



HOST LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

Hosting a competition is an opportunity for students and teachers to get involved in an event that is designed to engage the **ENTIRE** school community!



Student Involvement: There are many opportunities for students on campus to get involved. Students may volunteer, serve as Fans in the Stands, or participate in a Unified Sports Exhibition. Students attend with their class (such as PE or study hall) or are released from their regular classes with teacher permission.

Whole School Involvement Activity: Host schools commit to one Whole-School Involvement activity. Most activities are fun, simple, and easy to integrate into the competition day. Special Olympics will assist you with selecting the right activity for your school.

Sports Facilities Needed for the Competition:

Soccer & Flag Football: Soccer or football field, or equivalent size grass area.

Basketball: Minimum of one gym. Depending on size of competition, additional space may be needed.

Track & Field: Track facility/football stadium.

Facility Coordinator: There will need to be one person at the school who has access to the facilities. This may be a custodian, facility coordinator, athletic director, or other appropriate person.

Parking: Parking and a designated “bus drop off” area should be available near the competition facility. Anticipate additional buses and traffic on competition day.

Bathroom: Accessible restrooms or port-o-potties should be available near the competition facility.

PA/announcement system: In most cases a PA or announcement system will be needed.

First Aid: It is great to have a designated first aid area during the competition. If the host location has on-site nurses who are available, it is a benefit to have someone present for basic needs.

Event Preparation: One meeting or walk-through prior to the competition is the best way to ensure everyone is prepared!

If you would like to speak with the principal of a current host location about how hosting has impacted his/her school, please contact Special Olympics.