2020 Winter Games
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What’s the date of the 2020 Winter Games?
Thursday, January 9th – Saturday, January 11th.

Where are the Winter Games held?
The OU campus & venue sites in Norman & OKC & Edmond.

What’s the Entry Deadline for Winter Games?
All registration forms must be received no later than December 1st, 2019.

Where do I send my Winter Games Registration Forms?

How should I submit my WG registration forms?
We suggest you send your WG forms via UPS or FedEx. US Mail service is becoming increasingly unreliable. You may also hand-deliver your forms.
• If your forms don’t get to us – there’s no way for us to know that you sent them!

Who is eligible to advance to Winter Games competition?
Athletes who participated in Sectional Swimming, Area Traditional Bowling or Traditional Basketball Skills or Basketball Team competition may advance to Winter Games in that sport.
ALL Athletes may compete in Unified® Bowling, Traditional Volleyball Skills or Unified® Team Volleyball @ Winter Games.

Coaches Certification Required
Swimming, Bowling, Basketball & Volleyball all require a SOOK Certified Coach.

Can athletes compete in more than one sport @ Winter Games?
Yes – as long as athletes are not registered to compete in more than one sport on the same day.

What time do I need to have my athletes at their competition venue?
Athletes should report to their venue 30 minutes prior to the start of competition.

Is there a fee for the Games?
Yes. There’s a non-refundable fee of $5 due for each Athlete and Unified® Partner.

Are there Family areas at all competition venues?
Yes. Family registration & wristbands are available at each venue.

How do families know when & where their athletes are assigned to Bowl?
Information will be available in the Final Packet. Coaches should inform Families – or direct them to the www.sook.org website.

Lodging for Winter Games – Teams & Families are responsible for their own lodging arrangements.

• Sooner Legends – 405/701-8100

For OKC hotels – check out - www.okccvb.org or call 800/225-5652.
What's the story about the lunch during Winter Games?

Teams are responsible for providing their own lunches during Games. Teams may bring food & drink or order food to be delivered to the Sarkey’s Fitness Center venue.

NOTE: Food & Drink is not allowed in the seating area at Sarkey’s Fitness Center, but there are designated areas inside where food & drink are allowed.

**Bowling** – There is NO outside food or drink allowed inside any of the bowling venues. Each Bowling venue has a concession, and food & drink may be purchased.

**Swimming LOCATION** – Mitch Park YMCA in Edmond. Teams may provide their own lunches for athletes, coaches & team volunteers. There will be a designated lunch area available at the venue for Teams.

- MITCH PARK YMCA ACCESS AND PARKING – THURSDAY FOR SWIMMING
  - 2901 Marilyn Williams Drive, Edmond, 73034
  - Access to the YMCA from W. Covell Road or N. Santa Fe Avenue
  - ALL PARKING is in the North lot ONLY
  - Access to the pool is through the North door ONLY
  - Families will go to Spectator Seating – Athletes will go to the locker rooms

Are there food & drink concessions on campus for families & spectators?

NO concessions on campus - Concessions are available only at Bowling venues.

How many coaches should I bring to Games to assist my Team?

You know best how much help you need with your Team. Special Olympics encourages you to bring the number of assistants you need to manage your Team.

- Only a limited number of coaches will be allowed on the pool deck at OCCC.
- Families & spectators must stay in the seating area & are not allowed on the deck.

**Victory Night Celebration – Journey Church**

This free event, held at the Journey Church in Norman on FRIDAY from 7 – 9 pm, is our official Opening Ceremonies and Dance. Snacks & soft drinks are provided.

Dance theme – **All It Takes Is What You’ve Got!**

- Celebrating WWE!

Who can attend Victory Night?

All registered athletes & coaches are invited to attend. We also welcome family members of registered athletes and coaches.

**Young Athletes Stars of the Future**

Due to low participation in the last 2 years, we have decided to quit offering Young Athletes at Winter Games.

There will still be Area events in the Spring – and our large Young Athlete event at Summer Games will be held in May in Stillwater.