



**Date:** April 15, 2021

**To:** All SOWI Stakeholders

**Re:** Spectators at SOWI Tournaments during Basketball and Summer Games Seasons

In order to safely offer in-person competitions, Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) will limit spectators at tournaments during Basketball and Summer Games seasons. SOWI will continue to evaluate and revise spectator policy with each new sport season.

### **Background**

Special Olympics Wisconsin references the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) data for COVID-19 Disease Activity to determine phasing changes for SOWI practices and in-person competition. SOWI utilizes Burden as a metric to determine the maximum phase allowed as well as the highest level of competition that can be safely offered. The overview of how SOWI uses WDHS data and correlating Phasing Chart can be found on the [SOWI Return to Play Webpage](#).

### **Spectator Policy**

To adhere to maximum gathering sizes in the SOWI Return to Play Protocol, there will be limited or no spectators allowed at all upcoming Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, and Track & Field tournaments.

- Spectators that attend a competition will be required to pass the COVID-19 screening protocol before entering the venue.
- Spectators will be required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times. Masks must be worn from the moment you step out of your vehicle until you return to your car after competition.
- Spectators will be required to stay in a designated spectator area throughout the entire competition.

### *Indoor Venues*

There will be no spectators allowed at tournaments hosted in indoor venues. This includes all basketball and some swimming events. Following data presented by the CDC that COVID-19 spreads easily in indoor spaces with limited air circulation, SOWI's maximum gathering sizes for indoor events is much lower than the outdoor threshold. In order to accommodate the maximum number of athletes per shift at competition, SOWI will not allow spectators at indoor events.

Athletes and coaches will receive nametags in the coach's packet at registration. Coach's nametags will be distributed based on the 4:1 athlete to coach ratio. Individuals that do not have an official nametag will not be allowed inside the competition venue.

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### *Outdoor Venues*

There will be limited spectators allowed at tournaments hosted at outdoor venues. This includes soccer, track & field, and some swimming events. Spectators will be limited to two spectators per athlete. Spectators will be screened upon entry and required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times. Spectators may be asked to leave the competition if they are not wearing a mask correctly or leave the designated spectator area.

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Venue Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Maximum Spectators Per Athlete</b>
Southern State Basketball Skills	Indoor	April 25, 2021	0
Region 3 Athletics	Outdoor	May 8, 2021	2
Region 6 Athletics	Outdoor	May 9, 2021	2
Region 8 Athletics and State Soccer	Outdoor	May 15, 2021	2
Region 7 Athletics	Outdoor	May 15, 2021	2
Region 2 Athletics	Outdoor	May 15, 2021	2
Region 4/5 Athletics	Outdoor	May 15, 2021	2
District 2/3/4/5 Swimming	Indoor	June 5, 2021	0
Region 6 Swimming	Outdoor	June 6, 2021	2
District 7/8 Swimming	Indoor	June 12, 2021	0
State Track	Outdoor	June 26, 2021	2
State Swimming	TBD	TBD	TBD