

SWIMMING COMPETITION APRIL 2024

- OFFICIAL INVITATION -

26 February 2024

Respected Delegates & Spectators, Dear Swimmers, Coaches & Friends,

With immense pleasure and honor, we invite you to the **Swimming Competition – April 2024** organized by Special Olympics North Macedonia in collaboration with UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund in North Macedonia.

The event will contribute to increased awareness raising on inclusion and regional cooperation among youth through sports and promises to be a celebration of athleticism, togetherness, and inclusivity.

Your participation in this event not only shows your dedication to the sport but also your commitment to promoting inclusivity and unity within our community. We look forward to welcoming you to Skopje, North Macedonia for what promises to be an unforgettable occasion.

A. EVENT DETAILS:

- Organizers: Special Olympics North Macedonia, United Nations Population Fund
- Venue: Sports Center Boris Trajkovski Skopje
- Period: April 05-07, 2024
- Pool: 25m, water temperature set at 27°C
- Swimming Time measurement type: Electronic

B. COMPETITION RULES:

The competition will adhere to FINA rules and the Official Special Olympics Swimming Rules.



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C. COMPETITION PROGRAM:

Friday 05.04.2024	Saturday 06.04.2024 (Team Division) 09:00 – 12:00 h	Sunday 07.04.2024 (Competitions) 12:00 – 16:00 h
• Training for Participants	 50m Freestyle 50m Breaststroke style 100m Medley 50m Butterfly style 50m Backstroke style 100m Freestyle 	 50m Freestyle 50m Breaststroke style 100m Medley 50m Butterfly style 50m Backstroke style 100m Freestyle

Warm-up: 30 minutes before the start of the official competition

For more information, logistics details and RSVP please, contact Mr. Darko Krstic (darko.k@som.mk; som@som.mk; +38978418698).

Warm regards,

Special Olympics North Macedonia

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