

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo February 27, 2023



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Welcome

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 jabel@somd.org.

Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

Ericka Gannon, Dr. Ben Schindel, Jenn Lowe, Tim Steadman
Thank you for joining our Hill Day Delegation!

Stewart and Donna Holt
Thank you for hosting another great Deep Creek Dunk and Cool Schools Dunk in Garrett County!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

(NEW) Finance Corner...with a Twist!

IN KIND – Kim has been reaching out to all programs for in-kind donations. We had asked for your reports by Feb 13th. Many programs have not responded. Please reach out to any vendors/schools that have supplied the program with in-Kind contributions during the calendar year. This is very important. In-kind is used for organizational match for our grants and is reported in the annual audit. Remember to send your reports to Kim Wijnands kwijnands@somd.org.

We didn't have a winner, so this question is still in play!

Dashboard Trivia Q#2 -

Using the Dashboard, what is your area's 2023 approved budget for Uniforms? *Send a screen shot or snip it to show me your answer.* BONUS – How do you find the detail for how many different sports are included in the Uniforms budget? *Send a screen shot or snip it.* **The first correct answer wins a gift card.**

If you have any questions about this update, please reach out to Joanne.

(NEW) Summer Games Theme- Athlete Input needed!

We have begun to plan for Summer Games and are in need of a theme. In the past, we have done song titles (Don't Believe Me Just Watch, Champions, etc.) and pop culture like Games of Thrones, Super Heroes, etc. This theme helps us in our advertising, T-Shirt Design, social media, and other promotions. You can help us decide what that will be in 2023. Athletes, we want your help in planning this year's theme.

Join us for one of the following Zoom meetings listed below and share your thoughts.

Monday, March 20th, 2023 7pm-8pm

Registration Link: https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvCOmrqiMiE90kITCtA_uLnywTW2GHVoJB

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 12pm-1pm

Registration Link: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfuihrjwuEtGhIhx2NGyjCSSkwtwfh9u>

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 8am-9am

Registration Link: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcu-qpzwtGtVRLXdoY2R8FMATJjIR2UND>

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 7pm-8pm

Registration Link: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkceqrqjssH93HzI1XIYRCdrkfJi2v0F3>

(NEW) The Basketball Pre-Competition webinar will be moved to Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00pm.

It was originally scheduled for March 15th, but Melissa Anger will now be at a conference that week. Please ensure you register for the webinar as very important information regarding the State Basketball Tournament on March 25-26 will be provided during the webinar.

Registration Link- <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF>

(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars

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

Pre-Season Coaches Webinars (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

| Sport | Date/Time | Registration / Recording Link |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| Alpine | Wed, Nov 30 | Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEDme1liaeg |
| Snowshoeing | Wed, Nov 16 | Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOK0vbwKxE |
| Basketball | Tue, Dec 6 | Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZSK6DkTYQI |

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

| Sport | Date/Time | Registration / Recording Link |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| Alpine | Mon, Feb 20 | Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iq2O8qi9Zq |
| Snowshoeing | Thu, Feb 23 | Recording: https://youtu.be/HmO611hX1ZE |
| Basketball | Wed, Mar 21 6:00-7:00pm | https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF |

Other Winter Games Briefing Sessions (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

| Sport | Date/Time | Registration / Recording Link |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Heads of Delegations | Thu, Feb 16 | Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSQYHvufPgY |
| Athletes and Families | Tue, Feb 21 | Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIny6-jddHE |

Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports

Your Area Director and Area Leadership should always be your first point of contact. However, should you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

- manger@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x122

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| Basketball | Soccer | <i>Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country Skiing</i> |
| Cheerleading | Softball | |
| Flag Football | Tennis | |

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

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| Athletics | Golf | <i>Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey</i> |
| Bocce | Powerlifting | |
| Distance Running | Snowshoeing | |

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**

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| Alpine Skiing | Kayaking | <i>Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Duckpin Bowling</i> |
| Bowling (10 pin) | Swimming | |
| Cycling | | |

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**

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| Summer Games | Fall Sports Festival | USA Games |
| Winter Games | | World Games |

If you have questions regarding High School Unified Sports (IUS) training and competition, please contact:

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| IUS Athletics (T&F) | IUS Outdoor Bocce | IUS Tennis |
| IUS Indoor Bocce | IUS Strength & Conditioning | |

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

- **Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President, Sports**

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Questions?

If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues, please contact a member of the Local Programs Team

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 - Any general question, COVID Protocol
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