

# 2023 World Summer Games

## Soccer 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 female athletes 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 may be included in a Hometown Games event or 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 the 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 soccer skill requirements are listed below. An outline of the soccer evaluation skills will be provided to athletes who are invited to the second round of Identification.

## **SOCCER SKILL REQUIREMENTS**

### **All players**

- Controls the ball with both feet successfully most of the time
- Can dribble the ball with both feet successfully most of the time
- Can pass the ball accurately with both feet successfully most of the time
- Can control the ball with body (thigh, chest, etc) successfully most of the time
- Can do controlled header successfully most of the time
- Can shoot with dominant feet accurately and successfully most of the time
- 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 30 minutes without a break
- Able to keep up with stronger male players
- Is coachable and adapts easily to new teammates and strategies
- Has enough strength to do long passes or shoot from outside the goalie box
- Knows the rules of soccer 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 steal the ball from other player without fouling
- Make themselves available for passing

### **Additional goalie skills**

- Can dive on both sides
- Controls the ball efficiently with their hands
- Can pass the ball accurately with their hands