



2021 Virtual State Summer Games



With the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in Wyoming, it has been determined that hosting a large, in-person, overnight event is not in the best health interest of our athletes. Due to guidance issued through Special Olympics North America regarding overnight stays for multi-day competitions, along with limited capacities in a variety of facilities under current State of Wyoming public health orders, we are unable to host the state event safely in-person at this time. While this is an unfortunate situation for our athletes, organization, and communities, Special Olympics Wyoming will still offer in-person competitions in the form of smaller, area games where current health orders can be observed. Events will be offered around the state in April and May. The results from area games will be compiled to determine medal placements for the 2021 Virtual State Summer Games competition to be held in early June.

Area Games (In Person)

April - May

- 2021 Area Winter Games will be conducted in person
 - Area I – May 14
 - Area II – TBD
 - Area III – TBD
 - Area IV – May 14
 - Area V – TBD
- Athletes will be allowed to compete in groups of fifty or less at Area Games
 - If there are more than twenty-five athletes in competition, schedule separate sessions throughout a day or multiple (*Ex. Competition has 100 athletes; host a morning and afternoon session with 50 athletes each.*) *Determine groups by age, alphabetically, etc.
- Pictures and videos should be taken throughout competition, live feeds on social media, and sent to area directors and the state office
- Divisions will be based on athlete practice qualifying scores
- Area medals will be handed out upon completion
- Scores earned at Area Games will be sent to state office upon competition completion

****Some Areas may decide to host individual local competitions to help meet COVID capacity restrictions.***



State Summer Games (Virtual)

Early June

- Programs must attend Area Games in order to be submitted into Virtual State Games
- Area Directors will send state all information received from Area Games
- Once divisions are complete, State Office will then input athlete Area Games scores to determine medaling

Virtual Event

- The Virtual Event will be broadcast on Facebook for three days (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
- Opening Ceremony
 - Wednesday Night on Facebook
 - Video
 - Virtual Law Enforcement Torch Run
 - Participating athlete presentation
 - Words of Encouragement (Speakers from around the state)
 - Oath Presentation
 - Lighting of the Flame of Hope
- Competition
 - Thursday and Friday
 - State will post pictures/videos from all Area Games throughout the scheduled event time on Facebook
- Dance
 - Wednesday Night following Opening Ceremony
 - Dance Party via Zoom
- Awards
 - Powerlifting/Basketball Skills – Thursday
 - Track/Swimming - Friday
 - State office will video an award ceremony with State Representatives and Law Enforcement introducing the divisions.

