

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC POLICY MANUAL

Section: **SPORT**
Policy: **Athlete / Volunteer Accommodation at Events / Competitions**
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Special Olympics BC athletes and volunteers, when traveling on behalf of Special Olympics BC, must be provided with a separate sleeping space (a sleeping space may be a bed, cot or space on the floor for a mattress/foamy and a sleeping bag). Should two persons wish to use the bed provided, at least one of those persons must use a sleeping bag. Where possible, three or more athletes of similar gender should share a room to reduce the chances of inappropriate behaviour that might occur if only two athletes were sharing a room.

Special Olympics BC requires that all team members, with the exception of the Chef de Mission, must stay at the Provincial Games/Championship accommodation site during Provincial Games/Championships.

Where team members, including athletes and team members who are in a supervisory capacity, are required to stay in official or designated accommodations sites at events, all must do so for the duration of that event. This is so athletes may gain the full benefits and experiences of participating in the Games.

Individuals failing to do so may be disqualified from further participation in that event and be subject to further disciplinary action. The decision to remove an athlete or volunteer from an event for failing to stay in designated accommodations shall rest with the Team Manager for that team and the Vice President, Sport for Special Olympics BC. In the case of a Team Manager being in violation of this policy the decision shall rest with the Vice President, Sport for Special Olympics BC.