



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department

Date: August 26, 2024
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
From: Gustavo Vergara, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Assistant Director
Subject: 2024 Special Olympics Fall Classic

BACKGROUND:

Special Olympics is a global organization and is the largest sport organization that serves athletes with intellectual disabilities with more than 4.9 million athletes in 172 countries and over one million volunteers. The Mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. Special Olympics offers 27 sports in Florida starting at the age of 2 years old, with close to 75,000 athletes and 45,000 volunteers participating yearly. Indian River County has a long history of hosting the State Swimming Championships at the North County Aquatic Center and Golf Championships at Sandridge Golf Club. These events not only support athletes and their families in providing amazing facilities for their competitions but provide a great economic impact to the area.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Special Olympics would like to expand their reach to local athletes by hosting the 2024 fall classic in Indian River County on Saturday, October 5, 2024. This event will include flag football, pickleball, softball (outdoor sports) and power lifting in one high energy day. The outdoor sports would be held at Dick Bird Park and power lifting would be held inside the iG gym with a luncheon provided in rooms 131A, 131B and 131C. Rooms 112A and 112B would be used for coaches' meetings throughout the day. This will be the first time a regional event of its kind will be held in the County and Special Olympics Staff is very excited about the closeness of the facilities as it will create a synergistic effect to the day by bringing all the disciplines together without the need to travel between facilities. The attached license agreement and proposed fees encapsulate the entirety of the relationship for this event. Staff is proposing a 25% discount to the non-profit rate due to the existing relationship with Special Olympics and probable economic impact associated with this event if the first event proves to be a success.

FUNDING:

No funding is required for the subject task. The resulting approval will provide revenue to the South County Rentals and iG Accounts shown in the table below.

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
South County Rentals (Revenue Account)	004034-347219	\$2,250.00
iG Room Rental (Revenue Account)	004034-347300	\$1,837.50
iG Gym Rental (Revenue Account)	004034-347301	\$1,125.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve the License Agreement with Special Olympics Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENTS:

Indian River County Parks Recreation and Conservation License Agreement for Special Olympics Inc. (dated 8/28/2024)

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024