



2021 Virtual State Winter 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 January and February. The results from area games will be compiled to determine medal placements for the 2021 Virtual State Winter Games competition to be held in late February.

Area Games (In Person)

January - February

- 2021 Area Winter Games will be conducted in person
 - Area I – January 22
 - Area II – February 5
 - Area III – January 29
 - Area IV – February 3
 - Area V – February 14
- Athletes will be allowed to compete in groups of twenty five 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 50 athletes; host a morning and afternoon session with 25 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
- Time trials will be held at Area Games and be used for Virtual State Games divisioning
- Area medals will be handed out upon completion
- Scores earned at Area Games will be sent to state office upon competition completion



State Winter Games (Virtual)

February 24 and 25

- 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
- Time trial scores from Area Games will be used to division athletes at Virtual State 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 two days (Wednesday & Thursday)
- Opening Ceremony
 - Wednesday Night on Facebook
 - Video
 - Law Enforcement virtual torch run and Athletes lighting a torch
 - Participating athlete presentation
 - Words of Encouragement (Speakers from around the state)
 - Oath Presentation
 - Lighting of the Flame of Hope
- Competition
 - Thursday
 - 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
 - State office will video an award ceremony with State Representatives and Law Enforcement introducing the divisions.

