

# Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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### Welcome

If there are any members of your area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, [please fill out this form](#)

### Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

Bob Freeman for organizing a successful fundraising event with Salisbury Athletics at their football game this past weekend! Thank you for your leadership for the Lower Shore program!

Coaches Bill Lowe and Kathy Axline for leading our golfers to the Golf NIT in New Jersey this past week! Athletes and Unified Teammates had a great time! Go Team Maryland!

Coach Greta Harrison who will be leading our tennis players to the Tennis NIT in Hilton Head, South Carolina this week! Go Team Maryland!

Mike Ord, Mimi Goodman, Tracy O'Connor, Cole Schnorf, Bob Baker, Marilyn Miceli, and Janet Larrimore: Thank you for your work organizing what should be an awesome Over the Edge in Howard County!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

### **(NEW)** SOMD and the President's Volunteer Service Awards Program

Thanks to a recommendation from the Howard County Program, Special Olympics Maryland applied for and was identified as a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Awards Program. Through this program, Special Olympics Maryland will be able to recognize volunteers for exemplary service with the President's Volunteer Service Award through AmeriCorps and the Points of Light Foundation.

We will talk through this volunteer recognition opportunity at our Area Director call next week!

Award Levels are as follows:

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award
Kids (5–10 years old)	26–49 hours	50–74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11–15)	50–74 hours	75–99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16–25)	100–174 hours	175–249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours
Adults (26+)	100–249 hours	250–499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

**(NEW) Reminder: Monthly Area Director Call NEXT WEEK**

Just a reminder that we will have our October Area Director Call next Wednesday, 10/18/2023 at 6:30pm. Please use this link to register/join:

<https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-Chpz4pGdNMnwFFNFU85nH-eFyf6Psl>

**Unified Champion Schools- National Banner Schools Announced**

Congratulations to the following schools who have earned Unified Champion School National Banner Recognition! These schools have demonstrated sustained excellence in the three components of Unified Champion Schools---- Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement!

Congratulations to:

Broadneck High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Clear Spring High School	Washington County Public Schools
Crofton High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Mardela Middle & High School	Wicomico County Public Schools
Northeast High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Severna Park High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
South River High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Southern Senior High School	Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Tuscarora High School	Frederick County Public Schools

**Area Program Sport & Activity Information Form**

To more effectively capture the many programs and activities taking place in the community, we have put together a Training Program Information Form. This form will help our state office stay more organized with up-to-date information on what programs are happening, where they're happening, and when they are happening.

Please submit 1 form for each sport/activity from your program using the link below:  
<https://wkf.ms/3Kqg0Zp>

To avoid duplicate submissions, Coaches, Sport Volunteers, and Sport Coordinators, please work with your Area Leadership on submitting this form as they may have done so already. We ask that this is submitted by the registration deadline during each sport season.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Abel ([jabel@somid.org](mailto:jabel@somid.org)).

**Area Program Fundraiser Info Form**

As we discussed in our Area Director meeting and on Monday's call, we'd like to get a better idea of the many fundraisers taking place around the state in support of Special Olympics Maryland. This will also help us advertise your events while also consolidating state office requests for credit card machines, Classy Pages, and more.

[Moving forward, please fill out this form when you are planning a fundraiser.](#)

Area Directors- Please send Jeff 1 email address that will receive a confirmation email when a fundraiser is submitted for your local program (thanks to those who already have...you'll receive an activation email from Monday.com)

### **Donation Information Corner**

1. **Area Donation Tracking Link:** please use this link to provide information to SOMD about any anticipated gifts that may come directly to the SOMD office or bank account:

[Area Donation Tracking Report](#)

2. **Private Donation Link for Honor/Memorial Donations and specific gifts from donors:** If you have an individual donor or sponsor that has reached out to you and wants to make a donation to support your program directly, or if you would like to include a link for memorial donations, you can provide this PRIVATE donation link, but please remember, **this link cannot be included on your local area website or sent out as an email blast**. Please encourage donors to fill out the "Direct My Gift to" dropdown in the form.

[Private Giving Link Request](#)

3. **Stock Giving Option:** please provide the information below to anyone who would like to make a gift of stock to your local area program. You can also notify SOMD that a gift is coming to support your program by adding this information to the [Area Donation Tracking Report](#).

To make a gift of stock, please share this information with your financial advisor:

**Morgan Stanley LLC  
DTC #0015**

**For the benefit of Special Olympics Maryland/633-117478**

**c/o: Morgan Stanley  
650 S. Exeter Street, Suite 1100  
Baltimore, MD 21202**

4. **Matching Gifts:** Many companies generously offer to match their employees' charitable contributions. Some even provide matching funds to support employee volunteer hours. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift!

[Click Here](#) to enter your employer's name to see if they participate in the matching gift program, and if they do, get a link to the matching donation page.

If you are aware of any matching gifts that may be coming in for your local area program, please notify SOMD that a gift is coming to support your program by adding this information to the [Area Donation Tracking Report](#)

### **(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)*

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Cycling	Tue, 08/01	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp5A4XGD1LI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp5A4XGD1LI</a>
Dist. Run.	Mon, 08/14	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH-ovuBylcU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH-ovuBylcU</a>
Flag Football	Wed, 08/09	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/1qiPIDqIb7g">https://youtu.be/1qiPIDqIb7g</a>
Powerlifting	Mon, 08/14	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhatbnWtilA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhatbnWtilA</a>

Soccer	Thu, 08/17	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/PyGqJjOvxg">https://youtu.be/PyGqJjOvxg</a>
Tennis	Wed, 08/09	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/kCzlx_Q07S8">https://youtu.be/kCzlx_Q07S8</a>
Bowling	Thu, 09/07	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/TfyGQhftCk">https://youtu.be/TfyGQhftCk</a>

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

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Cycling	Thu, 10/12 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdOurrDMtGdNlj8zNzWMnXlIzaNx9WG9e">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdOurrDMtGdNlj8zNzWMnXlIzaNx9WG9e</a>
Dist. Run.	Wed, 10/11 7:00-8:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOggqT8uHdaMdlvPHhZnUkocHHvb67Bp">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOggqT8uHdaMdlvPHhZnUkocHHvb67Bp</a>
Flag Football	Tue, 10/10 7:00-8:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ufu2qqTMtHtcYEEjc1cJdOs7Pt4KgayZP">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ufu2qqTMtHtcYEEjc1cJdOs7Pt4KgayZP</a>
Powerlifting	Wed, 10/11 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuupqTsrE9VznaCqZSf5aX4Dudy4tWjg">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuupqTsrE9VznaCqZSf5aX4Dudy4tWjg</a>
Soccer	Tue, 10/24 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-yrgDMuGNbirl2T_JkMboM2egRy-UHu">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-yrgDMuGNbirl2T_JkMboM2egRy-UHu</a>
Tennis	Tue, 10/10 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkuivqjsrHNN8xOq58FL_dXTYQdIT3Jw3">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkuivqjsrHNN8xOq58FL_dXTYQdIT3Jw3</a>
Bowling - Regionals	Thu, 11/02 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-GvqDoiGdTPAe6MQhPdfyWLLwbGrAyr">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-GvqDoiGdTPAe6MQhPdfyWLLwbGrAyr</a>
Bowling - Finals	Tue, 11/28 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeytrjpsHtBoFx18GPTcbB5OPlyqTICn">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeytrjpsHtBoFx18GPTcbB5OPlyqTICn</a>

**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](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x122

Basketball	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Flag Football	Tennis

*Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball,  
Cross Country Skiing, Pickleball*

- **Casey Collins, Sports Director**

- [ccollins@somd.org](mailto:ccollins@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x171

*(See sports below for Ryan Kelchner as Ryan transitions out)*

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

- [rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x171

Athletics	Golf
Bocce	Powerlifting
Distance Running	Snowshoeing

*Locally Popular Sports: Dance,  
Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey*

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**

- [ekramer@somd.org](mailto:ekramer@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x127

Alpine Skiing	Kayaking
Bowling (10 pin)	Swimming
Cycling	

*Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating,  
Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating,  
Duckpin Bowling*

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

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**
    - [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x102
- |              |                      |             |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 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:

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified® Sports**
    - [zcintron@somd.org](mailto:zcintron@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x161
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| IUS Athletics (T&F) | IUS Indoor Bocce            | IUS Tennis        |
| IUS Outdoor Bocce   | IUS Strength & Conditioning | IUS Flag Football |

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

- **Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President, Sports**
  - [mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org), 410.241.6280

### Questions?

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

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President, Local Programs**
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  - Any general question
- **Melissa Kelly, Senior Director, Unified® Champion schools**
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  - College Unified Champion Schools Programs, Unified Intramurals, Community Unified Rec Options
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  - Young Athletes Program, Elementary School programming
- **Kayla Shields, Director, Inclusive Health and Fitness**
  - [kshields@somd.org](mailto:kshields@somd.org), 410-404-4115
  - Healthy Athletes, Fitness Programs, Unified® Physical Education
- **Abi Bauman, Manager, Young Athletes Program**
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  - Young Athletes Program in school, community, and home
- **Sue Snyder, Unified® Physical Education Consultant**
  - [ssnyder@somd.org](mailto:ssnyder@somd.org)
  - Unified® Physical Education

- **Sam Boyd, Volunteer Director**
  - [sboyd@somd.org](mailto:sboyd@somd.org), 443-766-9245
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- **Mike Myers, Sr. Director, Area Programs**
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  - All Area Programs- Primary POC for BA, HO, MO, AA, SM, CH, CL
  
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  - Baltimore City Schools APE Sports Program
  
- **Kyler Mellott, Region Director- East**
  - [kmellott@somd.org](mailto:kmellott@somd.org), 814-470-9474
  - Harford, Cecil, Kent, Upper Shore, Lower Shore
  
- **VACANT, Region Director- West**
  - [mmyers@somd.org](mailto:mmyers@somd.org)
  - Carroll, Frederick, Washington Allegany, Garrett