

2023 World Summer Games

Basketball Identification

May 31, 2022

General Eligibility

Athletes must meet the general eligibility requirements as outlined on the [World Games Games Qualifying Site](#).

Identification Process:

1. Athlete eligibility lists will be distributed to all communities for initial community endorsement.
2. Athletes on the eligibility list who are interested in being identified for the World Games will be required to submit a Declaration of Interest Form by June 30, 2022.
3. Declaration forms will be reviewed to confirm eligibility.
4. Random draw #1 that will take place on July 4, 2022. A maximum of 8 athletes of each gender will be selected and invited to proceed through the identification process.
5. Coach endorsement of the invited athletes will take place.
6. The invited athletes will be required to submit results (supported by video) of the skill evaluation session. Skill evaluation session must be conducted by a Special Olympics Coach. Results must be submitted by July 25, 2022.
7. Athlete results will be reviewed. Athletes whose results meet the sport specific criteria will be entered into a final random draw.
8. A final parent/guardian endorsement will take place.
9. Athlete's names will be submitted to Special Olympics Canada for final review and announcement to the National Team Training Program.

The basketball skill requirements are listed below. An outline of the basketball evaluation skills will be provided to athletes who are invited to the second round of Identification.

BASKETBALL

All players

- Can shoot from the free throw line successfully most of the time
- Can dribble the ball with both hands successfully most of the time
- Can pass the ball accurately with both hands successfully most of the time
- Can get the rebound most of the time against players their size
- Has a good spatial awareness (does not only follow the ball) and good vision
- Has a good understanding of tactical aspects of the game
- Measures risks adequately on the field
- Has enough endurance to play a minimum of 15 minutes without a break
- Is able to keep up with stronger players
- Is coachable and adapts easily to new teammates and strategies
- Knows the rules of basketball well
- Can mark a player defensively with success
- Knows a few fakes/tricks
- Can move in multiple directions in an agile manner
- Is able to score from multiples spots on the court
- Is able to steal the ball from other player without fouling
- Make themselves available for passing

Good Sportsmanship and is a team player