



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services
Parks and Recreation

Date: August 9, 2021

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Through: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Kevin M. Kirwin, Director, Parks and Recreation

Subject: Approval of the Special Olympics Florida Aquatic Championships Agreement for the Swimming Event to be held at the North County Aquatic Center and for the Opening Ceremony to be held at the iG Center

BACKGROUND

Special Olympics Florida Inc. (a Florida not for profit corporation) will be hosting the Special Olympics Aquatic Championships on October 2nd and 3rd, 2021 at the North County Aquatics Center (NCAC) and hosting the Opening Ceremony at the Intergenerational Center (iG). This will be 15th year that Special Olympics Florida has chosen Indian River County as the host county for this event (the event was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic). The Special Olympics Aquatic Championships is a cornerstone event for athletes and their families that through the spirit of competition fosters physical wellness, sportsmanship and bolsters self-esteem. The memories and friendships formed during this event last a lifetime.

This two-day event hosts up to 400 athletes and 350 family members, Special Olympic Florida staff members and support staff from around the State of Florida. Additionally, up to 300 volunteers are recruited from across Indian River County to assist the athletes and their families during the event.

Special Olympics Florida Inc. and Indian River County, Parks and Recreation would like to renew and amend their expired agreement to provide for the events scheduled for 2021 through 2025. This five-year term will ensure that Special Olympics Florida would have the exclusive use of the NCAC and iG during the two-day period of the event - typically held during the first weekend of October each year. This will also ensure that the athletes, coaches, families, and support staff will be staying in Indian River County hotels, eating at local restaurants and shopping in locals stores for the next five-years. To help offset the costs of the facilities and staff, Special Olympics Florida Inc. will be paying \$2,250 for the 2021 event with this fee increasing by \$500 each year until 2025. Additionally, Indian River County, Parks and Recreation will be submitting a grant application to the Treasure Coast Sports Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners accept the agreement with Special Olympics Florida Inc. and Indian River County and authorize the chair to execute the same.

ATTACHMENT:

Agreement Between Special Olympics Florida and Indian River County for use of the NCAC and iG

DISTRIBUTION:

Kevin M. Kirwin, Director –Parks and Conservation Recreation

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 17, 2021