

# Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

## June 21, 2019



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### Welcome

Welcome to the June 21, 2019 edition of the SOMD Area Memo!

If there are any members of your Area’s leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to [dweddle@somd.org](mailto:dweddle@somd.org) to have them included in future distributions.

### **(NEW)** *Upcoming Webinars and Events*

Below are registrations for some upcoming events and webinar, along with the targeted audiences for each. Please feel free to invite others from your management teams where appropriate. Please note that the first 2 webinars (PB Update and Advance Introduction) will be run through Zoom rather than Go To Webinar. The registration will look different than our usual GoToWebinar program.

Date	Event/ Webinar	Description	Registration
6/24 6:30-7:15pm	Protective Behaviors Update	SOI has updated their Protective Behaviors Process. While this will result in minimal changes to you, we wanted to provide all of the information that we have from SOI.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/join/9b439fc4ac87b605f06faf5">https://somd.zoom.us/join/9b439fc4ac87b605f06faf5</a>

6/27 6:30-7:30pm	SOMD Advance Introduction Webinar	Modeled after SONA Advance, Special Olympics North America's effort to support quality growth in its programs, we will be offering a similar program to county programs over the next few years. This webinar will offer an introduction to the program and process.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/join/91234567890">https://somd.zoom.us/join/91234567890</a>
7/15 7:00-9:00pm	Area Leader Webinar	Standard Presentation before the Area Leaders meeting. This meeting has been MOVED to Monday, 7/15 based on other state meetings taking place on Tuesday, 7/16.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/110764096527173122">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/110764096527173122</a>
7/20	Area Leader Meeting		<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGQLWDQ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGQLWDQ</a>

**(NEW) Protective Behaviors Training**

Shortly before Summer Games, SOI made a change to how the protective behaviors certification will be handled online. As you know, protective behaviors certification is required for all Special Olympics volunteers.

In short, the online protective behaviors certification will now be exclusively available via the new Special Olympics Learning Portal (<https://learn.specialolympics.org/>); the existing links to protective behavior certification will take the user to the SO Learning Portal (i.e., those links still work and take you to the new location).

The training can be accessed once one creates a user account. A complete step-by-step how-to is available at <https://resources.specialolympics.org/protective-behaviors> or watch a step-by-step video created by Melissa Kelly at <http://bit.ly/2IJ6DmC>. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [learn@specialolympics.org](mailto:learn@specialolympics.org) (for technical questions on using the SO Learning Portal) or [coaches@somd.org](mailto:coaches@somd.org) (for Qs on protective behavior certification and SOMD).

As noted in the above table of upcoming webinars and events, SOMD will be hosting a short webinar for Area leaders on this new process. This will also be discussed at the Area Leader Meeting on July 20.

**(NEW) Summer Games – Evaluation Survey and Feedback Sessions**

Thank you to everyone who has taken a few minutes and provided us with their thoughts on the 2019 Summer Games via our online survey (we've heard from more than 400 of you so far and would love to hear from more). We absolutely review every rating and comment, both by SOMD Staff and GMT, and give them due consideration in planning future Summer Games and other events (even if we can't actually implement everything suggested).

That survey is still open and anyone still wishing to provide a response can do so at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019SGEVAL>. This survey will close on the evening of July 1.

We have also set-up three opportunities to get additional feedback and input from all athletes, partners, coaches, family members and other volunteers via three webinar sessions. During these sessions we will share some initial feedback we've received from the survey and give you the opportunity to provide additional input and clarification. There's no need to sign-up for more than one session as the core of them will all be identical (only the input from attendees will vary). Please join us for one if you can.

Session 1: Monday, June 24, 2019, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7076435245607593485>

Session 2: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2963829649655657485>

Session 3: Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3093087137105393165>

In addition, given the major changes that were implemented at the Swimming Venue, we will be hosting two feedback sessions specifically focused on Swimming, one for leaders/coaches and one for families, athletes and partners. We encourage you to have your coaches, athletes and family members join us for the appropriate session.

Leaders/Coaches SWIM Feedback Session: Friday, June 28, 2019, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5376984993871745549>

Families/Athletes/Partners SWIM Feedback Session: Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1290106870498135565>

Thanks again for your input. I look forward to reviewing all of the data and reading all of your comments. The volunteer Summer Games GMT will begin reviewing your suggestions at their first meeting to prepare the 2020 SOMD Summer Games.

### **(NEW) Coaching Special Olympics Athletes – Looking For Prospective Instructors From Areas**

Coaching Special Olympics Athletes is an exceptional course, and in the new Coach Sport Certification Model, it is a required course for virtually all coaches in community programs. While offered as both a live and an online course, it is much better as a live course with a great deal of interaction among the prospective coaches. To continue to offer this course live, we need additional instructors.

We will be hosting a Train-the-Trainer session for the Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA) course on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at SOMD HQ. This is a day-long course (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and will prepare up to 20 Area coaches and leaders to present the CSOA course throughout the state. We will be making some direct invitations from HQ, and we would like to have Areas nominate additional individuals so the CSOA course can be offered live throughout the state and as often as is needed for all SOMD coaches to be able to complete it and a convenient location.

Requirements for prospective trainers are as follows:

- Must be nominated by their Area Director
- Must have significant experience as a sports coach of individuals with intellectual disabilities (5+ years)
- Must commit to taking/retaking the online version of CSOA *during the three weeks prior* to the live session on August 3 (SOMD will reimburse the course fees from HK)
- Must commit to presenting CSOA class a minimum of three times per year either as an individual instructor or co-presenter (typically in their “region” of the state).
- Must agree to follow all guidelines and requirements for CSOA courses
- Must be a prime representative of the ideals and ethics of coaching
- Must consistently represent Special Olympics and SOMD in a positive and professional manner

Nominations will only be accepted by Area Directors and will be accepted through the following survey link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOA\\_T3\\_2019Q3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOA_T3_2019Q3). Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, July

23, 2019. Nominees will be informed of their status for the course no later than Thursday, July 25 (sooner if nominations are made prior to the July 23 deadline).

**(NEW) Coaching Special Olympics Athletes – 2 New HQ Hosted Live Sessions**

SOMD will be hosting two live Coaching Special Olympics Courses at SOMD Headquarters during July and August 2019. Coaching Special Olympics Athletes is a core course for all Special Olympics Coaches in the new Coach Education and Development System. To ensure maximum interaction among participants, the classes will each be limited to a maximum of 25 registrants. Both sessions are provided free of charge.

Saturday, July 27, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

To register for either course, coaches and prospective coaches can use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOAQ3>.

**(NEW) SOMD Athletes Invited to the White House**

Earlier this week we were informed that our four SOMD athletes who competed as members of the Special Olympics USA Team in Abu Dhabi in March, have been invited with their other SO USA teammates to attend a special session at the White House on Thursday, July 18. Details are still be worked out, but until we know more we hope everyone to congratulates Charles Gaines, Jena Jones, Calvin Massenburg and Kegan Zimmerman for receiving such a prestigious invitation.

**(NEW) Athletes as Officials Course for Soccer, Basketball and Softball**

WHAT: Athletes as Officials Course for Soccer, Basketball and Softball

WHEN: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10am-4pm

WHERE: SOMD Offices, 3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103, Baltimore (Halethorpe), MD 21227

HOW MANY: 6 athletes per sport will be accepted.

REGISTER at: <http://alps.somd.volunteerhub.com>

**Athletes as Officials Course**

**From Coaching to Conducting Competition, Special Olympics Athletes Taking on New Roles**

Welcome to the *Athletes As Officials Course – Officiating Soccer, Basketball and Softball*. Are you ready for a new challenge in Special Olympics? Do you know how to talk with other athletes so that they understand what you mean? Do you like helping at a competition?

As we know, the key to improving athlete performance and well-being is based on the quality of sport training and experiences provided by the local Special Olympics coach and the sport-specific competition management teams. In addition, sports training is complemented by the quality and frequency of competitions in which the athlete participates. The term “coach” refers to the individual who assumes responsibility for athletes, actively trains them, and coaches them in competitions (the Class A Volunteer). In some cultures, the coach is referred to as “trainer.” We are broadening the term “official” to include an individual who is part of the competition management team and assumes a role as part of conducting the competition. There is a range or continuum of such positions from shagging balls through head referee or umpire.

**How do I know I’m ready to be an official?**

Nobody knows for sure until they try it! Many people volunteer to be Special Olympics coaches or competition management team members and then find that it just wasn’t for them. You may do the same thing once you go through the Training School and experience working with athletes alongside the head

coach. Another way to know if you are ready to be an official is by watching an official and asking yourself if that is what you want to do. If you REALLY want to do it, you are probably ready!

Another way to see if you are ready is to ask your coach if you can volunteer to assist in a local competition. Ask them to show you several of the roles an official can play, then ask if you can help with one or more of those jobs. If it turns out that you like doing that and you want to learn more, you can ask about going to a sport-specific officiating course.

***What do I do if I think I am ready to be an official?***

This course is an excellent first step in exploring the possibilities. There is a continuum of opportunities within Track and Field. This course will provide a test ground for several of them. Before we get into those options, let's first look at goals and expectations.

This introductory course on officiating will provide basic knowledge, skills, value statements and a practical application for the athlete to work toward becoming an official. The mentor provides a variety of opportunities for the prospective official to meaningfully contribute their ideas. Two key learning areas include **managing the group of athletes** and **solving problems**. The goals are to help athletes showcase their sport skills in decision making and/or help athletes have a meaningful competitive experience. Within this course, the athlete who is going through the training will be referred to as the "Prospective Official".

**(NEW) Golf Season – Special Olympics Maryland**

Golf season is here! Please make sure to check the Sports Calendar for information pertaining to the Area/County Qualifying Golf Competitions leading up to the State Championships. Reminder that each participating Area/County Program should host at least one competition during the season, and please make sure to submit a Sanction Form for the competition. The Sanction Forms can be submitted to Steve Bennett at: [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org)

Information will be communicated relating to the registrations for these competitions at a later date.

**(NEW) Golf Special Olympics North America Invitational (Golf NIT)**

The Golf NIT event will be held in Nashville, TN. At this time, SOMD is waiting to receive our allotment for participants. Once the allotments have been determined and are received, the selection process will occur. Once the selection process occurs, the participants selected through the Advancement Criteria will be communicated to the Area/County Programs through the Area Director. The Area Directors will then confirm the participants from each Area/County Program.

This event will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, with possible travel days occurring on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SOMD Team Openings**

We are in the process of hiring our Interscholastic Unified Sports Tennis Chair (stipend position) to support the upcoming fall tennis season of Interscholastic Unified Tennis!

Position Descriptions and details can be found at:

<https://www.somd.org/connect/employment-opportunities/>

**Cardboard Boat Race June 22, 2019**

Join us on the strand in Oxford at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cardboard Boat Race to benefit Special Olympics Maryland and the Oxford Community Center. Get started on your boat design using our construction guidelines, sign up for a race (or two!), and bring your friends for a day of fun.

Boat registration and inspection begins at 9am and races start at 11am. Awards on The Strand after the races!

Here is the information for the cardboard boat race: <https://give.classy.org/2019CardboardBoatRace>

### **2019 Rockfish Open**

Be a part of the most rewarding Rockfish Tournament in the state of Maryland! Join Special Olympics Maryland at one of our two locations for the 2019 Maryland Rockfish Open on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and help support the 8,033 athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

We have a new location this year: Sunset Cove

Please see link to the 2019 Rockfish Open website: <https://give.classy.org/2019rockfishopen>

### **July Athlete Leadership Trainings**

- **Saturday July 20th, 2019 "Beginner Global Messenger" (9am-3pm) LIMIT 10**

The Beginner Global Messenger is part of the Athlete Leadership Program (ALPs) and the first step in becoming certified as a full Global Messenger which may open opportunities nationally and globally. Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Programs allow athletes to explore opportunities in roles previously considered "non-traditional." Such participation might come in the form of an athlete serving on the Board of Directors or local organizing committee; or it might find an athlete as a spokesperson, coach or official.

Global Messenger Beginner Course – to provide training and presentation skills for athletes interested in representing Special Olympics Maryland and Special Olympics athletes in formal or support settings.

- **Saturday July 20th, 2019 "Technology: Leadership in your hand-Using Smart Phones (9am-12pm) LIMIT 8**

If you have a smart phone you have a lot of computing power in your hands every day. This course will show you how to use your smart phone and some key FREE apps that can enhance your leadership skills and experiences.

- **Saturday July 20th, 2019 ADVANCED SPEECH WRITING TRAINING Creating a new themed speech (1pm-5pm). LIMIT 8**

*(This course is for athletes who have completed the Beginner Global Messenger Course.)*

Many of you have been giving speeches for the last number of years. Your speeches have been centered around a certain theme of who you are as an athlete. Like a description of who you are. And they have been so great.

We are going to help you identify the next theme you can be passionate about and write a new 3-10 minute speech that will carry you to the next level.

- **Sunday July 21st, 2019 "Special Olympics Health Messenger Training" (9am-5pm) LIMIT 12**

A Health Messenger is a Special Olympics athlete who has been trained to serve as a health and wellness leader, educator, advocate and role model within their Special Olympics community or the community at large. The Health Messenger program is empowering athletes to: develop healthy lifestyles; influence other athletes to lead healthier lives; advocate within their communities for inclusion around health and wellness services, education and resources; and develop leaders to advocate for the health needs of people with Intellectual Disabilities.

- **Sunday July 21st, 2019 (10am-1pm) "How to make videos" LIMIT 10**

Doesn't matter if you have a video camera or you are creating videos on your phone. This course will teach you the basics in creating good simple videos. After we talk about some techniques we will go out and practice making videos so you can apply the skills you learned right away. We will teach you how to upload them to various social media outlets and storage apps so you can edit later.

• **Sunday July 21st, 2019 (1pm-4pm) "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" LIMIT 10**

For athletes who are interested in leadership but don't want to make speeches.

This training will teach the basic etiquette practices for meeting people in group settings like fundraisers and other events.

Athletes will learn how to shake hands, make eye contact, introduce themselves and tell a short bit about their own story. And then ask the people they meet some questions.

They would sit down with someone at the table and go through the basic steps listed above.

A bell will go off and then the athlete rotates through to the next person.

It's akin to speed dating but just with a very short elevator speech.

You can register for all courses at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/July2019Training>

**Maryland Youth Service Award & Governor's Service Award**

It's that time of the year when the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism takes nominations to honor great volunteers across the state. Please visit <https://gosv.maryland.gov/governors-service-awards/> to learn more about the nomination areas. Consider nominating your volunteers and volunteer groups for recognition from the governor's office.

*New this year!*

The Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is now accepting nominations for the inaugural Youth Service Awards. The awards will recognize Maryland youth and youth groups, ages 11 to 18 years old for their significant volunteer contributions to the state and its citizens, and for working to change Maryland for the better. This year, the awards will represent outstanding service occurring in 2018 and 2019.

Up to 10 youth and youth groups will be selected to receive an award at a special ceremony in late summer. If your program has an outstanding youth volunteer or volunteer group, please consider nominating them for this award! For more information, visit: <https://gosv.maryland.gov/youth-service-awards/>

**Medical Volunteers...Join the Team!**

Our Medical Team is looking for a few additional volunteers to join the medical team. Volunteers must have a valid medical credential (EMT, Nurse, Doctor) and be willing to provide volunteer medical support at both state and local competitions. If you know someone ready to volunteer, please have them email Pam Greenwood, SOMD Medical Coordinator ([medicaldir@somd.org](mailto:medicaldir@somd.org)) OR direct them to the Medical Team VolunteerHub page at [www.medicalteam.somd.volunteerhub.com](http://www.medicalteam.somd.volunteerhub.com).

**Area Memo Open to Area Announcements**

Do you have an upcoming event that you'd like to announce, a volunteer that deserves a special shout out, or maybe a recent 'win' for your program that you'd like to share with other area programs. Your contributions to the Area Memo are welcomed and appreciated! Please send any announcements that you'd like included in the Area Memo to Danielle Weddle ([dweddle@somd.org](mailto:dweddle@somd.org)).

**(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars**

The dates and time for Pre-Season and Pre-Competition webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

**Pre-Season Coaches Webinars**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Bowling	Thu 8/15 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6632742720473931789">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6632742720473931789</a>
Cycling	Tue 8/13 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3107056431428835341">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3107056431428835341</a>

Distance Running	Wed 8/14 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9041148173666400012">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9041148173666400012</a>
Flag Football	Thu 8/15 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3726790663884673803">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3726790663884673803</a>
Golf	Wed 7/17 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8278003541106063628">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8278003541106063628</a>
Kayaking	Thu 5/23	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1sg02Cr5ho&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1sg02Cr5ho&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>
Powerlifting	Wed 8/14 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8467738566130042380">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8467738566130042380</a>
Soccer	Wed 8/21 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3189719915646348555">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3189719915646348555</a>
Tennis	Tue 8/13 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2609976021622345739">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2609976021622345739</a>

### Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Bowling - Regionals	Tue 11/05 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4167640949535073805">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4167640949535073805</a>
Bowling - Championship	Tue 12/03 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2784322280885929485">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2784322280885929485</a>
Cycling	Tue 10/15 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/729198709130645773">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/729198709130645773</a>
Distance Running	Wed 10/09 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8209744759742188300">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8209744759742188300</a>
Flag Football	Tue 10/08 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/360674298355497739">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/360674298355497739</a>
Golf	Thu 9/19 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3142645423136427020">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3142645423136427020</a>
Kayaking – Pre-trails	Tue 8/06 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/100377015106936588">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/100377015106936588</a>
Kayaking – Pre-Finals	Tue 8/20 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/125703163931242508">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/125703163931242508</a>
Powerlifting	Wed 10/09 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7231578533742419724">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7231578533742419724</a>
Soccer	Thu 10/10 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3374712747019729419">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3374712747019729419</a>
Tennis	Tue 10/08 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3414913091154440971">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3414913091154440971</a>

### **Community Sports Registration Deadlines Set Through End of 2019**

Registration Deadlines for community sports through the end of 2018 have been set and are incorporated into the Sports Calendar included with this email. They are summarized below for your convenience as well.

<b>Event/Sports</b>	<b>State Championship</b>	<b>Training Registration</b>	<b>Outstanding Forms</b>	<b>Competition Registration</b>
Kayaking	8/24/2019	7/11/2019	7/18/2019	8/1/2019
Golf	9/29/2019	8/15/2019	8/22/2019	9/5/2019
Fall Sports Festival <i>(cycling, distance running, flag football, powerlifting, tennis)</i>	10/19/2019	8/29/2019	9/10/2019	10/3/2019



Soccer	10/27/2019	8/29/2019	9/26/2019	10/3/2019
Bowling – Regionals	11/10/2019	9/23/2019	10/3/2019	10/17/2019
Bowling - Championships	12/08/2019			11/28/2019

### **Sports Directors – Assigned Sports**

As reviewed during the Area Leader webinar and in-person meeting in mid-July, SOMD HQ has undergone some staff restructuring in support of driving the developing strategic initiative of improved and increased sports programming and competitions as well as building the capacity for overall growth in the number of athletes we serve. One step in the process was the change in the role of the former “Regional Sports Directors” into positions focused strictly on sports programming. Here is their contact information and their sport assignments (some have changed)

- **Melissa Anger, Sports Director**
  - [manger@somd.org](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x122
    - Basketball
    - Cheerleading
    - Flag Football
    - Soccer
    - Softball
    - Tennis
    - Locally Popular Sports: Cross Country Skiing, Duckpin Bowling
- **Zach Cintron, Sports Director**
  - [zcintron@somd.org](mailto:zcintron@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x161
    - Bowling (10 pin)
    - Cycling
    - Kayaking
    - Snowshoeing
    - Swimming
    - Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Volleyball
- **TBD, Sports Director**
  - [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x102
    - Alpine Skiing
    - Athletics
    - Bocce
    - Distance Running
    - Golf
    - Powerlifting
    - Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey

### **Questions?**

**If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues**, please contact a member of the new Local Program Development department for assistance

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President of Local Program Development**
  - [jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org), 410-242-1515 ex. 121
  - All Areas with the exception of the Baltimore Region and Western Maryland
- **Pat Cullinan, Northern Chesapeake Region Director**
  - [pcullinan@somd.org](mailto:pcullinan@somd.org), 410-242-1515
  - Harford, Cecil, and Kent Counties

- **Ron Freeman, Baltimore City Coordinator** *(on leave through August 12, 2019)*
  - [rfreeman@somd.org](mailto:rfreeman@somd.org), 410.598.1027
  - Baltimore City
  
- **Ryan Kelchner, AmeriCorps Western Region Coordinator**
  - [rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org), 410-242-1515
  - Western Maryland (Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties)

## 2019 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 05/31/2019

Type	Event	Location	Facility	Competition Date(s)	Pre-Season Webinar Date(s)	Pre-Competition Webinar Date (s)	Training Registration Deadline (in GMS)**	Last Date To Submit Missing Forms**	Competition Registration Deadline (in GMS)**
Community	2019 Summer Games	Towson, MD	Towson University and other locations	6/7-9/2019	Athletics: 3/12 Bocce: 3/12 Cheerleading: 3/13 Softball: 3/13 Swimming: 3/05	Athletics: 5/28 Bocce: 5/28 Cheerleading: 5/29 Softball: 5/29 Swimming: 5/22	4/25/2019	5/6/2019	5/16/2019
Community	Kayaking Time Trials <i>(Required)</i>	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/10/2019	5/23/2019	TBD	7/11/2019	7/18/2019	8/1/2019
Community	Kayaking Championships	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/24/2019		TBD			
Community	2019 Softball NIT	Nashville, TN	TBD	8/15-18/19	NA	NA			
Community	2019 Golf NIT	Nashville, TN	TBD	9/22-25/19	NA	NA			
Community	Golf Championship	Queenstown, MD	Queenstown Harbor Golf Course	9/29/2019	TBD	TBD	8/15/2019	8/22/2019	9/5/2019
Community	Fall Sports Festival <i>(Cycling, Distance Running, Flag Football, Powerlifting, Tennis)</i>	Emmitsburg, MD	Mount St. Mary's University Fort Richie <i>(Cycling)</i> <i>(Ft. Ritchie Tentative)</i>	10/19/2019	TBD	TBD	8/29/2019	9/10/2019	10/3/2019
Community	Soccer Tournament	Fruitland, MD	Crown Sports Center	10/27/2019	TBD	TBD	8/29/2019	9/26/2019	10/3/2019
IUS	Unified Tennis Championships	Towson, MD	Towson University <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Bowling - Regional Tournaments	Various locations	Various locations	11/10/2019	TBD	TBD	9/23/2019	10/3/2019	10/17/2019
Community	Bowling - State Championships	Gaithersburg, MD	Bowl America Gaithersburg	12/8/2019		TBD			11/28/2019
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #1	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	1/11/2020					
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #2	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/8/2020					
Community	Winter Games - Time Trials and Winter Games	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/23-25/2020					
Community	2020 Summer Games	Towson, MD	Towson University and Cockeysville Middle School	6/5-7/2020 (Tentative)	Athletics: TBD Bocce: TBD Cheerleading: TBD Softball: TBD Swimming: TBD	Athletics: TBD Bocce: TBD Cheerleading: TBD Softball: TBD Swimming: TBD			
<b>Questions or additions?</b> If you have any questions regarding this calendar, additions of local/regional competitions, or any other sports related issue, please contact the appropriate Sports Director: - Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org): Basketball, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis - Zach Cintron (zcintron@somd.org): Bowling, Cycling, Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Swimming - Kendall Zeswitz (kzeswitz@somd.org): Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Bocce, Distance Running, Golf, Powerlifting - Cara Maronek (cmaronek@somd.org): All Interscholastic Unified Sports (IUS)					**These are the dates by which entries must be entered into GMS or medical/volunteer forms submitted to SOMD HQ. Coaches must have this information to their Area Leadership a minimum of one week prior to these dates to allow for timely submission. (No athlete may participate in any way in a Special Olympics program without an up-to-date medical; no volunteer may participate in any way in a Special Olympics program without an up-to-date volunteer application and completed background screening.) *These dates are also the deadlines for Coaches to have completed the requirements for Special Olympics Coach Certification and to have submitted the required documentation to SOMD HQ.				

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### 2019 Coach Education & Development Events

Date	Course/Sport	Location	Facility	Comments	To Register
6/2/2019	Kayaking Coaches Live Training	Chestertown	Washington College	TBD	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G8XD89F">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G8XD89F</a>
6/18/2019	Soccer Coaches Training Webinar	Webinar	Webinar	7:00pm-9:00pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2363903117712189709">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2363903117712189709</a>
6/20/2019	Flag Football Coaches Training Webinar	Webinar	Webinar	7:00pm-9:00pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8449113937754715917">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8449113937754715917</a>
6/27/2019	Tennis Coaches Training Webinar	Webinar	Webinar	7:00pm-9:00pm	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4498680809341631245">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4498680809341631245</a>
6/29/2019	Golf In Person Coaches Training	Phoenix	Hillendale Country Club	10:00am-12:30pm	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BDRBYH">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BDRBYH</a>
6/29/2019	Soccer In-Person Coaches Training	Ellicott City	TBD	TBD	coming soon
7/13/2019	Soccer In-Person Coaches Training	Montgomery County	TBD	TBD	coming soon
7/13/2019	Flag Football In-Person Coaches Training	Frederick	TBD	10:00am-1:00pm	coming soon
7/14/2019	Tennis In-Person Coaches Training	College Park	JTCC	TBD	coming soon
<i>Areas Interested in Hosting Coach Training Events - Please Contact the Appropriate Sport Director</i>					

### 2019 Area / Regional / District Competitions & Events

Type	Event	Location	Facility	Competition Date(s)	Sport	Notes
Community	Equestrian Competition (BA, CR, CE, HA, SM)	Upper Marlboro	PG Showplace Arena	6/1/2019	Equestrian	BA, CR, CE, HA, SM; registered thru GMS
Community	HO Equestrian	Howard	Therapeutic and Rec. Riding Center	6/1/2019	Equestrian	HO only
Community	BA Inhouse Athletics Competition	Owings Mills	McDonogh School	6/1/2019	Athletics	BA Only
Community	HA Softball Qualifier	Bel Air	Kelly Park	6/1/2019	Softball	Invite Only
Community	Duckpin Bowling	Hagerstown	Southside Lanes	3/22/2020	Duckpin Bowling	Locally Popular Sport- Contact Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org)

# 2019 Event Calendar

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2019 MSP Polar Bear Plunge  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Sandy Point State Park  
[www.plungemd.com](http://www.plungemd.com)

2019 Deep Creek Dunk  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019  
Deep Creek Lake  
[www.dunkmd.com](http://www.dunkmd.com)

2019 Winter Games  
February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Whitetail Resort  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

2019 Basketball Tournament  
March 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2019  
Hood College and FCPS Sites  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

2019 Summer Games  
June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Towson University  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

2019 Kayaking Championships  
August 24<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Washington College  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bats Open  
September 26<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Queenstown Harbor Golf, Queenstown Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

State Golf Championships  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Queenstown Harbor Golf, Queenstown Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tunnel Run  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Fort McHenry Tunnel Baltimore, Md  
[www.tunnelrun.org](http://www.tunnelrun.org)

Fall Sports Festival  
October 19<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Rockfish Open  
October 26<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Mike's Crabhouse South-Riva  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

State Soccer Tournament  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Crown Sports, Fruitland Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

Over The Edge  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019  
Bethesda, Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

Interscholastic Unified High School Team Tennis  
November 2019  
Loyola University  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

State Regional Bowling Tournaments  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Various Locations in Maryland  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

State Bowling Championships  
December 8<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Bowl America, Gaithersburg, Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)

St. Mary's Splash  
December 2019  
Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, Md  
[www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org)