

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

Welcome to the July 23, 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 to have them included in future distributions.

(NEW) *Area Leader Webinar & Meeting*

Thanks to all those who took time to be on our Area Leader Webinar and at our Area Leader Meeting last week! It was great to see everyone! I am pulling together slide decks and minutes from the meeting, and they will be distributed this week. As a reminder, the webinar recording can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj_yOr2Evgk

(NEW) *Citi Open Tennis Opportunity*

Our friends at the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) are hosting a Special Olympics Day at the Citi Open on Thursday, August 1. Athletes from both Maryland and DC are invited to take part in a tennis clinic by some of the top touring pros in the country. Interested athletes should visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/19CitiOpen> to sign up. SOMD is limited to 20 athlete spots. Athletes are not guaranteed a spot, and a random draw will take place if more than our allotted athletes sign up.

(NEW) *Chesapeake Bayhawks Ticket Promotion*

Support Special Olympics Maryland-Anne Arundel County! Our Friends at the Chesapeake BayHawks (Major League Lacrosse) are offering a ticket promotion for their 8/3 game against the New York Lizards at 7:00pm at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. Special \$15.00 tickets will be offered with \$5.00 going back to SOMD-AA.

Visit: <http://thebayhawks.com/promo/HAWKSSPECIAL83> to buy your tickets and make sure you use Event Code, HAWKSSPECIAL83, for your ticket promotion

(NEW) Coach Sport Certification

Earlier this year SOMD shared the new Special Olympics North America Coach Certification model which addressed the needs for continuous training of our coaches so that they can provide the best possible sport experience for our athletes. We rolled out the model effective with the 2019 Summer Games.

We had a discussion during the Saturday, July 20 Area Leader meeting on this topic and we'd like to clarify that discussion so that there as little confusion as possible (we have already heard of one Area that was somewhat confused).

First – the Coach Sport Certification model is in place and coaches are required to meet the sports certification requirement for their sport within the designated timeframe. That has not and will not change.

Second – The discussion on Saturday centered around flexibility for those coaches who, despite their honest and best efforts, are not able to meet all of the requirements in the new model for their sport in the timeframe for the current season. With Summer Games, Area Directors could request a one event (Games) waiver for specific individual coaches who made an honest and concerted effort yet were unable to meet the requirement (for example, had a significant conflict with the only scheduled live training and no online option was available). SOMD exercised flexibility in those situations at Summer Games and granted waivers in appropriate situations when requested by the Area Director (with SOMD HQ being the sole decider on when/if such a waiver would be granted).

Third – at Saturday's meeting we were gathering input but no decision was made at that time as to whether this flexibility would be continued beyond Summer Games. We can tell you that we will now allow Area Directors to make such requests for waivers through the 2019-2020 basketball season. The exact process will be provided on the Coach Resource Page within the next week or so, including a form to be completed by the Area Director that at a minimum will require an explanation of why the individual coach did not meet the requirements and description of the efforts he/she made to obtain the necessary training/certification.

Change is difficult in any situation. We certainly want to minimize the negative impact on those coaches (and the athletes of those coaches) who *make a sincere and significant effort to meet the requirements* but are unable to do so for a legitimate reason. At the same time we will not put in place a system that would allow coaches to avoid meeting the new requirements simply because they didn't want to or couldn't be bothered to complete the required training. We believe this process with Area Director requested waivers strikes the appropriate balance and will be removed once we've gone through one cycle for all sports (which will be after the 2019-2020 basketball season). Any questions or concerns should be directed to Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President of Sports (mczarnowsky@somd.org).

(NEW) Upcoming Coach Education

Please share the following dates with your coaching teams for on-line and in-person coach trainings.

Date	Course/Sport	Facility	Time
	Cycling Coaches Training	Online	
7/27/2019	Coaching Special Olympics Athletes	SOMD Headquarters <i>(must have a minimum of 7 registrants at least 2 business days in advance or may be cancelled)</i>	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7/28/2019	Flag Football In-Person Coaches Training	Emerald Farms Park- Frederick	10:00am-1:00pm
8/4/2019	Bowling In-Person Coaches Training*	Bowl America Gaithersburg	10:00am-2:00pm

8/17/2019	Coaching Special Olympics Athletes	SOMD Headquarters <i>(must have a minimum of 7 registrants at least 2 business days in advance or may be cancelled)</i>	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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(UPDATED) 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 Class-A volunteers. During our July Area Leader Meeting, we discussed the drawbacks of this new system some of which include needing to create an account with a unique email and that individuals under the age of 16 would not be able to create an account.

In discussion with Area Directors present, it was decided that the best option moving forward would be to have SOMD host PB training on our own platform to not require a log-in, nor age restrictions.

Individuals who need Protective Behaviors Training Should use this link:

<https://www.somd.org/volunteer/protectivebehaviors/> which will give them both access to the training and quiz.

(NEW) 2019 Over the Edge

Looking to raise funds for your area program? Registration is now open for the 2019 Over the Edge event and area programs will receive 70% of all funds raised for any rappeller you recruit for your county's team! Last year, Montgomery County raised close to \$20,000.

Visit: www.overtheedgemd.com to register today and feel free to reach out to Jessie Hayes (jhayes@somd.org / 646-573-6964) with any questions or concerns.

Check out last year's exciting event [here](#). Our event this year takes place on **Saturday, November 2nd** at 2 Bethesda Metro Center.

(NEW) 2019 Golf NIT Event



Special Olympics Maryland will once again have representation at the 2019 Golf NIT event. The event will be held in Nashville, TN from September 22-25. The competitors representing Special Olympics Maryland include:

Level I (Individual Skills Competition)

- Montgomery County Susannah Lovegrove
- Montgomery County Andrew Craver

Level II – Alternate Shot 9-Hole

- Montgomery County Brandon Vreeland (A) / Kip Vreeland (UP)
- Carroll County David Henline (A) / Tony Henline (UP)
- Howard County Justin Im (A) / David Im (UP)

Level IV – Individual Stroke Play 9-Hole

- Anne Arundel County Paul Freyman (with caddie George Freyman)

Good luck Team Maryland!

(UPDATED) 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, September 7, 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 September 7 (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. Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Nominees will be informed of their status for the course no later than Thursday, August 29 (sooner if nominations are made prior to the August 27 deadline).

We will be hosting a webinar-based “refresher” training session for previous CSOA instructors on Thursday evening, August 8, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.. This session is only for those individuals who were previously certified as instructors for CSOA and will cover changes to the course and the process for scheduling a session. Appropriate individuals can register using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4921842156130985484>.

(UPDATED) *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.

Note: Given the interactive and discussion based nature of this live course, at least 2 days in advance of the session we must have a minimum of 7 confirmed registrants or the session may be cancelled.

To register for either course, coaches and prospective coaches can use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOAQ3>.

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

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

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 26th 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>

(NEW) GMS Resource Page Updated

A few months ago SOMD added a GMS Resources Page to the Coach Resource Page on the SOMD website. This past weekend we added step by step instructions on how Area GMS users could run

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) OR direct them to the Medical Team VolunteerHub page at 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).

(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

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Bowling	Thu 8/15 7:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6632742720473931789
Cycling	Tue 8/13 7:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3107056431428835341
Distance Running	Wed 8/14 8:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9041148173666400012
Flag Football	Thu 8/15 8:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3726790663884673803
Golf	Wed 7/17 7:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8278003541106063628
Kayaking	Thu 5/23	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1sg02Cr5ho&feature=youtu.be
Powerlifting	Wed 8/14 7:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8467738566130042380

Soccer	Wed 8/21 7:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3189719915646348555
Tennis	Tue 8/13 8:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2609976021622345739

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

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

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.

Event/Sports	State Championship	Training Registration	Outstanding Forms	Competition Registration
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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 410-242-1515
 - Harford, Cecil, and Kent Counties
- **Ron Freeman, Baltimore City Coordinator (on leave through August 12, 2019)**
 - rfreeman@somd.org, 410.598.1027
 - Baltimore City
- **Ryan Kelchner, AmeriCorps Western Region Coordinator**
 - rkelchner@somd.org, 410-242-1515
 - Western Maryland (Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties)

2019 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 07/05/2019

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	Kayaking Time Trials <i>(Required)</i>	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/10/2019	5/23/2019	8/6/2019	7/11/2019	7/18/2019	8/1/2019
Community	Kayaking Championships	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/24/2019		8/20/2019			
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	7/17/2019	9/19/2019	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>	10/19/2019	Cycling: 8/13 Dist. Run: 8/14 Flag Football: 8/15 Powerlifting: 8/14 Tennis: 8/13	Cycling: 10/15 Dist. Run: 10/09 Flag Football: 10/08 Powerlifting: 10/09 Tennis: 10/08	8/29/2019	9/10/2019	10/3/2019
Community	Soccer Tournament	Fruitland, MD	Crown Sports Center	10/27/2019	8/21/2019	10/10/2019	8/29/2019	9/26/2019	10/3/2019
IUS	Unified Tennis Championships	Towson, MD	Loyola University	11/5/2019	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Bowling - Regional Tournaments	Various locations	Various locations	11/10/2019	8/15/2019	11/5/2019	9/23/2019	10/3/2019	10/17/2019
Community	Bowling - State Championships	Gaithersburg, MD	Bowl America Gaithersburg	12/8/2019		12/3/2019			11/28/2019
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #1	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	1/11/2020	NA	NA	TBD	TBD	TBD
IUS	Unified Strength & Conditioning	Wye Mill, MD	Chesapeake College <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
IUS	Unified Indoor Bocce	Hagerstown, MD	Hagerstown Comm Coll <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #2	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/8/2020	NA	NA	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Winter Games - Time Trials and Winter Games	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/23-25/2020	Alpine: 11/26 Snowsh. TBD	Alpine: 2/17 Snowsh. TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Basketball Tournament	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
IUS	Unified Outdoor Bocce	Chestertown, MD	Washington College <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
IUS	Unified Team Track & Field	Hyattsville, MD	PG Sports & Learning <i>(tentative)</i>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	2020 Summer Games	Towson, MD	Towson University and Cockeysville Middle School	6/5-7/2020	Athletics: TBD Bocce: TBD Cheerleading: TBD Softball: TBD Swimming: TBD	Athletics: TBD Bocce: TBD Cheerleading: TBD Softball: TBD Swimming: TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<p><i>Questions or additions?</i> Check the Coach Resource Page on SOMD.org (https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/). There are now resource pages for each individual sport as well as each multi-sport event. As resources get continually added to these pages, the answers to most of your questions can be found there. 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 - TBD (sbennett@somd.org in interim): Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Bocce, Distance Running, Golf, Powerlifting - Cara Maronek (cmaronek@somd.org): All Interscholastic Unified Sports (IUS)</p>					<p>**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.</p>				

2019 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 07/05/2019

2019 Coach Education & Development Events

Date	Course/Sport	Location	Facility	Comments	To Register
7/9/2019	Soccer "Master Coaches" Training Webinar	Webinar	Webinar	7:00pm-9:00pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2363903117712189709
7/11/2019	Flag Football Coaches Training Webinar	Webinar	Webinar	7:00pm-9:00pm	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8449113937754715917
7/13/2019	Bowling In-Person Coaches Training	Frederick	Terrace Lanes	11:00am-2:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWLNQFH
7/14/2019	Tennis In-Person Coaches Training	College Park	JTCC	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/19TNTrainings
7/27/2019	Coaching Special Olympics Athletes	Baltimore	SOMD Headquarters	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOAQ3
7/28/2019	Flag Football In-Person Coaches Training	Frederick	Emerald Farms Park	10:00am-1:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/19FFTrainings
8/4/2019	Bowling In-Person Coaches Training	Gaithersburg	Bowl America	10:00am-2:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB88B7M
8/17/2019	Coaching Special Olympics Athletes	Baltimore	SOMD Headquarters	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOAQ3
	<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	MO Kayaking Competition	Clarksburg	Black Hill Regional Park	7/20/2019	Kayaking	MO only (200)
Community	AA Kayaking Competition	Millersville	Arlington Echo	7/27/2019	Kayaking	AA only (100, 200, 500, 1000)
Community	KE Kayaking Competition	Chestertown	Hodson Boathouse - WA College	8/3/2019	Kayaking	Limited openings for other programs - Contact Jack Brosius (jack.rosincreek@gmail.com)
Community	SM Golf Competition	Mechanicsville	Wicomico Shores	8/11/2019	Golf	Waiting for Sanction Form
Community	SM Golf Competition	Patuxent River	Cedar Point - Naval Base	8/17/2019	Golf	Need list of attendees well in advance - must be US Citizen (since on Naval base)
Community	AA Golf Competition	Pasadena	Compass Pointe	8/18/2019	Golf	Level 1-5
Community	HO Golf Competition	Columbia	Fairway Hills	8/24 or 25/19	Golf	Waiting for Sanction Form
Community	MO Golf Competition	Mt. Airy	Rattlewood	9/1/2019	Golf	Level 1 (limit of 50) /Limit of 17 tee times (3 teams per tee time)
Community	HO Golf Competition	Ellicott City	Turf Valley	9/7/2019	Golf	Levels 2-5 (20 tee times)
Community	NIRSA Flag Football Invitational (Tentative)	College Park	Univ. of Maryland	11/15-17/19	Flag Football	By Invitation
Community	Duckpin Bowling	Hagerstown	Southside Lanes	3/22/2020	Duckpin Bowling	Locally Popular Sport- Contact Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org)
Community	HO Athletics Competition	TBD	TBD	5/2/2020	Athletics	

2019 Event Calendar

Special Olympics
Maryland



2019 MSP Polar Bear Plunge
January 24th, 25th & 26th 2019
Sandy Point State Park
www.plungemd.com

2019 Deep Creek Dunk
February 23rd 2019
Deep Creek Lake
www.dunkmd.com

2019 Winter Games
February 24th – 26th 2019
Whitetail Resort
www.somd.org

2019 Basketball Tournament
March 30th – 31st 2019
Hood College and FCPS Sites
www.somd.org

2019 Summer Games
June 7th – 9th 2019
Towson University
www.somd.org

2019 Kayaking Championships
August 24th 2019
Washington College
www.somd.org

11th Annual Big Bats Open
September 26th 2019
Queenstown Harbor Golf, Queenstown Md
www.somd.org

State Golf Championships
September 29th 2019
Queenstown Harbor Golf, Queenstown Md
www.somd.org

11th Annual Tunnel Run
October 6th 2019
Fort McHenry Tunnel Baltimore, Md
www.tunnelrun.org

Fall Sports Festival
October 19th 2019
Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md
www.somd.org

6th Annual Maryland Rockfish Open
October 26th 2019
Mike's Crabhouse South-Riva
www.somd.org

State Soccer Tournament
October 27th 2019
Crown Sports, Fruitland Md
www.somd.org

Over The Edge
November 2nd 2019
Bethesda, Md
www.somd.org

Interscholastic Unified High School Team Tennis
November 2019
Loyola University
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State Regional Bowling Tournaments
November 10th 2019
Various Locations in Maryland
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State Bowling Championships
December 8th 2019
Bowl America, Gaithersburg, Md
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St. Mary's Splash
December 2019
Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, Md
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