

Special Olympics PA - Central Spring 2024 Calendar - Regions: Wilds, Ridge & Valley, Capital Area and 3 North*

Task/Project	Date	Responsible	Notes
Spring Site Registration Form	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Head Coaches	Indicate where training sites will occur for the season
Spring Season Kickoff	Nov 20	HQ & Regions	Provide sports offerings, rule updates/priorities, important dates/deadlines
Spring Sign-up Form	Dec 15- Jan 15, 2024	Athletes/Volunteers	Everyone (athletes and coaches) interested in participating in the season MUST complete this sign-up form
Spring Coach Training School Request via VSys	January 15	Coaches	Must be submitted by individuals in their VSys portal under "Training Schools, Webinars and More" select "Request a Skills Training School"
Spring Coach Training Schools	Jan 15 - March 15	HQ & Regions to schedule	Registration links will be provided, all interested coaches must register on Vsys portal
Team Leader/Sport and Comp Coord. Pre-season webinar	January 25	HQ	Pre-season webinar to cover important things to know for the season, updates to sport rules and/or competitions
Spring Pre-season Coach webinars	Jan 29 - Feb 9	HQ	Webinars to inform coaches in areas of emphasis and rule changes for the upcoming season
Spring Regional Pre-season coach meetings	Feb 12-23	Regions	Regional meeting to review region specific events/info
Central Spring Sectional (CSS) Event Registration Info Shared	March 1	HQ	Will include revised allocations with team sport age group breakdown and events being offered at that competition
Spring Season Begins	March 15-April 12	Local Teams	To be eligible for Summer Games weekly training must begin by April 12, this can include indoor training.
CSS LOI Due	March 28	Local Teams/Regions	LOI = Letter of Intent, how many athletes are you requesting for this event
Spring Season Eligibility deadline & Team Sport Age Exemption deadline	March 29	Regions	Athletes and coaches who have completed the Sign-Up Form must have all required paperwork completed by this time; those that do not will be scratched from rosters. All team sport age exemption requests must be submitted by this date. Coaches joining after this date must have all Class A requirements (valid background check and trainings) before attending a practice. Athletes looking to join after this date need to work with their respective Regional Team.
CSS Final Allocations	March 29	HQ	HQ will provide final number of slots of event
CSS Roster Finalized by Coaches	April 1	Head Coach	Coaches identify athletes attending event within Attendance Tracker
CSS Rosters added to GMS	April 2	Regions	RSDs will pull list into GMS project
CSS Google Registration link shared	April 4	HQ	Event registration link
CSS Registration due	April 11	Local Teams/Regions	Event registration deadline
Summer Games Event Registration Info Shared	April 12	HQ	HQ to send event information
CSS Competition Eligibility deadline	April 19	Regions	All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event
CSS Scratch/Activation deadline	April 22	Local Teams/Regions	Last chance to remove or make changes to athlete scores
Central Spring Sectional	April 28	HQ/GLVPR	Saint Francis University - Loretta, PA
SG LOI Due	May 2	Local Teams/Regions	LOI = Letter of Intent, how many athletes are you requesting for this event
SG Final Allocations	May 3	HQ	HQ will provide final number of slots of event
SG Roster Finalized	May 6	Head Coach	Coaches identify athletes attending event within Attendance Tracker
SG Roster added to GMS	May 7	Regions	RSDs will pull list into GMS project
SG Google Registration link shared	May 9	HQ	HQ to send event information
SG Registration due	May 16	Local Teams/Regions	Event registration deadline
SG Competition Eligibility deadline	May 29	Regions	All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event
SG Scratch/Activation deadline	May 30	Local Teams/Regions	Last chance to scratch/add or make changes to athlete scores
Summer Games	June 6-8	HQ/Wilds	Penn State University, State College, PA

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*Region 3 North includes: Bradford/Sullivan, Lycoming and Tioga