



Date: June 24, 2020

Subject: Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) Return to Play Plan and Updates to Cancellations through October 31, 2020

As the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic continue, Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Four Corners Invitational, the 2020 Holiday Classic, and all qualifying events and practices that lead up to these events. Access to training facilities, minimum training standards, and the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, Unified Partners, and volunteers were the driving factors in how this decision was made. With guidance from Special Olympics Inc. and Special Olympics North America, the SONM staff and our Return to Play Task Force will continue to monitor COVID-19 developments at the state and local levels to ensure the SONM Return to Play Plan is updated as needed to maintain proper health and safety measures.

Planned Events Including Virtual and In-Person Experiences

SONM Virtual Games, June 29-July 11

SONM Golf, August 24 (Tentative)

Virtual Equestrian Event, September 11-12

Golf Classic Tournament Fundraiser, October 5

Virtual Basketball Skills Contest, October 24

Virtual Halloween Dance, October 31

State Bowling Tournament, November 13-15

Virtual Walk across New Mexico Challenge (Dates TBD)

Continuation of the Fit 5 Challenge (Dates TBD)

Competition Cancellations

Four Corners Invitational, August 21-22

- Cancellation includes all training, Area competitions, and all Special Olympics Health initiatives.

State Equestrian Competition September 11-12

- Cancellation includes Area competitions; There will be a virtual (video based) competition in place of the traditional competition.

Holiday Classic Competition, October 30-31

- Cancellation includes all training, Area competitions, and all Special Olympics Health initiatives.