



2022 Advancement Events for the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin (2023 SOWSG)

Pre Event Selections, Athletics & Swimming

Athletics

Quota: 3 female places and 2 male places

Track Events	Field Events
50m Run	Mini javelin
100m Run	Shot Put
400m Run	Long Jump
5,000m Run	
4 x 100m Mixed Relay	

As part of our quota instructions, we must:

1. ensure representation in all events offered
2. each athlete is to participate in 1 track event and 1 field event

After reviewing data from all regions athletics events in last cycle, the agreed combinations are as follows:

1. 50m & Mini Javelin
2. 100m & Mini Javelin
3. 100m & Shot Put
4. 400m & Shot Put
5. 400m & Long Jump
6. 5,000m & Long Jump
7. 5,000m & Shot Put

Event Pre-selections were necessary to allow regional programmes to offer the agreed combinations only, thus ensuring that all athletes entered in competition are eligible to advance in the first instance.

For event pre-selections, the following steps will be taken to ensure that the combinations selected not only meet the requirements of the LOC but are also a fair representation of the Special Olympics Ireland Programme. To that end for the two male places, we will select a maximum of 1 athlete from combinations 4-7.

Event Pre-Selection Process Athletics

Step 1. Draw for gender

Step 2. Draw the track events for all 5 places

Step 3. Draw field events for each place being mindful that once a field event is selected it may make other events unavailable.

Swimming:

The quota for swimming is very prescriptive and the LOC have already dictated the three categories. We are again asked to ensure representation in all categories.

Male	Female
Category 1: 25m free, 25m breast, 50m free, 50m back,	Category 1: 25m back, 25m breast, 50m free, 50m back,
Category 2: 100m free, 100m back, 100m IM, 200m free	Category 2: 100m free, 100m back, 200m free, 400m free
Category 3: 800m free, 1500m free and 1500m OWS	Category 3: 800m free, 1500m free and 1500m OWS
4 x 50m Mixed Freestyle Relay	

Quota: 3 female places and 2 male places

*As there are 3 categories and 3 female places, no pre-selection is necessary and 1 female athlete in each category will be drawn at selections in November/December 2022.

For the male quota allocation, there are three categories available and a quota of 2 places allocated. Extensive analysis was undertaken by the RDOs in relation to participation in these categories and the findings revealed that between 80-90% of male athletes fell in to category 1. Based on this evidence, 1 place would be allocated to category 1 and the remaining place randomly drawn from category 2 and category 3.

The event pre-selections for combinations and categories for athletics was held on October 27th and for swimming on November 3rd 2021 with representation from the Special Olympics Ireland Board, Sports Advisory Group together with the Director of Sport, Sports Development Manager (Sport Department), representation from the Regional Development Officers for Sport (Invitations were extended to the volunteers from the sub group, however they were unavailable).

The sessions are recorded and available on request.

The results from these event pre-selections are as follows:

Athletics	Male	Female
		50m run + Mini Javelin
	100m run + Mini Javelin	100m run + Shot Put
	5,000m run + Long Jump	400m run + Long Jump
	4 x 100m Mixed Relay	
Swimming	Category 1: 25m free, 25m breast, 50m free, 50m back,	Category 1: 25m back, 25m breast, 50m free, 50m back
		Category 2: 100m free, 100m back, 200m free, 400m free
	Category 3: 800m free, 1500m free and 1500m OWS	Category 3: 800m free, 1500m free and 1500m OWS
	4 x 50m Freestyle Mixed Relay	