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## **Team New Hampshire Heads to Seattle for 2018 Special Olympics USA Games**

Manchester, NH—June 26, 2018--On Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 36 athletes and 14 coaches from all over the state of New Hampshire will be on their way to Seattle, Washington for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games. From July 1-6, Team New Hampshire will join thousands of Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across the nation, along with tens of thousands of volunteers, family members and fans, for a week of special events and competitions in 14 team and individual sports. Team New Hampshire athletes will be competing in seven Olympics-type sports which are aquatics, athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, and powerlifting. In addition, Team New Hampshire will be sending two individuals to participate in the Youth Leadership Experience. The Youth Leadership Experience will bring together high school students from across the country where they will participate in a week of volunteering and training on how to be representatives of change within their schools, communities, and state.

Mary Conroy, President of Special Olympics New Hampshire said, "The USA Games is a once a lifetime opportunity for our athletes. They have been training very hard in preparation for these games and it is amazing to see the growth in everyone on the team. Our athletes cannot wait to demonstrate their skills at the national level."

Team New Hampshire's journey at the USA Games begins with the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, July 1, where they will march in the Parade of Athletes in front of thousands of spectators at the University of Washington's Husky Stadium. ABC will broadcast the Opening Ceremony live starting at 12:30 p.m. PT/3:30 p.m. ET.

Follow Team New Hampshire's progress throughout the USA Games by following Special Olympics New Hampshire on Facebook (@SpecialOlympicsNH), Twitter (@SONewHampshire), and Instagram (specialolympics\_nh).

Press is invited to a brief send off for Team New Hampshire at the Exit 4 Park and Ride in Londonderry (2 Garden Lane) from 1:30pm to 2:00pm.

### **ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. To learn more, visit [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org).

### **ABOUT THE 2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES**

The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will be held in Seattle, Washington July 1-6, 2018. More than 4,000 participants representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, along with the support of tens of thousands of volunteers and spectators, will compete in 14 Olympic-type team and individual sports. The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will celebrate the Special Olympics movement and its 50th anniversary; promote the ideals of acceptance and inclusion through sport; and showcase athletes from throughout the U.S. and the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. The 2018 USA Games will also highlight Special Olympics' work in sport, education, health and community-building.

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