



Dear Swimming Coaches and Chaperones,

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.

The purpose of the conference call is listed as follows:

- Athlete Coaches Check-In
- Discuss any important details the competition director feels is important for you to know, prior to arrival. (Bib Numbers, Meet Manager Mobile App, Getting Scratches turned in as quickly as possible.)
- Review the overall flow of the event and some minor changes we are making to the flow. Clerk of Course, (bulk head), running multiple divisions at a time.
- Awards - Labels
- Discussion of the 25 YD races.
- Ensure the competition begins on time.
- Go over r warm up procedures.
- Reminder about unique considerations for swimmers. (ex. Blind, assistance in/out of the pool, wheelchairs)
- Lap Counters for the 200, 400 & 800 yard races.
- DQ Protocol
- Deck Pass request period has ended. Coaches that have been notified of approved requests can pick up their pass at the Check-In table.

Located on the SOVA website:

We will be posting the meet program for both Friday and Saturday on our website no later than **Monday, June 4, 2018** so that you may look at it prior to arriving on Friday. . All coaches had a chance to review the list of athletes and submit corrections. The only athlete/event changes to be made will be scratches. A link will be provided once the program is complete.

Conference Call Information:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

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, please mute your phone by dialing *6. To unmute your line, please dial *6 on your phone.
- If you have questions prior to the call, please email them to Bryan bschubring@specialolympicsva.org by May 29th no later than 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.