



Date: November 23, 2021
To: All SOWI Local Programs
From: Jason Blank, Senior Director of Sports
Re: Basketball Season 2022 & Vaccination Requirements

Dear Special Olympics Wisconsin Local Program Managers

We appreciate everyone's patience as we worked through options for the 2022 Basketball Season. We are excited to announce that we will be offering both in-person tournaments and at-practice options for the 2022 season.

Team Basketball (5 v 5) and (3 v 3) will both be offered as in-person tournaments. 5v5 will be offered at Regional, Sectional, and State IST and 3v3 will be offered at State IST. Team Basketball Athletes can only participate in one of 5v5 or 3v3.

Basketball Skills (level 1 & 2) will be offered as in-person tournaments from District to State Level competition while we will offer an at-practice only virtual completion that includes Levels 1,2 & 3. We are still working on securing facilities with the current schedule listed below:

February 19, 2022	District Basketball Skills	Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS	Region 8
February 20, 2022	District Team Basketball & Skills	UW Stout	Region 2,3
February 26, 2022	District Basketball Skills	Lake Geneva	Region 6,7
February 27, 2022	Regional Team Basketball	Wilmot	Region 7
February 2022 – TBD	District Basketball Skills	TBD	Region 4,5
February 2022 - TBD	District Team Basketball	Sheboygan	Region 4,5
February 27, 2022	Regional Team Basketball	Verona Area High School	Region 6
March 6, 2022	Regional Team Basketball	Mequon	Region 8
March - TBD	Northern State Basketball Skills	Neenah	Region 4
March 20, 2022	Northern Sectional Basketball	Stevens Point	Regions, 2,3,4,5,6
March 19, 2022	Southern Sectional Basketball	Mukwonago	Regions 7, 8
April 8-10, 2022	State Indoor Sports Tournament	Oshkosh	State

In order to comply with SOI Return to Play protocols, all individuals that compete at in-person tournaments will be required to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Individuals will have until January 21, 2022 to indicate status and upload proof of vaccination through this secure website: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e59d88d333cb430e965d55d1ff406b36>. We will be working with local program managers to supply reports (similar to medical status) for identification of individuals eligible for registration and will have the Coaches Call for the WG/IST season on Thursday, December 9th at 7pm.

We understand the issue of vaccines is a personal choice. However, right now, this is the only option to offer in-person basketball competitions for our Local Programs and Athletes that choose to work within the current guidelines. SOWI will continue to evaluate future events to see if a similar process will be necessary.

Please contact us at covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org with any questions.

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