



Rapid Response and Communication Plan for Fall Championships 2025

The priority of Special Olympics Virginia is to maintain the safety and well being of the athletes and volunteers at all practices and events. Although much planning occurs to avoid emergency situations, they do occasionally happen. Emergency situations can include a lost athlete, accidents or injuries, sexual abuse allegations, an athlete or volunteer death, or an arrest of a delegation member.

Injury or Illness Situations

During
Competition/Event



Athlete or Volunteer
reports to the
volunteer medical
station at the venue



Athlete receives treatment
for injury or is referred for
emergency medical services



If athlete is referred for Emergency
Services Bryan Schubring (competition
related) at 804-467-6006 or Izzy Nelson
at 804-929-2344

After Saturday
event and Sunday
morning



Athlete or Volunteer
calls Izzy Nelson at 804-929-2344



Izzy Nelson will contact the VP of
Sports, Health and Fitness or the
appropriate medical volunteer
closest to the incident



Athlete receives treatment
for injury or is referred for
emergency medical services





Rapid Response Situations

Should an athlete or volunteer be involved in any of the following situations; lost athlete, accidents or injuries, sexual abuse allegations, athlete or volunteer death, or an arrest of a delegation member, or accidents involving multiple people, SOVA will follow the following action plan.



Athlete or Volunteer calls Izzy Nelson at 804-929-2344 or 911 if situation warrants immediate emergency service



Izzy Nelson will call David Pawlowski, VP of Sports, Health and Fitness at 804-467-6003 or in his absence will call Val Reinford, VP of Local Programs at 804- 467-6008.

Izzy Nelson will also communicate the situation to the Senior Director of Sports and Competition as necessary.



Law Enforcement
Authorities are notified if
applicable by appropriate
SOVA Staff only



VP of Sports, Health and
Fitness or VP of Local
Programs notifies the
President and the VP of
Development and
Communications



VP of Development and
Communications notifies
appropriate personnel at
SONA as needed



Incident is resolved and
follow-up action is dictated
by the situation



VP of Sports, Health and Fitness or the
VP of Local Services and the VP of
Development and Communications
assemble the Rapid Response and
Communications Team



Inclement Weather Situations

Inclement weather can affect the ability of the games staff to continue with competitions or events or produce an environment that is not safe for the participants.

**Inclement Weather or Lightning
Detected in Immediate Area**



Lightning detected within 6
miles or less from any
outdoor venue (Golf, Soccer)



Competition Directors will notify the Senior Director of Sports and Competition, Bryan Schubring at 804-467-6006 and begin preparation to evacuate the playing fields and seek safe shelter.



Competition may be temporarily suspended or cancelled by the Senior Director Sports and Competition for any competition venue.
Any suspended play, cancellations or changes in schedule will be communicated out b SOVA staff via all communication channels available.