**Opening Ceremonies Script**

**\_\_(year)\_\_ \_\_(Sport)\_\_ Competition**

**WELCOME**

**EMCEE:** Good morning and welcome to the \_\_(year)\_\_ Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program \_\_(sport) \_\_competition! First, I would like to thank all of the coaches, teachers, and classroom aides who helped the athletes train and prepare for today’s competition. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who came out today to help make the competition a success and to \_\_ (host school name) \_\_ for hosting today’s competition!

Thank you to our generous supporters for making this possible! We would like to thank our sponsors for their generous support: Adobe, Chevron, Flyers Energy, and our Law Enforcement Torch Run!

**INTRODUCTION OF TEAMS (*WITH* Parade of Athletes)**

**EMCEE:** Now let’s get loud as we welcome the athletes participating in today’s \_\_(sport)\_\_ competition!

*(Queue parade music. Schools march in with torch bearers first and host school last.)*

Leading the parade of athletes is \_\_(student name) \_\_ from \_\_(student school)\_\_ and \_\_(law enforcement name)\_\_ from \_\_(law enforcement agency)\_\_ carrying the Special Olympics Torch!

*(Read school name as each school walks in. Line up in alphabetical order with host school last.)*

Let’s hear it for \_\_\_(school name)\_\_\_

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*(repeat as necessary for additional schools)*

And, last but not least, the hosts of today’s competition, \_\_(host school name)\_\_!

Let’s hear it again for all of the athletes participating in today’s event!

**INTRODUCTION OF TEAMS (*WITHOUT* Parade of Athletes)**

**EMCEE:** Now let’s get loud as we welcome the athletes participating in today’s \_\_(sport) \_\_ competition!

Let’s hear it for \_\_\_(school name)\_\_\_

Let’s hear it for \_\_\_(school name)\_\_\_

Let’s hear it for \_\_\_(school name)\_\_\_

*(repeat as necessary for additional schools)*

And, last but not least, the hosts of today’s competition, \_\_(host school name)\_\_!

Let’s hear it again for all of the athletes participating in today’s event!

Now please turn your attention towards the \_\_(location from which torch is coming)\_\_ for the Special Olympics Torch being carried in by \_\_(student name)\_\_ from \_\_(student school)\_\_ and \_\_(law enforcement name)\_\_ from \_\_(law enforcement agency)\_\_! Let’s cheer them on!

**REMARKS BY SPECIAL GUEST/DIGNITARY**

**EMCEE:** Now, I would like to introduce special guest, \_\_(name)\_\_, \_\_(title/role)\_\_ to speak to all of you.

**Special Guest/Dignitary Speaks**

**EMCEE:** Thank you \_\_(special guest name)\_\_!

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**EMCEE:** Now, please stand as we welcome \_\_(student name)\_\_ from \_\_(student school)\_\_ to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EMCEE:** Thank you \_\_(athlete name)\_\_!

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH**

**EMCEE:** Now, please help me in welcoming \_\_(student name)\_\_ from \_\_(student school)\_\_ to lead us in the Athlete Oath. Remember, this is something that requires crowd participation. \_\_(Student name)\_\_ will say and line and then you repeat it back.

**EMCEE:** Great job everyone and thank you \_\_(student name)\_\_!

**DECLARE THE COMPETITION OPEN**

**EMCEE: I**t is with great pleasure that I now declare the \_\_(year)\_\_ Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program \_\_(sport)\_\_ competition officially open! Let the Games Begin! Good luck to everyone and have a great day!