



2023-2024 Season School Championships

Selection Guiding Principles

- We provide a fair and equitable method to select teams that will have the opportunity to attend School Championships.
- We will strive to ensure that we have representation from the maximum number of regions of the province at the Championships.
- We provide the opportunity for the host community to be represented in each sport.

Conferences

For Provincial School Championships qualification, all teams are placed in a **conference** with schools from the surrounding regions, **meaning that schools are competing against all other schools within their conference, not only teams at their local qualifier.** This means that in some cases a team from your qualifying event may not advance.

To be considered a qualifying event you **MUST have a minimum of 3 schools participating.** All tie-breaking processes remain the same. This model allows for equitable chances of qualification, despite the size of the local qualifier. Please see your conference below

Conference	Location
Central Conference	Barrie/Muskoka, Owen Sound,
Eastern Ontario Conference	Amprior/ Renfrew, Cornwall
Greater Eastern Conference	Belleville/ Napanee, Peterborough
GTA Conference	Toronto East, Durham/Ajax/Oshawa
Kingston Region	Kingston, Brockville
North East Conference	Timmins, Sudbury, North Bay
North West Conference	Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay
Ottawa Region	Ottawa East, West
Peel Conference	Toronto West, Peel (Mississauga, Brampton)
South Central	Hamilton/Halton, Niagara
South East Conference	Kitchener/Waterloo, Guelph,
South West Conference A	London, Sarnia
South West Conference B	Windsor, Chatham



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2024 Chatham Quotas

Quotas are **based on the capacity of the hosting city** and college/university. Sport quotas are generated based on projected participation and the number of events planned in each sport. The more events hosted per sport (aka Basketball and Bocce) the more athlete opportunities will be allocated to those sports.*

Special Olympics believes in representation across small and rural communities which is exhibited this year. Our hope is to offer an even mix between smaller and larger hosting communities which will directly impact our ability to increase our quotas from year-year

The Breakdown

Quota Numbers Will Be Provided at a later date

Selection Process

1. For each conference teams are separated into:
 - a. **Competitive traditional stream**
 - b. **Unified stream (if applicable)**
 - **All division winners from each event stream are ranked based on the following** criteria:
 - Highest game points (3 points for a Win, 2 points for a Tie)
 - Lowest points against average
 - Random Computerized Draw
 - Note: low, medium, and high divisions all have an equal chance of qualifying; your pre-qualifier division placement has no effect on qualification
 - Also note to be considered a qualifier event for our four team sports a minimum of 3 schools must participate
2. Once winners for each qualifier are established qualifier winners will be compared to the remaining winning teams in their conference using the above selection criteria. **The top traditional and top unified team from each conference will automatically advance.**



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3. If additional quotas are awarded or quota does not allow for a unified and traditional team from each conference the below achievement model points system will be used.
4. (if the quota allows) the remaining unselected teams that qualified will be awarded points based on the below achievement model. The teams with the top achievement model score regardless of conference or being traditional or a unified team will be selected to advance. The number of additional advancing teams will be based on the available quotes left per sport. If there is a tie in points the tie breaker will be the larger conference (number of athletes and teams participating).

Achievement Model (Highest Number of Points)

This model provides a point system to recognize team's level of engagement and participation.

Points are awarded as follows:

- 3 Points for Participating in a Qualifier
- 2 Points for Hosting a Qualifier
- 2 Points for Participating in A Virtual Event
- 2 Points for Being a Unified Champion School (Having a Unified Team)
- 1 Point for Having an Educator, Unified Partner or Athlete of the month
- Note points will be totaled based on the accomplishments completed at the end of the qualifier sport in question (points accumulated after will only be applicable at the next qualifying period)

Note this process is implemented consistently through all team sports

Track & Field Process

1. Track and Field is different as it is an individual sport and qualification will be based on divisioned results (which are initially submitted by educators)
2. These results are put into our GMS system and athletes are divisioned based on gender, age and ability
3. Athletes will receive points based on their placement in their division for each of their events: ten points for 1st place, eight for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, four for 4th, two for fifth, and zero for sixth or beyond



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4. Athletes with the best average of points (total points over number of events) in each gender and age division will be identified for advancement."



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