

Special Olympics PA - West Spring 2024 Calendar - Regions: Northwest and Three Rivers

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
Western Spring Sectional (WSS) Event Registration Info Shared	February 23	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.
WSS LOI Due	March 21	Local Teams/Regions	LOI = Letter of Intent, how many athletes are you requesting for this event
WSS Final Allocations	March 22	HQ	HQ will provide final number of slots of event
WSS Roster Finalized by Coaches	March 25	Head Coach	Coaches identify athletes attending event within Attendance Tracker
WSS Rosters added to GMS	March 26	Regions	RSDs will pull list into GMS project
WSS Google Registration link shared	March 28	HQ	Event registration link
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.
WSS Registration due	April 4	Local Teams/Regions	Event registration deadline
Summer Games Event Registration Info Shared	April 12	HQ	HQ to send event information
WSS Competition Eligibility deadline	April 12	Regions	All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event
WSS Scratch/Activation deadline	April 15	Local Teams/Regions	Last chance to remove or make changes to athlete scores
Western Spring Sectional	April 20	Three Rivers	Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 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

Color Key:				
Staff: HQ and/or Regions		Northwest	Douglas Chuzie, dchuzie@specialolympicspa.org	
Regions		Wilds	Jennifer Tresp, jtresp@specialolympicspa.org	
Local Teams (Head Coaches/Volunteer Leaders)		Region 3	Michelle Boone, mboone@specialolympicspa.org	
Participants (Athletes/Volunteers)		Northeast	Kim Lope, klope@specialolympicspa.org	
	Regional Contacts	GLVPR	Jason Merola, jmerola@specialolympicspa.org	
		Region 6	Brynne Wacker, bwacker@specialolympicspa.org	
		CAR	Shannon Pechart, spechart@specialolympicspa.org	
		Region 8	Michelle Baranowske, mbaranowske@specialolympicspa.org	
		Three Rivers	Jessie Merckle, jmerckle@specialolympicspa.org	
		Headquarters Contacts	Michelle Boone, mboone@specialolympicspa.org (Overall Season)	
			Bruce Bach, bbach@specialolympicspa.org (All Competitions)	
	Erika Christiansen, echristiansen@specialolympicspa.org (Summer Games lead)			