

May 21, 2019

## IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER for 2019 STATE SUMMER GAMES

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### **THURSDAY, MAY 23rd - EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

- We will be sending out a **"TEST - Text Message" on Thursday, May 23rd, at 3:00pm** from the **SORI code 51555**. If you do not receive it, please contact Mary-Ellen Powers at the SORI office via email at [maryellen@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:maryellen@specialolympicsri.org) with your cell phone number. We will be using this system to notify "Head Coaches" of any emergency situations or changes due to inclement weather. Please note that message and data rates apply.
- We will post general information only on our social media sites (Facebook & Twitter).
- A Crisis Team has been identified to receive communications related to any crisis and will meet to address the crisis as well as to determine next steps related to necessary communications to coaches.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 30th - TENT INFORMATION:**

- Team Tents can be set-up between 1:00pm - 4:00pm on Thursday, May 30th
- The contact from the Tent Rental Company should check-in with Greg Jones at SORI Command Center for set-up instructions.
- ***The Tent Rental Company should know the name of your team as well as the contact person, so that your tent can be properly identified.***
- Be sure to inform the Tent Rental Company how to access Olympic Village via Plains Road when they arrive onsite at URI.
- If you cannot make the 1pm - 4pm time frame, all other tent set-ups must be done on Friday morning, May 31st.
- Teams should bring their own signage to identify the location of their tent.
- Any questions regarding tent set-up, please call or text Greg Jones (401) 447-1802.

### **FRIDAY, May 31st - REGISTRATION:**

- Team registration will be open from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the **Keaney Gym Lobby**.
- Teams arriving after 12:00pm, should report to the Command Center (trailer) to pick-up their team registration packets and credentials.
- Athletes should not report to sport venues without their proper credentials
- **Teams must be in proper athletic attire while competing at the State Summer Games.**

### **FRIDAY, May 31st - TORCH RUN KICK-OFF AT STATE HOUSE**

- Looking for athletes to attend the Torch Run Kick-off ceremony at the State House on Friday, May 31st from 1:15pm - 2:00pm.
- We're also looking for a couple of athletes to be at the Rhode Island State Police Wickford Barracks on Post Rd in North Kingstown from 5:00pm - 5:30pm to welcome the police recruits who are participating in the Torch Run.
- **Athletes participating in either events should be in their team uniform and have a family member and/or staff with them.**
- We would love to have as many athletes as possible to join us at the State House for the kick-off ceremony or at the State Police Wickford Barracks. If you have any athletes that

would like to attend, please email Tracy Garabedian by **Wednesday, May 29th**  
at [tracy@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:tracy@specialolympicsri.org)

**COMMAND CENTER PHONE NUMBERS (please note that these are NEW numbers:**

- (401) 618-4630
- (401) 618-4631
- If someone needs to reach you in an emergency, the Command Center phone numbers will only be available for incoming calls from **Friday, May 31st beginning at 9:00am until Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00pm.**

**MANDATORY "HEAD COACHES" MEETINGS:**

- Friday at 11:30am - in Keaney Gym.
- Saturday & Sunday for Aquatics at 8:30am - Ryan Center South Lobby
- Saturday for Soccer at 8:45am - Soccer HQ Tent
- **Please be ON-TIME for all Head Coaches' meetings.**

**OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONIES:**

- Opening Ceremony will be held **INSIDE** Keaney Gym. [Click here for the 2019 Summer Games Important Fact Sheet](#) that was sent to you for your review.
- Parade of Athletes will kick-off at 6:50pm from Mackal Fieldhouse.
- Only Class A Volunteers with SORI Credentials can participate in the Parade of Athletes.
- A Laser Show will be held on Saturday night at the Dance.
- A Movie Tent will also be available for athletes near Keaney Plaza.
- Motorcycle Run will be held on Saturday night at the Dance at Closing Ceremony.

**DINING SERVICES:**

- Butterfield Dining Hall for dining services. [Click here for 2019 Dining Schedule.](#) A schedule will also be included in your coaches packet at registration.
- Dunkin' Donuts will be open in Memorial Union over the weekend
- Subway will be open in the Boss Hockey Arena

**OLYMPIC VILLAGE:**

- Friday from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Saturday from 10:00am - 3:00pm
- [Olympic Village Activities Flyer](#)
- On Saturday, there will be a Mini Olympic Village outside the Swim Clerking Venue (South Side of the Ryan Center for swimmers only).

**ATHLETE SCRATCHES**

- On Friday, scratches can be given to Louise Miller at Team Registration. Please be sure to report all athlete scratches, ***especially on Saturday*** to the venue director for the specific sport events that your athlete(s) will be participating in. ***It is very important that coaches communicate all scratches to the Track Venue Director, Field Venue Director or Swim Venue Director to allow events to run on time.***

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**Quick Links...**

- [Our Website](#)
- [Competition Calendar](#)

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**Contact Information**

For more information regarding the State Summer Games, please contact Chris Hopkins at [chris@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:chris@specialolympicsri.org) at or via phone at 401-349-4900.

