

# Special Olympics Montana 2012 State Winter Games

The attached entry packet contains the following forms and documents needed to register for the State Winter Games:

- State Winter Games Cover Letter
- SOMT Entry Form Instructions
- Athlete and Coach Games Registration Form
- Coach Roster
- Entry Reminders
- Individual Events Entry Form
- Hotel Listing
- 2012 SWG Tentative Schedule
- Event Codes

**NOTE: ALL ATHLETE, UNIFIED PARTNER, COACH, AND VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK IS DUE AT THE STATE OFFICE BEFORE TRAINING FOR THE STATE WINTER GAMES BEGINS. PLEASE REFER TO THE COVER LETTER FOR MORE EXPLANATIONS. IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENT ON PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS ON JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. PLEASE CONTACT SARAH BARNES @ 406-216-5327 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON YOUR STATUS.**

If your packet is missing any of these forms please call the state office to request another copy at 1-800-242-6876 or go to our web site at [www.somt.org](http://www.somt.org).

## Entry Reminders

Please keep in mind the following points when selecting sports/events for your athletes:

- Athletes can enter a **maximum of 3 events in their chosen sport** during the games.  
Example: If a snowshoe athlete chooses to compete in the 100, 400, and 800, they may not compete in any other snowshoe events.
- **Athletes cannot enter a traditional Special Olympics event and the corresponding Unified Sport event.**
- All athletes entering Unified Alpine events must be an intermediate skier or better.
- **Entries are due in state office by January 31, 2012. Be aware there will be no exceptions made to the entry deadline. All entries must be in the State Office by mail or fax by January 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Coaches **will not be allowed to physically assist or pace their athletes.** Please keep in mind an athlete who is not able to perform the skills necessary to complete an event without assistance is not trained properly or is entered in the wrong event/sport.

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- Various sports utilize controlled access venues: most notably the Alpine venues. **Only coaches with a “Coach Ski Pass” will be allowed to proceed past the marshalling area.**
- Advanced slalom, giant slalom, and Super G (downhill) alpine skiing and snowboarding will be offered. This means athletes can compete at novice, intermediate, or advanced levels. The intermediate level events will take place on Chair 9; Advanced level will be on Chair 2, which is a steeper slope. (NOTE: Whitefish Mountain Resort installed a new lift in the Summer of 2011, which we may use for the 2012 advanced course. We will keep you posted.)
- All athletes competing in the advanced alpine events must have a waiver signed by their coach and athlete or guardian/parent indicating that the athlete has trained for eight weeks on a similar slope.