PENGUIN PLUNGE

MOBILE POOL PLUNGE GUIDELINES

Special Olympics Connecticut

Fundraising & Participation Requirements

- Your organization must commit to raising a **minimum of $5,000** and registering at least **25 participants** for the event.
- All fundraising and participation minimums must be met **one week prior** to the scheduled event date.
  - If these requirements are not fulfilled, SOCT will be unable to bring the Mobile Pool Plunge unit to your venue. To explore alternatives, please contact your Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT) representative.
- All participants must register online before the event.
- Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver.

Mobile Plunge Footprint, Event Logistics

- The Mobile Plunge Unit requires a **minimum footprint of approximately 30' x 40'** on a flat, level surface. The pool itself occupies a **12' x 24' footprint**, with additional space needed for entry/exit points to the pool, staging areas for participants and equipment, spectators, volunteers and safety personnel.
- The pool must be filled and drained on-site. Please ensure access to a **nearby drainage system**. The pool holds approximately **8,500 gallons of water**.
- Nearby access to heated changing areas are required.
- Special Olympics Connecticut will coordinate filling pool with water and oversee the set up and breakdown.

Volunteer Requirements

- **Setup and Breakdown:** Volunteers are needed to assist with unloading, assembling, filling, and draining the pool, as well as disassembling and packing up equipment.
- **Event Support:** Additional volunteers will be required for tasks such as registration, managing event flow, assisting participants, crowd control, and more.
- Specific volunteer needs will vary based on your event's size and should be discussed with your SOCT representative. Volunteers may need to switch between roles as needed during the event.
- At least **one SOCT staff member** will be present to oversee the event and provide guidance to volunteers.

Safety

- Participants must have a clear path to restrooms/changing rooms before and after entering the pool.
- The pool area must be monitored to ensure participant safety during the event. Special Olympics Connecticut will coordinate **on-site emergency services personnel.** Fire Department or ambulance staff, must be present during the event to ensure immediate assistance if needed.
- Ensure that all safety protocols are followed, including proper signage, barriers, and crowd control measures around the pool area.

Miscellaneous

- Provide a minimum of **4 weeks' notice** to SOCT to allow for scheduling, staffing, and event planning.
- Assistance may be required in researching and obtaining any permits required to host the event, including health and event permits.
- Secure all necessary approvals (e.g., from the facility owner, principal, or organizational leadership)