

# Evaluation of Sport Rule Change Proposal



In accordance to SOI (Special Olympics International) Article I – Sports Rules, Addendum A.3.b., the following criteria will be used in the process of evaluation of the various Rule Change Proposals by the SOTX Sports Management Team (SMT):

1. Are there any references in the International Federation/National Governing Body/other sport federation rules regarding this proposal? If so, give us details or reference.
2. Does this impact on sport equipment currently used?
3. Make sure that this is a rule proposal and not a competition management or coaching guide issue
4. Are there any supportive data (stats, scientific studies, etc.) regarding this proposal?
5. Has this proposal been field tested? What are the statistics or results found to support the proposal?
6. What is the impact on global sport development?
7. Do you think that this rule proposal, as a principle or analogy, could also be applied in other sports?
8. What is the impact of this proposal on the various levels of the sport organization, e.g. on Local, National, Regional or World Games?
9. Is this to be effective immediately or at a later date for reasons to be explained?
10. What will be the impact on coaching, officiating and/or competition management?
11. Are there any health and safety concerns?
12. Does the rule maintain the basic philosophy of Special Olympics?