



Dear Athletics Coaches, HOD's & Area Coordinators,

Summer Games is right around the corner and I wanted to send you some very important information prior to your arrival at the event. Please make sure you take the time to read all the material in this email. This year we are continuing with the conference call for the coaches meeting.

From your mobile phone text **SOVA1** to **84483** to receive important weather/venue alerts from **Special Olympics Virginia**. Standard text message rates will apply. This system will only be used when important State Games information needs to be sent quickly to our participants. Participants can quickly unsubscribe from this service at any time.

HOD's please make sure to pass this memo onto your athletics coaches just in case we have an incorrect email address for them or they possibly did not submit an email address.

The purpose of the conference call is listed as follows:

- Discuss any important details the competition staff feels is important for you to know, prior to arrival. (Bib Numbers, Getting Scratches turned in as quickly as possible, shuttle to shot put, stadium turf.)
- Wheelchair Athletes & 25M Assisted Walk: Staging location will be under the tent adjacent to the track entrance and the medical tent
- DQ protocol
- Coaches please make us aware of Back to Back events when you drop off at staging.
- Disqualification Events:
 - C3 Softball Throw = Over 24M
- Answer any questions you might have at the end of the conference call.
- Ensure the competition begins on time.

Located on the SOVA website:

Once completed, final divisions for both Friday and Saturday, as well as the shot put and pentathlete final divisions on our website so that you may look at it prior to arriving. All coaches had a chance to review the list of athletes and submit corrections. The only changes to be made moving forward will be scratches. The final divisions will be available no later than **Tuesday, May 29, 2018** for your review.

Conference Call Information:

Thursday, May 31, 2018 @ 7:00PM

Dial: (641) 715-3580

Meeting Number: 179-722-566

Please keep the following in mind when you call in to the meeting:

- Once the call begins, all participants will automatically be muted by the system. To unmute your line, please dial *6 on your phone.
- If you have questions prior to the call, please email them to Bryan Schubring at bschubring@specialolympicsva.org by May 31st at 12:00pm, and we'll address them during the call. This provides us an opportunity to research your question prior to the call.
- If you have questions during the call, please hold them until the end of the call. We have planned some time for a short Q&A session.

Thanks again for your commitment to your athletes and Special Olympics. We're looking forward to a great competition this year.