



2020 FLOOR HOCKEY SEASON OVERVIEW

Registration

- Programs **must** abide by registration deadlines. **Programs that do not meet registration deadlines will not be eligible to compete**
- In order to attend any event or practice all participants must have up to date forms and/or certifications on file with Special Olympics Massachusetts by published deadline

Registration Deadlines

- Team Intentions / Preliminary Registration - January 8, 2020
- Final Winter Games Registration – February 12, 2020

Levels of Competition

- Winter Games March 7th & 8th

Sport Resources

A variety of coaching resources are available for download at the Special Olympics [sport resource page](https://resources.specialolympics.org/sports-essentials) (<https://resources.specialolympics.org/sports-essentials>). These include

- Sport Essentials
 - Article One / Coaching S.O. Athlete / Sport Rules / Coaching Guides / Athlete & Coach Development Models

Safety

- It is the responsibility of Special Olympics to look out for safe and well-being of all of our participants and to manage any and all potential risks, which may result or cause an injury a participant. With that in mind, Special Olympics does not allow the following in the sports of Floor Hockey
 - Wheelchairs / Walkers, crutches, canes / Boots / Hard casts / Jewelry
 - According to SOI rules religious head gear must be documented prior to tournament play and meet safety standard
- Floor hockey the following equipment is required of participants
 - Helmet with protective shield or cage
 - Shin guards
 - Goalies – regulation goalie stick, protective glove, blocker for non-glove hand, goalie pads

Website / Event Info

- Winter Season Resource Page
 - Links to events
 - Sport rules
 - Registration form



Rosters Composition

- Roster size for all teams must fall within the Minimum and Maximum player limits.
 - Minimum roster size –11 players
 - Maximum roster size – 15 players
- All participants on roster **must** be of similar age. Guidelines are as follows
 - 8-15 years old
 - 16-21 years old
 - 22+
- Participants may only jump one age group.
 - Special Olympics MA will be monitoring ages on rosters and will contact programs if there are large disparities of ages on a team's roster
- Teams age group is determined by oldest player on roster at time of season ending tournament

Uniform Guidelines for Floor Hockey (*Participants & Coaches*)

- Players
 - Jersey- All uniform tops **must match** (*Same color*) that properly includes Special Olympics MA logo. Jersey must have #'s on back
 - Pants or Shorts – all players must wear pants or shorts that are identical in color & trim jersey.
 - SOMA will allow a different solid color, like black provided that all players are in the same color shorts
 - SOMA will allow Athletic pants, sweatpants or yoga pants that meet guidelines above
 - If athletes wear shorts, long socks must cover shin guards. All athletes on team must wear same color socks that match uniform
- Coaches
 - Special Olympics Massachusetts branded gear or dress shirt
 - Khaki Pants or shorts or black sweat pants. No ripped jeans or jean shorts