



June 5 – 12, 2022

**Athlete Criteria**

1. Athlete must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Athlete must be a current Special Olympics Rhode Island registered participant and continue to be a registered participant through the end of the USA Games Competition.
3. Train and prepare for the USA from the time of selection notification up until delegation departure according to the training plan as designated by the athlete's Head Coach.
4. Athlete should have competed in the sport and event from the previous year (January 2019 – March 2020).
5. Athlete must receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal in the sport and event they are being nominated for. Athletes will be selected in order Gold, Silver, Bronze.
6. Athlete must be available to attend all trainings and State Competitions and other training and/or competitions as designated by SORI. This includes participation in other New England Program State Games and Regional Trainings.
7. Athlete must be committed to attend the USA Games for its entire duration.
8. Athlete must be transported to and from local practices, competitions and meetings by a family member or a designated provider.
9. Athlete must compete with their USA Games team in State Competitions and Regional Competitions; not with their local program.
10. Athlete must maintain sportsmanship and abide by rules and regulations set forth by his/her coach and Special Olympics Rhode Island.
11. Athlete should be able to tolerate a 3+ hour travel day (primarily air travel, independently or with minimal supervision).
12. Athletes must be able to independently handle all toileting, showering and daily hygiene needs. Coaches can easily provide reminders to take care of these items, but athletes must be able to attend their needs on their own in an efficient time frame.
13. Athletes must be able to share living space with other team members.
14. Athletes must be willing to commit to supporting the fundraising efforts of Team Rhode Island.