



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

Date: May 11, 2018
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
From: Michael Redstone, Recreation Manager
Subject: Approval of the Special Olympics Florida Aquatic Championships Agreement for the Swimming Event to be held at North County Aquatic Center and for the Opening Ceremony to be held at the iG Center

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commission at its regular meeting May 22, 2018.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

The Indian River County Recreation Department will be hosting the State of Florida Special Olympics Aquatic Championship Meet at the North County Aquatic Center on October 6 & 7, 2018. This will be the 12th consecutive year the meet has been held here in Indian River County. This Special Olympics competition is a means to achieve physical fitness, self-esteem and life skills necessary to be productive, respected and contributing members of their communities.

This two-day event hosts over 350 athletes for both long and short course events. The event would not be possible without the contributions of over 300 volunteers from our community. Both the Indian River County Recreation Department and the Special Olympics Florida, Inc. a Florida not-for-profit corporation desire to continue the agreement for use of the North County Aquatic Center and the iG Center in 2018, 2019 and 2020. The term of the Agreement is for three years, they get exclusive use of the NCAC, iG Center, help of the County Recreation staff, volunteers and sponsors dedicated to supporting the event. The Athletes, Coaches, Care Givers, Parents and Supporters will stay in Indian River County hotels, eat in local restaurants and shop in local stores.

To help offset the cost of swim meet, Special Olympics Florida group shall pay to the County the sum of \$1700.00 for 2018, \$1700.00 for 2019 and \$2250.00 for 2020. Additionally the Recreation Department will submit a Grant Application to the Treasure Coast Sports Commission. The event is anticipated to generate over 500 hotel rooms nights providing a substantial economic impact to Indian River County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Agreement between Indian River County and Special Olympics Florida, Inc. for the use of the North County Aquatic Center and the iG Center and authorize the Chairman to sign.

ATTACHMENT(s):

Agreement between Special Olympics of Florida, Inc. and Indian River County for the use of the North County Aquatic Center and iG Recreation Center.