

International Invitational Event Participation Procedures & Conditions

Receiving/Issuing Invitations

Special Olympics GB Regions and Clubs may not issue or accept invitations to international Special Olympics events or programmes without prior authorisation from Special Olympics GB National Office. In accordance with the Special Olympics International Rules, only national programmes have the authority to issue or accept invitations from other programmes.

Processing Invitations

On receiving an international invitation, Special Olympics GB will circulate the information to all regional main contacts if it is happy to support a GB Team to attend. Regions can then submit an Expression of Interest Form to bid for places. The Special Olympics GB National Executive Committee will then determine how places are allocated.

Bid Conditions

Regions (or clubs representing the region with its authorisation) may bid for places if:

- They have a coaching programme in the sport
- They commit to attend the event and represent Special Olympics GB if chosen
- They accept responsibility for all related costs¹

Entry Conditions

Only **athletes/unified partners** who meet the following criteria are eligible can attend:

- Be at least **8 years old** on the start date of the event
- Have been diagnosed as having an **intellectual disability** (i.e. they meet the [Special Olympics GB eligibility criteria](#)). This is not applicable to unified partners
- Have a current and active **SAM registration at least 6 months** prior to the start date of the event
- Have completed sufficient training
- Have competed in at least one Special Olympics GB national competition in the two years prior to the start date of the competition
- Be technically capable of competing at the level of competition that they are entering
- Abide by the Athletes Code of Conduct at all times

All **volunteers** who are travelling as part of the delegation must:

- Be registered with Special Olympics GB no less than 6 months prior to the start date of the event. The registration process includes:
 - Completion of the Special Olympics GB online registration process
 - Compliance with the DBS/PVG requirements²
 - Compliance with the Volunteers Code of Conduct
- Head Coaches must have a valid NGB Coaching Award

All reasonable deadlines for the return of event related forms/information must be met by all selected GB Team members and a report including results must be submitted by the selected Head of Delegation to Special Olympics GB National Office after the event.

¹ In accordance with Special Olympics rules, the hosts of the international event are responsible for on-site costs relating to the event (accommodation, food, local transport) but if this is not the case, it will be detailed in the Expression of Interest Form. Special Olympics GB will provide a few items of kit for all GB Team members but all other costs such as training, travel and insurance are the responsibility of the region/club.

² Disclosures must be dated no more than 24 months prior to the start date of the event.