



Special Olympics Alabama

April 2022

SUBJECT: Special Olympics Summary Report For Fraternal Year 2021-22

Special Olympics athletic competition was suspended during all of 2021, through April 2022, due to COVID. The State Games scheduled for May 2022 were also canceled. Special Olympics International is the governing agency; it sets the rules for all countries that participate in Special Olympics. With no formal activities authorized, much of the Knights of Columbus support efforts did not occur. Dr. Robert Bushong, Special Olympics Executive Director for Alabama, stated the entire state program requires significant rebuilding to recover sponsors, coaches, guides and venues that were lost during more than two years of shutdown.

The State Chairman distributed five letters to councils keeping them informed during the year. He also provided update reports for the Regional Meetings and the State Midyear Meeting.

Councils within the state successfully transitioned to the new Form 10784 for reporting Special Olympics activities.

Alabama received a \$1,650 donation for Special Olympics from Supreme. This was presented to Dr. Bushong by the State Deputy at the annual State Convention.

Alabama continues to emphasize Special Olympics with four pillars of support: determine the type of support best suited for council; know how to contact the local Special Olympics coordinator; create a budget line to make an annual donation and submit the Form 10784 each time there is an activity or end-of-year summary.

The Special Olympics state web site is www.specialolympicsalabama.com. The state office telephone is 334-242-3383. The K of C state chairperson is Jerry Brecher at jerrybrecher@kofc-alabama.org.

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