

Special Olympics PA - East Fall 2024 Calendar - Regions: Northeast, GLVPR, Region 6, Region 3 South*

Task/Project	Date	Responsible	Notes
Fall Season Kickoff	March 25	HQ & Regions	Provide sports offerings, rule updates/priorities, important dates/deadlines
Fall Site Registration Form	April 1 - May 1	Head Coaches	Indicate where training sites will occur for the season
Fall Sign-up Form	May 15 - July 15	Athletes/Volunteers	Everyone (athletes and coaches) interested in participating in the season MUST complete this sign-up form
Coach Certification Requests	May 15 - June 30	Coaches	Inform your RSD of sport coach certification needs
Fall Coach Training Schools	mid-June - Aug	HQ & RSD	List of Training Schools and Registration links are posted in the NEW Portal, you must REGISTER to attend a Training School.
Team Leader/Sport and Comp Coord. Pre-season webinar	July 10	HQ	Pre-season webinar to cover important things to know for the season, updates to sport rules and/or competitions
Fall Sectional Initial Allocations	July 11	HQ	HQ to share Fall Sectional initial allocations
Fall Pre-season Coach webinars	July 15-26	HQ	Webinars to inform coaches in areas of emphasis and rule changes for the upcoming season
Fall Regional Pre-season coach meetings	July 29-Aug 9	Regions	Regional meeting to review region specific events/info
Eastern Fall Sectional (EFS) Event Registration Info Shared	August 8	HQ	Will include revised allocations with team sport age group breakdown and events being offered at that competition
Fall Season Begins	Aug 9 - Sept 6	Local Teams	To be eligible for State Games athlete MUST complete 8 weeks of training prior to that event, this can include non-traditional training.
Fall Season Eligibility deadline & Team Sport Age Exemption deadline	August 23	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.
Declare participants for Sectional competition and work with Program Leader on LOI	Sept 2	Head Coach	In columns L on the Tracker Athlete/Vol tab, mark with an "X" those athletes and Unified Partners that desire to attend the Sectional event. Follow the normal process for your program to submit LOI requests.
EFS LOI Due	Sept 5	Local Teams/Regions	LOI = Letter of Intent, how many athletes are you requesting for this event
EFS Final Allocations	Sept 6	HQ	HQ will provide final number of slots of event
Fall Festival Event Registration Info Shared	Sept 6	HQ	HQ to send event information
EFS Roster Finalized by Coaches	Sept 9	Head Coach	Based on final allocations, coaches update athletes actually attending the event within column H on the Roster tab
EFS Rosters added to GMS	Sept 10	Regions	RSDs will pull list into GMS project
EFS Registration due	Sept 19	Local Teams/Regions	Event registration deadline: Complete Event Registration info for each athlete/UP attending on the Roster tab of Tracker (starts in column J)
EFS Competition Eligibility deadline	Sept 27	Regions	All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event
EFS Scratch/Activation deadline	Sept 30	Local Teams/Regions	Last chance to remove or make changes to athlete scores will be collected through Scratch/Activation Form
Eastern Fall Sectional	Oct 6	HQ/GLVPR	Desales University
FF Housing and Attendee list due	Oct 10	Local Teams/Regions	Event registration deadline - confirm athletes via delegation report, add coaches/volunteers, complete housing
FF Competition Eligibility deadline	Oct 23	Regions	All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event
FF Scratch/Activation & Scores deadline	Oct 24	Local Teams/Regions	Last chance to scratch/add or make updates to athlete scores
Fall Festival	Nov 1-3	HQ/Greater Phila	Villanova University, Villanova, PA

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