

Local Program Competition Call

Fall 2018

Special Olympics
Pennsylvania



Flag Football:



- If you are interested in traditional or Unified please contact Michelle Boone: mboone@specialolympicspa.org
- Funding from NFL grant to support Unified Flag Football growth

Scheduled events:

- **October 7th** - East Stroudsburg Invitational (Monroe)
 - Taraz Crowley: tmbc_14@yahoo.com
- **November 9-11** - NIRSA Flag Football Regional Championship, University of Maryland
- **November 17th** - Philadelphia Eagles Tournament at NovaCare complex

There will likely be additional events hosted by county programs.



Bocce Updates



- Playing from one end:
 - Benefit: Athletes are able to have more play time
 - This has been done at the Bocce Bash for the last several years.
 - Well received
 - Saw higher scores.
- Advancement:
 - Moving forward, slots belong to a team not the county.
 - If a **team** is unable to advance to Fall Fest, the county *will not* keep the slot, slot will be returned to State for next alternate.
 - If only one player can't go, the player can be replaced with another athlete that competed at the sectional.
 - This is consistent with other sports and rewards teams that earned spots based on their placement at competition
- Both items have been vetted through Bocce Sports Mgmt Team and all members were in support of these changes

Other Fall Updates:



- **Powerlifting: Athlete Weights**
 - Please make sure accurate on registration forms
 - Please **update** for score updates (Monday prior)
 - Will allow for advanced divisioning and promote more efficient divisioning on competition day
- **Team Forms:**
 - NEW: Includes athlete age
 - Make sure you are using forms that are sent with registration
- **Qualifiers:** We are currently evaluating sports. Stay tuned for potential changes in 2019
- **Personal Best Tracking:** Column for LDR/W to request personal best time for each event.
 - Goal to focus on goal setting, improving times and performance awareness
 - Personal best ribbons



2018 Fall Competition Dates:

- **September 23: Western Fall Sectional - Slippery Rock University**
 - LOI Due: Aug 23
 - Registration Due: Aug 30
- **September 23: Central Fall Sectional - Juniata College**
 - LOI Due: Aug 23
 - Registration Due: Aug 30
- **October 14: Eastern Fall Sectional - DeSales University**
 - LOI Due: Sept. 13
 - Registration Due: Sept. 20
- **Nov. 2 - 4: Fall Fest - Villanova University**
 - LOI Due: Sept. 27
 - Registration Due: Oct 4



EFS: New Venue - DeSales



DESALES UNIVERSITY

- **HOD Webinar: Tuesday, October 9 at 7 PM**
 - Schedule
 - Campus Maps
 - Venue Overviews
 - Parking/Transportation
- **New Events Offered**
 - LDR/W:
 - 5K Walk
 - 10K Run
 - Unified for all events
 - Soccer Skills:
 - Level 1 & Advanced Skills offered at EFS and Fall Fest.
 - Advanced Skills: This event is offered for athletes 8 years of age or older who have scored 130 points or more in the Standard Skills Competition. This is an advanced skills event, and only athletes who are capable should be entered into this event.

Fall Fest

- 30th Anniversary - Pavilion scheduled to host OC
- LOI: Sept. 27
- Registration deadline: Oct. 4
- **EFS:** Oct. 14 include FF wishlist on LOI to include:
 - Bocce
 - Soccer
 - Volleyball
 - We will adjust athlete/coach #s after sectional based on qualifiers
 - Submit housing without Bocce, Soccer and Volleyball
- **HOD Webinar Monday, October 22nd @ 7pm**
 - Maps
 - Parking
 - Logistics
- **Housing:** ALL ATHLETES are expected to staying in Fall Fest hotels unless they receive an exception from SOPA. Requests must be submitted prior to housing submission.



2019 World Games Selection: Abu Dhabi

- **Athletes Selected:**
 - Volleyball Team: Clinton
 - Powerlifter: Delina Rodriguez
 - Athletics: Aaron Keller (Level 5 - Male)
 - Tennis: Valerie Stiffy (Level 4 - Female)
- **World Games Training Camp:**
 - University of Delaware
 - September 17 - 21, 2018
- **World Games:**
 - March 14 - 21
 - (Host Town starts March 8)



2019 Competition Dates



- **Bowling Sectionals:**
 - West - Erie: January 19
 - Central - Harrisburg: January 20
 - East - Allentown: January 20
- **Winter Games - Seven Springs: February 10-12**
- **Indoor Winter Games - York, PA: March 2-3**
- **World Games - Abu Dhabi, UAE: March 14-21**
- **Spring Sectionals:**
 - West - Carnegie Mellon University: April 27
 - Central - St. Francis University: April 28
 - East - Kutztown University: May 4
- **Summer Games - Penn State University: June 6-8**

2018 Leadership Conference:

August 25-26 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center



- Sports Team sessions will include:
 - Sports Team Updates:
 - 2018 - 19 calendar
 - Change of events
 - Rule/Competition Updates
 - Round table topics and discussion
 - Competition Prep: LOIs, allocations, registration, paperwork
 - Training: NEW Skills Training schools registration, Coach Certification, Clinician requirements and application, how to utilize our Sport Director and Sport Management teams and Coaching Training and Progression Plan including the Gold, Silver and Bronze coaching levels.

- Registration still OPEN! Contact program manager or Field Director.

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- You can register for these trainings when you register for Leadership.
 - Continuing Education:
 - **Unified Sports: All About It!** Prior to Leadership, Saturday 9am - 11am.
 - New for 2018: **Coaching Special Olympics Athletes,** Bronze level coach course offered Sunday 9am-12pm. Attendance will be limited; filled on first-come, first-serve.

Not attending Leadership but would like to attend one of the above trainings? Register using the link below.

- **Unified Sports:** <https://goo.gl/forms/penhqO4vmINcCwK12>
- **Coaching Special Olympics Athletes:** <https://goo.gl/forms/EOxaa4Mmaw54S3YA2>

Webinar Series:



- Lunch & Learn - will be RECORDED and posted to SOPA website, Volunteer Center, Training School and Webinar (blue button), Lunch & Learn Webinars
- Entire listing and registrations links can also be found here: <http://www.specialolympicspa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/training-schools#Lunch>
- September and October are eligible for Continuing Education, a quiz must be completed along with an STA form requesting the update.

Schedule for the next few months:

August 8 - 12pm	Athlete Leadership - Youth to Adult
September 12	Role and Expectation of Coaches - Training to World Games*
October 10	Advanced Coaching Strategies*



Field Director Updates

- VSys Anywhere - online volunteer portal
 - <https://vsysanywhere.specialolympicspa.org/>
- Summertime tasks:
 - Database cleanup (adding medicals, management team updates)
 - Recruiting coaches for fall sports
- Scheduling bowling training in the fall
- Follow up to Track and Field events and community festivals

Coaches Skill Trainings



FALL SPORTS

Associated Sports: Soccer, Volleyball, Powerlifting, Bocce, Roller Skating, LDR/W and Bowling

- Upcoming Trainings -
 - **Saturday, August 4th Multi-Sport Skills Training School in Hollidaysburg**
 - **Saturday, August 11th Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (Quakertown)**
 - **Saturday, August 25th – Coaching Special Olympics Athletes**
 - **Saturday, September 8th Multi-Sport Mansfield, PA (North Central)**
 - **Monday, December 10, 2018 – Floor Hockey Skills in Easton (Northampton – North East)**

Fall Trainings are still being scheduled
Check the Training Page on the SOPA Website for more details.

<http://specialolympicspa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/training-schools>



In-person courses for 2018

This Fall -

- **Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA)**
 - Continuing Ed and Bronze Level Certification
 - Offerings:
 - Leadership Conference
 - 2 East (Quakertown & Montgomery), 1 Central (Harrisburg), and 1 Western (Washington)
- **Principles of Coaching: Continuing Ed and Silver Level Certification**
 - Offering
 - 1 East, 1 Central, and 1 Western



If your program is interesting in hosting one of these In-person Trainings, Contact Jennifer Tresp at jtresp@specialolympicspa.org

Local Program Invitationals



August 12th - Area M Roller Skating Invitational

- Enola Olympic Skating Rink
- Shannon Pechart areamsports@specialolympicspa.org

September 16th - Area M Fall Classic

- Hershey High School
- Bocce, LDR/W, Powerlifting, Soccer, Volleyball
- Shannon Pechart areamsports@specialolympicspa.org

September 23rd - Bucks LDR/W Invitational

- Falls Township Park
- Linda Price kookylady@msn.com



Local Program Invitationals

September 30th - Allegheny County Fall Invitational

- Middleroad Community Park
- Bocce, LDR/W, Soccer
- Shannon Clancy sclancy@specialolympicspa.org

October 7th - Monroe ESU Invitational

- East Stroudsburg University
- Flag Football, Volleyball and Soccer
 - Taraz Crowley: tmbc_14@yahoo.com

October 21st - Montgomery LDR/W Invitational

- Heebner Park, Collegeville, PA
- Scott Otterbein scottotterbein@gmail.com

October 21st - Bocce Bash

- Bloomsburg University
- Deb Andrews dandr38023@aol.com

Local Program Invitationals



Are you hosting an
invitationals this fall or
winter?

Please let Mike Ermer know so we can get word out

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Questions?