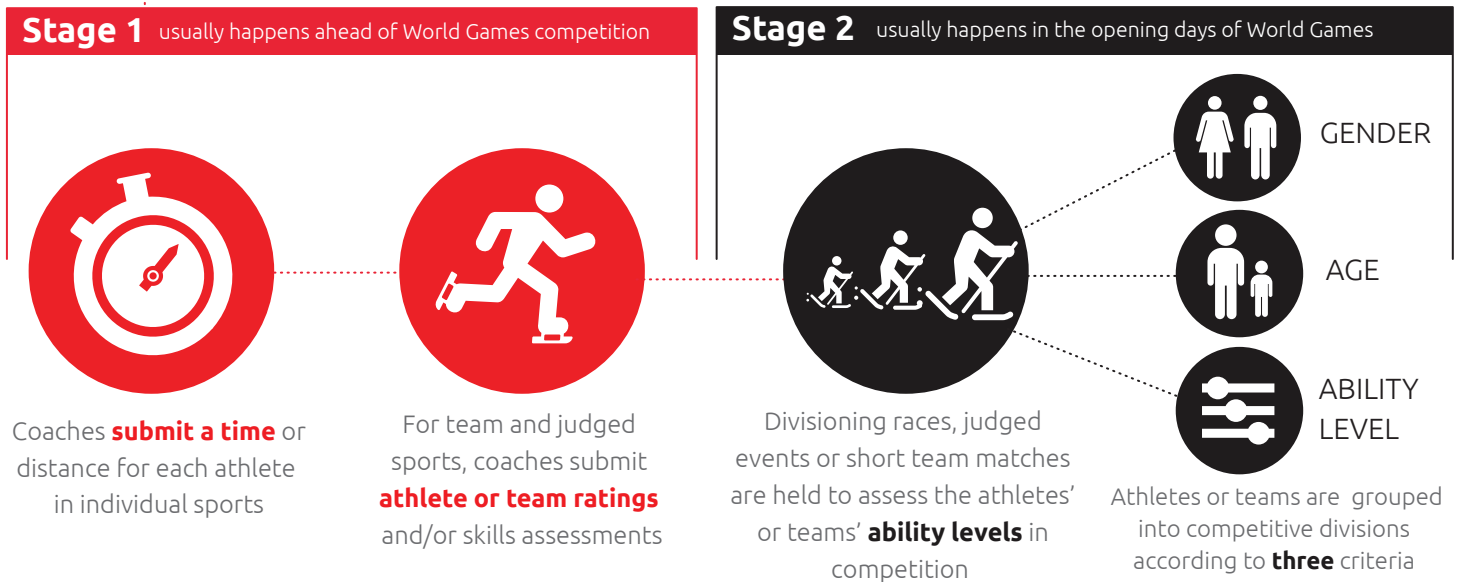


# Special Olympics **Divisioning**

Like all athletes, Special Olympics athletes love **the thrill of competition** and pushing their limits to achieve a new personal best.



Special Olympics uses a unique system called **'divisioning'** to give athletes of all abilities the chance for exciting competition.



<p><b>HOW MANY ATHLETES OR TEAMS ARE IN A DIVISION?</b></p> <p>minimum of <b>3</b> maximum of <b>8</b></p>	<p><b>HOW ARE DIVISIONS SET?</b></p> <p>There should be no more than a <b>15%</b> difference between the most highly skilled athlete or team and the lowest skilled athlete or team in each division</p>	<p><b>WHY DIVISIONING?</b></p> <p></p> <p>Divisioning makes Special Olympics competitions fair, empowering and exciting</p>
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An evenly matched competition makes athletes and teams try harder -- and push farther. It's about athletes rising to a challenge -- and giving it their all!

**All they need to do ... is THEIR very best.**

