost above room and tax.**

- \* Check rooms for personal items
- \* Take keys to front desk
- \* Pay incidental charges
  
- \* **AGENCIES WILL BE BILLED FOR ANY MISSING TOWELS, LINENS, DAMAGE TO ANYTHING IN THE ROOM, ETC.**

# **SOI Policy concerning Uniforms and Commercial markings**

## ***Commercial Messages on Athlete Uniforms and Competition Numbers***

In order to avoid commercial exploitation of persons with intellectual disabilities at World, Regional or Multi-Program level Games, no uniforms, and no bibs or other signs bearing competition numbers, which are worn by Special Olympics athletes while competing or during any opening, closing, or award ceremonies of any Games may be emblazoned with commercial names or commercial messages. The only commercial markings which may be displayed on athletes' and coaches uniforms during Games competitions and opening and closing ceremonies are the normal commercial markings of the manufacturer. For purposes of this Section 5.08(a), "normal commercial markings" are limited to the following: (1) On larger clothing items, such as shirts, jackets, pants, jerseys, and sweatshirts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or logo display does not exceed an area of six square inches or 38.7 square centimeters (such as a display measuring 2" x 3" or 5.08 cm x 7.62 cm); (2) On small clothing items, such as caps, socks, hats, gloves and belts, one logo or commercial name per clothing item is permissible, if that name or display does not exceed an area of three square inches or 19.35 square centimeters; and (3) On athletic shoes, no logos or commercial names are permissible except for names or logos which are included by the manufacturer on athletic shoes which are sold to the general public.

## ***Commercial Markings on Other Athlete Apparel or Accessories***

Special Olympics athletes who are not engaged in competition or in opening/closing ceremonies may wear, carry or use at Games venues other than the sites of competition (such as at training or practice sessions) clothing and/or non-apparel items which are not part of their sports equipment (such as tote bags), which contain small and attractively designed identifications of corporate or organizational sponsors. **5.08 (C)**

## ***Displays of Commercial Messages by Volunteers***

Volunteers may wear clothing which bears small and attractively designed names or logos identifying corporate or organizational sponsors while attending Games competitions, so long as those displays do not exceed an area of six square inches or its metric equivalent.

## ***Displays of Commercial Messages by Sports Officials***

Sports officials may not wear, carry or use clothing or other apparel items which contain the names or logos of corporate or organizational sponsors (except for the normal commercial markings permitted under subsection (a) above) during the opening or closing ceremonies of any Games, at the sites of any Games competition or demonstration, or while officiating at any Games competition or demonstration. At other times, or at Games venues other than the sites of opening and closing ceremonies, competitions or demonstrations (such as at the sites of training and practice sessions), officials may wear, carry or use clothing or other items which contain sponsors' names or logos if those displays comply with those permitted to be displayed by volunteers under Section 5.08(c).

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Georgia



# **Opening Ceremony**

**Join us for Opening ceremony on  
Friday, January 26th at 7pm!  
Come dressed for the occasion,  
courtesy of Cobb Parks and Recreation**



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*Georgia*



## ***Pickleball***

**Kennesaw Recreation Center  
2737 Watts Dr, Kennesaw, GA 30144  
Venue Director - Ginny Jarvis**

Individual Skills will be divisioned and assigned between Courts 1-6 starting at 8am

Singles and Doubles events will be conducted in a round robin format.

Traditional Doubles & Unified Doubles will start at 8am on 3 courts (7-9), followed by Singles on the same 3 courts.

Games will be played per SOI Rules, with a 15 minute time limit. Athletes in Level 1 and 2 will play to 9 points based on level , or the time limit, whichever comes first. Athletes in Level 3 and 4 will play best of 3 –11 point games or the time limit, which ever comes first.

Coaching: Coaches may stand behind the court to assist with “Positioning” athletes with service and return on serve. Coaches CANNOT coach during the game, only during a timeout.

### **Pickleball**

**Kennesaw Recreation Center**

**Saturday, January 27**

**7:00 am – 7:45 am**

**Athlete Check-in**

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Competition (Singles, Skills, Doubles)**

**ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS.**



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## ***Individual Basketball Skills and Level A***

Fair Oaks Recreation Center  
1465 W. Booth Rd. Ext. SW, Marietta, GA 30008

Venue Directors - Dean Ely & Robin Ely

Masters, Senior, and Junior divisions will compete during the morning. Please make sure your athletes are in the staging area 20 minutes before their event.

**There will only be ONE ROUND of competition, with no warm-up period.**

**\*\*If an athlete misses his/her turn in the competition because he/she did not arrive on time, he/she will only be permitted to go through the skills - IF TIME ALLOWS - and will be awarded a participation ribbon only. Please be on time!!!!**

Please do not enter the competition area while the athletes are in competition unless you receive a RED CARD from the Venue Director. Please stay out of the competition area.

**A 6 foot goal will no longer be used.**

**Juniors will choose whether they will use 8 or 10 ft. high goal's. All others will use a 10 ft. high goal.**

### **Competition Schedule**

Saturday, January 27

Finals ALL ages 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Level A athletes will participate with the assigned levels at the given time of the above schedule. Age groups will compete male vs. male and female vs. female when possible. If athletes need special assistance from their coach in order to compete, the coach must notify the Venue Director PRIOR to the start of competition. Awards will follow all competition.**

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## ***Unified Team Basketball***

LakePoint Sports Complex Gymnasium  
261 Stars Way, Cartersville, GA 30121

***Please look at the Brackets for the Assigned Court Number for each of your games!***

***Courts will be staggered to spread delegates out through the weekend.***

Unified Teams will play on Saturday based on the rating scores that were turned in to SOGA and entered into GMS Registration.

**Teams must come dressed out and ready to play a full game.**

Head coaches must report to the scheduled court 15 minutes prior to the starting time and turn in the team's line up.

After completing your game, check the bracket board to determine where and when you compete in the next game.

Teams should bring their own warm up balls. Please mark your team's equipment so it is easily identified.

ALL GAMES ARE TO START WITH A JUMP BALL!!

**ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS/COOLERS  
INSIDE LAKEPOINT SPORTS COMPLEX**

**PLEASE CHECK THE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE TO SEE WHEN YOUR  
TEAM PLAYS OVER THE WEEKEND!**

Friday, January 26      1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Saturday, January 27      8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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## ***Traditional Team Basketball***

LakePoint Sports Complex Gymnasium  
261 Stars Way, Cartersville, GA 30121

***Please look at the Brackets for the Assigned Court Number for each of your games!***

***Courts will be staggered to spread delegates out through the weekend.***

Teams will begin actual play on Friday based on the rating scores that were turned in to SOGA and entered into GMS Registration.

**Teams must come dressed out and ready to play a full game.**

Head coaches must report to the scheduled court 15 minutes prior to the starting time and turn in the team's line up.

After completing your game, check the bracket board to determine where and when you compete in the next game.

Teams should bring their own warm up balls. Please mark your team's equipment so it is easily identified.

ALL GAMES ARE TO START WITH A JUMP BALL!!

**ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS/COOLERS/  
LAWN CHAIRS INSIDE LAKEPOINT SPORTS COMPLEX**

**PLEASE CHECK THE BASKETBALL BRACKETS TO SEE WHEN  
& WHAT COURT YOUR TEAM PLAYS OVER THE WEEKEND!**

Friday, January 26                      1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 27                    8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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## **3 on 3 Team Basketball**

LakePoint Sports Complex Gymnasium  
261 Stars Way, Cartersville, GA 30121

Venue Directors - Kyle Jonas

### ***Courts 11 & 12***

**\*\*Due to 3 on 3 being a half-court competition, there will be two games taking place at the same time on courts 11 & 12. The courts will be labeled "11 A & 11 B and 12 A & 12 B" on the brackets\*\***

Teams are divisioned based on the rating scores that were turned in to SOGA and entered into GMS Registration.

**Teams must come dressed out and ready to play a full game.**

Head coaches must report to the scheduled court 15 minutes prior to the starting time and turn in the team's line up.

After completing your game, check the bracket to determine when and what court your team (s) compete next.

Teams should bring their own warm up balls. Please mark your team's equipment so it is easily identified. ALL WARM UPS WILL OCCUR BETWEEN GAMES. NO OTHER COURT PLAY IS ALLOWED!!

**PLEASE CHECK THE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE TO SEE WHEN YOUR TEAM PLAYS OVER THE WEEKEND!**

### **Competition Schedule**

Saturday, January 27      8:00 am – 2:30 pm

**\*\*This is a Double Elimination Tournament. Awards presented as teams are eliminated with the loss of two games. Awards are located on Court 10 \*\***

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## ***Basketball Team Skills Basketball***

LakePoint Sports Complex Gymnasium  
261 Stars Way, Cartersville, GA 30121  
***Courts 7, 8, & 9***

Teams are divisioned based on the rating scores that were turned in to SOGA and entered into  
GMS Registration.

**Courts will be staggered to spread delegates out through the weekend.**

Saturday, January 27                      8:00 am – 2:00 pm

- Report to assigned court 15 minutes prior to scheduled time in order to check in and turn in a line up card. After competition, please check the bracket to see when you compete next.
- Games will be comprised of 2 halves consisting of 5 rounds each. Players will be given the opportunity at each of the positions during the half.
- Athletes may use a chest pass or bounce pass (one bounce only). Each player must pass in numerical sequence.
- If a ball is thrown past an athlete, the athlete or an official may retrieve the ball. The athlete must return to his/her position before passing the ball to the next athlete. A correct pass is defined as a ball that is thrown within reach of the receiving player.
- When the ball reaches the player in position #5, that player attempts to make the basket. Slam dunks are not permitted. After player #5 attempts the point, the round is over.
- Following the completion of the round by the first team, the second team will begin. Players will rotate in numerical order after each round. Teams will switch ends of the court at halftime.

**Scoring:** 1 point for each correct pass. 1 point for each successful catch. 2 points for each successful field goal. A bonus of 1 point is awarded for each complete successful round of passing, catching and made field goal. Possible total per round is 11. The maximum number of points that can be accumulated by a single team during one half is 55.

Substitutions and team benches will be the same as team basketball. Bring your own basketballs.

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## **Bowling**

**Bowlero Austell (Austell Rd.)**  
2750 Austell Rd. SW  
Marietta, GA 30008  
**Venue Director: Rhonda Newell**

**Bowlero Marietta (Delk Rd.)**  
2749 Delk Rd.  
Marietta, GA 30067  
**Venue Director: Andrea Walker**

**AMF Woodstock**  
108 Woodpark Blvd  
Woodstock, GA 30188  
**Venue Director: Ann Bonds**

Athletes should check in upon their arrival to the lanes.

Athletes are encouraged to bring their own bowling balls, particularly if the athlete uses a light weight ball or special ball.

Athletes CANNOT wear jeans!!

**\*\*Coaches are not allowed on the lanes for Singles or Team Bowling. 1 Coach is allowed to assist their Assisted & Unassisted Ramp bowler if needed and approved by SOGA.\*\***

**\*\*Athletes will bowl 3 games each. Foul lights will be on and athletes will be penalized for foot / ramp fouls.**

**\*\*All bowling will use tournament style competition (switching lanes) excluding RAMP Bowlers.**

**Ramp Bowlers may bowl three frames at a time.**

**Please bring your own ramps. No Bumpers will be used.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS PERMITTED!!**

**NO ADD ONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE**

**ALLOWED ON SATURDAY!!**

*Lane assignments emailed & included in HOD Packet!*

### Competition Schedule

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR EACH BOWLING ALLEY

*Awards will be presented as each division concludes*

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**\*\*Bowling will take place on  
Friday & Saturday \*\***

**See Divisions and Lane Assignments for  
Shift Information.**

**Bowlero Marietta**

**\*\*All Masters age athletes in Singles/Ramp will bowl at Bowlero Marietta  
Delk Rd.\*\***

**(See lane assignments and divisions)**

**Bowlero Austell**

**\*\*All Team Bowling and Singles Bowling (Masters age) will bowl at Bowlero Austell\*\*  
(See lane assignments and divisions)**

**AMF Woodstock**

**\*\*Ramp Bowling and Singles Bowling (Junior/Senior age) will bowl at AMF  
Woodstock.\*\***

**(See lane assignments and divisions)**

**Bowlero Marietta**

Friday, January 27

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Singles (masters) – Check in at lanes

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Singles (masters) – Bowling Competition

Saturday, January 28

7:30 am – 8:15 am Singles (masters) – Check in at lanes

8:30 am – 11:30 am Singles (masters) – Bowling Competition

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Assisted Ramp / Unassisted Ramp / Unified Team (masters) – Check in  
at lanes

1:45 pm – 4:45 pm Assisted Ramp / Unassisted Ramp / Unified Team (masters) – Bowling  
Competition

**Bowlero Austell**

Friday, January 26

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Assisted Ramp / Unassisted Ramp / Traditional Team (junior/senior) –  
Check in at lanes

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Assisted Ramp / Unassisted Ramp / Traditional Team (junior/senior) –  
Bowling Competition

Saturday, January 27

7:30 am – 8:15 am Singles (junior/senior) – Check in at lanes

8:30 am – 11:30 am Singles (junior/senior) – Bowling Competition

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Unified Team (junior/senior) – Check in at lanes

1:45 pm – 4:45 pm Unified Team (junior/senior) – Bowling Competition

**AMF Woodstock**

Saturday, January 27

7:30 am – 8:15 am Unified Team (masters) – Check in at lanes

8:30 am – 11:30 am Unified Team (masters) – Bowling Competition

## ***Floor Hockey***

Smyrna Community Center  
200 Village Creek Circle SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

Venue Director- **George Davis**

**Agencies will be emailed brackets prior to Indoor Winter Games weekend.**

Procedures for the competition will be discussed at the Coaches meeting.

Teams should report to the gym 30 minutes prior to scheduled competition to check in and for coaches to turn in line up cards.

Each new on-coming line should line up in front of the scorer's table during line changes with their backs facing the scorer's table for number checks.

**NO BLACK SOLED SHOES ARE ALLOWED. "SLIK-STIK" STRAIGHT STICKS ARE REQUIRED WITH FIBRYN TIPS. NO PLASTIC TIPS.** Tips will be checked before each game. Sticks will be replaced if the tip has worn to the wood. Helmets, Cage Masks, and Shin Guards are **REQUIRED**.

### **Competition Schedule**

**Saturday, January 28**

7:00 am – 7:45 am

Check-in / Warm up

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Team Floor Hockey Competition

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Floor Hockey Individual Skills Competition

Awards will be given as teams are eliminated and at the conclusion of skills.

### **Floor Hockey Skills**

**PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE**

**Skills competition will be held on Saturday at 11am**

*Skills include: (1) Shoot around goal, (2) Passing, (3) Stick Handling, (4) Shoot for Accuracy (5) Defense*

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## ***Southeast Powerlifting***

Kennesaw State University Marietta—Event Center  
635 Walter Kelly Road  
Marietta, GA 30060

### **Venue Director— Becci Holcomb**

The Powerlifting competition will follow Official Special Olympics Rules and International Powerlifting Federation Rules.

Lifters will be classified by age, gender, and weight as well as Novice, Unified, and Open Divisions. The Wilkes Formula will be used in order to determine the final standings.

The Open and Unified category is for advanced lifters and rules will be strictly enforced.

Athletes and Coaches should be thoroughly familiar with the USPF/IPF rules and Special Olympics modifications to those rules.

Athletes can compete in the Bench Press, Dead Lift, and Squat. Each athlete will get 3 lifts each.

All lifters will be divisioned for competition. Each athlete is required to wear a one-piece lifting suit (singlet) during competition.

### **Competition Schedule**

Friday, January 26

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Weigh In/Rack Heights for lifters

Saturday, January 27

7:30 am – 8:00 am Athlete Check-In & Warm Up for Session 1

8:00 am – 12:30 pm Competition, Session 1 followed by awards

11:00am Athlete Check-In & Warm Up for Session 2

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Competition, Session 2 followed by awards



## ***Artistic Gymnastics***

**Cobb Gymnastics Center  
542 Fairground St SE  
Marietta, GA 30060**

**Venue Director- Cindy Bickman / Rosie Garcia**

Individual competition will be held during the same session. Sessions are divided by agency. All ages will compete during each session. Coaches will be notified at the coaches meeting about the competition schedule.

Athletes are allowed on the gymnastics equipment only with a coach's supervision.

Awards will be given at the end of each session.

REMINDER- If athletes are competing for All-Around, they must be entered in all events in the same level.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th**

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Gym Opens
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Open Warmups
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Competition





LETR Presenting Sponsor:



Each year, law enforcement officers from around the state raise money for Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) by conducting the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). From January through July, officers raise funds by selling merchandise and holding fundraising events for the honor of being a Guardian of the Flame in the Torch Run. The top five money raising departments run the 'Flame of Hope' into the Opening Ceremony where the top fundraising department lights the Cauldron to signal the beginning of the State Games. Through the combined efforts of hundreds of law enforcement volunteers throughout the State, LETR has contributed over \$6 million to Special Olympics athletes in Georgia. Please help SOGA in applauding the efforts of our Law Enforcement Officers as they join us for the Opening Ceremony.

# Dates to Remember

**2024 Polar Plunge**  
**February 25, 2023**  
Acworth Beach, GA

**2024 Summer Games**  
**May 24-26**  
Atlanta, GA

**2024 Fall Games**  
**October 18-20**  
Valdosta, GA



***Thank you to the Games  
Organizing Committee of Indoor Winter Games for all of  
your hard work for making this event happen!***

***Debbie Parrish—Facilities/Opening  
Robin Ely – Ind. Skills Basketball  
Dean Ely—Ind. Skills Basketball  
Melinda Watts– Basketball Officials  
Andrea Walker– Bowling, Bowlero Marietta  
Rhonda Newell– Bowling, Bowlero Austell  
Ann Bonds—Bowling, AMF Woodstock  
Ginny Jarvis—Pickleball  
George Davis – Floor Hockey  
Cindy Bickman– Artistic Gymnastics  
Becci Holcomb – Powerlifting  
Dr. Karen Carter– Medical  
Ellen Holland– Medical***

***We could not do it without you!***

## **Hotel Information**

Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria - (770) 952-7900  
200 Interstate North Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339

Courtyard Marriott- Delk Rd. - (770) 956-1188  
2455 Delk Road SE, Marietta, GA 30067

Hampton Inn Marietta/Atlanta North - (678) 460-1160  
2136 Kingston Court, Marietta GA 30067

Hampton Inn Emerson at LakePoint - (678) 792-3375  
86 Old Allatoona Road S., Cartersville, GA 30121

Wyndham Garden Inn Marietta - (770) 425-9977  
455 Franklin Gateway, Marietta, GA 30067

Courtyard Marriott Kennesaw (770-635-4700)  
540 Greers Chapel Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Hampton Inn Kennesaw (770-767-5904)  
3405 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Holiday Inn Express Atlanta Galleria (770-435-4990)  
2855 Spring Hill Pkwy SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

Doubletree Atlanta Marietta (770-272-9441)  
2055 S Park Place NW, Atlanta, GA 30339

Hyatt Place Galleria (770) 384-0060  
2876 Spring Hill Pkwy SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

Home2 Suites (770) 800-0550  
2168 Kingston Ct, Marietta, GA 30067

Holiday Inn Express Marietta (770) 989-0071  
1250 Franklin Gateway SE, Marietta, GA 30067

Hilton Garden Inn Marietta (770) 953-8850  
3045 Windy Hill Rd SE, Atlanta, GA 30339



## **Venue Information & Directions**

**(All directions are coming from downtown Atlanta heading north)**

**Cobb Civic Center (770-528-8450) - 548 South Marietta Pkwy. SE, Marietta, GA 30060** - I-75 NB Exit 263. Merge onto S. Marietta Parkway. Turn left onto Fairground. Cobb Civic Center will be on your right.

**Cobb Gymnastics Center (770-528-8475) - 542 Fairground St. SE, Marietta, GA 30060** - I-75 NB Exit 263. Left onto S. Marietta Parkway. Turn left onto Fairground. Cobb Gymnastics Center is on right—behind Civic Center.

**Bowlero Austell (770-435-2120) - 2750 Austell Rd. SW, Marietta, GA 30008** - I-75 NB Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road). Go left onto Windy Hill. Turn left onto Austell Road. Brunswick Zone is on right.

**Bowlero Marietta (770-988-8813) - 2749 Delk Rd., Marietta, GA 30067** - I-75 NB Exit 261. Turn right off the exit onto Delk Rd. The Bowlero Marietta Bowling Center will be located down on the left.

**AMF Woodstock: (770-926-2200) 108 Woodpark Blvd, Woodstock, GA 30188**—I-75 NB to I-575 NB, Exit 7. Merge right onto GA-92/Alabama Rd. Left on Woodpark Place. Right on Woodpark Blvd. Down on the left

**Smyrna Community Center (770-431-2842) - 200 Village Green Cir SE, Smyrna, GA 30080**  
I-75 NB Exit 260 (Windy Hill Road). Go left onto Windy Hill. Turn left on Atlanta Road. The Center is on your right at Village Green Circle.

**LakePoint Sports Complex (404-263-0495) - 261 Stars Way, Emerson, GA 30121.**  
I-75 North to Exit 283 for Old Allatoona Road (signs for Emerson). Turn left off of the exit onto Old Allatoona Road. Turn left on to LakePoint Parkway. Turn left on to Stars Way. The Gymnasium will be located on your left.

**Fair Oaks Rec. Center (770-528-4333) - 1465 W Booth Rd. Ext. SW, Marietta, GA 30008** - I-75 NB Exit 261. Merge onto GA-280 S/ Delk Rd. Turn right onto Booth Rd. Turn left onto Sandtown Rd. SW. Turn right onto Booth Rd. SW. Turn left onto W Booth Rd. Ext. SW. Continue straight back through into the park.

**Kennesaw State University—Marietta—Event Center (470) 578-7234—635 Walter Kelly Road, Marietta GA 30060**  
I-75 NB Exit 263. Merge onto S. Marietta Parkway. Left of Cobb Pkwy. Right on Polytechnic Lane. Left on Walter Kelly Rd.

**Kennesaw Recreation Center (678) 385-0165—2737 Watts Dr, Kennesaw, GA 30144**  
I-75 NB to exit 271, take a left. Take a right on S Main St. Left on Watts Dr. 2nd exit from traffic circle

## ***Important Information for the LakePoint Venue***

### ***Housing check-in:***

All Agencies that have a Unified or Traditional Basketball Team that will play on Friday, January 27th, will be required to complete their Housing Check-In at the LakePoint Facility in the lobby from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. HOD's, please be on the lookout for a Housing Registration Flyer that will be sent out, identifying the Agencies that will check-in at LakePoint versus Agencies that check-in at the Civic Center. Until the final Basketball Team Play brackets are completed, this will determine whether you check-in at LakePoint or the Civic Center.

### ***LakePoint Information:***

Your agency will need to bring individuals drinks and bottles to the venue. NO coolers are allowed inside LakePoint Sports Complex. No coolers on the courts will be provided.

No preorder meals will be available, concessions will be open in 2 locations throughout the weekend. No lawn chairs are allowed.

### ***Event court assignments***

On Friday, January 26th, 9 basketball courts will be in play for both Traditional and Unified Team Play. You will need to pay close attention to the Basketball brackets to know what court your team plays on at what time.

On Saturday, January 27th, Traditional and Unified Team Play will begin the day at 8 a.m. playing on courts 1 through 6. As the 3 vs. 3 Basketball Team competition and Basketball Team Skills finish their venue, Traditional and Unified Team play will begin playing on those courts as they open up. It is important to pay attention to the brackets and keep a copy that you update throughout the day, so you know what court your teams will be playing on during the entire day.

Basketball Team Skills will play on courts 7, 8 and 9 starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 27th until the conclusion of the venue.

Basketball 3 vs. 3 Team Play will play on courts 11 and 12 starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 27th until the conclusion of the venue. Due to 3 vs. 3 competition being a half court event, there will be 2 games taking place at the same time on court 11 and 2 games taking place at the same time on court 12. The brackets will be labeled as court 11-A, 11-B, 12-A and 12-B.

### ***Award locations per event***

The Awards locations for Team Skills and 3v3 Basketball will be located in a designated area of Olympic Town on Court 10. Traditional and Unified Team Play awards will be in the meeting room facing the courts near Court 6.

**Registration**  
**COBB CIVIC CENTER & LAKEPOINT**

Agency & Housing Registration:  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Friday, January 26th at the Cobb Civic Center or LakePoint  
Gymnasium (for Basketball Agencies playing Friday)

**Breakfast will be provided at your hotel.**  
**SOGA will not provide any other meals.**

Registration will take place at the Cobb Civic Center or LakePoint in the main lobby. ALL Heads of Delegations for ALL Agencies MUST check in with the SOGA Team at the Civic Center/LakePoint before going to your assigned hotel to pick up your key's. **The hotels have been informed to not release any room keys until they receive a call from our SOGA Team that your group has checked in with SOGA at the Civic Center/LakePoint.**

Day only Agencies can pick up their credentials & HOD packets at the Cobb Civic Center on Friday between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at the Nerve Center at the Atlanta Marriott NW Galleria, Friday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturday morning from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**• Rooms and Keys •**

Your Agency's keys can be picked up by the HOD at your assigned hotels front desk on Friday, January 26th after you have checked in with SOGA at the Cobb Civic Center/LakePoint, no earlier than 3 p.m.. A minimum of one key per room will be issued.

All keys are to be returned to the hotel desk upon check out on Saturday. Any incidental or additional charges other than room and tax are to be paid by the agency. **SOGA will not be responsible for payment of rollaway beds requested by any agency or any damage done to a room.**

**• Late Registration •**

Late registration will be from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Nerve Center, at the Wyndham Garden. Late registration is for agencies that do not check in by 4:00 pm.(See Late Arrival Policy. You must register your agency Friday. **ATHLETES THAT ARE NOT CHECKED IN FRIDAY WILL BE SCRATCHED, EXCEPT DAY ONLY.**

**• LANYARDS •**

**Please bring lanyards to the Nerve Center (Atlanta Marriott) or give to a SOGA staff member at a venue to be recycled. Thank you!**

**ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT**

**U.S. Program/Area:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Injured Person/Party Information**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Accident** (If automobile accident occurred, please attach a copy of the police report).

Describe how the accident occurred (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_

Site / event where accident occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact/Care Provider Information** If an athlete or underage volunteer was injured, please identify the care provider and/or responsible party (e.g. parent, legal guardian).

Relationship to the injured person: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Does the injured person have medical insurance? " Yes " No

If yes, insurance is provided by: " Injured Person " Care Provider/Responsible Party

Please provide name of Company and Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Information** (Please provide names and phone numbers of any witnesses to the incident)

Witness #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Witness #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Olympics Official / Representative** (other than claimant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form to:** American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc., P.O. Box 459, Roanoke, IN 46783; **Fax:** (260) 673-1291  
AND

Special Olympics Georgia, Inc. 6046 Financial Drive, Norcross, GA 30071 ;**Fax:** 770.216.8339

**If injury was serious or a fatality:** IMMEDIATELY notify American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc.

Telephone: (800) 566-7941 (24 hours a day / 7 days a week)

AMER: 189207 – SpecOlym Inc. Rep. Form 03-04

## ◇ADDITIONAL NOTE◇

### PARKING

- **At Hotels-** Please park buses in the back of the hotel or in designated areas to avoid congestion and to allow other paying guests to have parking spaces.
- **At Venues-** Park in designated areas to allow for buses to get in and out and for easy traffic flow.

### CANCELLATIONS

If you know ahead of time that your agency will not be attending the Games, please call the SOGA State office (770-414-9390 ext. 1108) to cancel. If you are canceling on that Friday, call the Nerve Center at (229-305-2415). If we know ahead that your agency will not be attending, **we will turn in your rooms to avoid having to bill you for them.**

### SOGA Hotel/Dorm/Venue Emergency Plan

In the case of an emergency please respond accordingly.

In the case of a fire/false alarm please make sure your entire delegation calmly vacates the building and that they are all accounted for. Remember to take your keys and your housing list. (The Head of Delegation should make a final sweep of the housing/building counting your athletes/coaches and make sure you have everyone when exiting or re-entering)

In the case of bad weather (tornado, flooding) please make sure your entire delegation is in a secure and safe environment until the weather has cleared. Make sure that each athlete/coach in your delegation is accounted for after the weather has cleared. Remember to take your keys.

In the case of a missing member of your delegation (athlete, coach, family member) please contact the Nerve Center/SOGA Team as soon as possible. Please calmly provide a detailed description of the situation and adhere to the SOGA Crisis Plan regarding the dissemination of information.

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**January 27, 9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**LakePoint Sports Complex Court 10**

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## EVALUATION

**Please complete the Evaluation online at:**

Please take the time to comment on your experience during this competition.  
Return this form to the Nerve Center or the SOGA team at your venue.

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024IWG>**

**Event** 2024 Indoor Winter Games      **Location** Cobb County, GA

**REGISTRATION:** How effective was the process? What could we do better?

**COMPETITION:** Did the competition meet your expectations? How can we improve at the venues you saw?

**HOUSING:** What experiences (good or bad) did you have with the hotels?  
In which hotel(s) did you stay?

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Did the leisure activities meet your expectations? Any specific suggestions for improvement?

**COMMUNICATION:** Was the Coach's Information Guide helpful? Did we provide the basic and emergency information needed for any situation throughout the weekend? Do you have any suggestions?

**DIRECTIONS:** Were the directions & addresses listed within the Information Guide helpful? Where could we have improved?