

## Special Olympics PA - Central Region Spring 2024-25 Calendar

| Task/Project   | Date               | Responsible                | Notes   |
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| Spring Site Registration Form  | Nov 1 - Dec 1      | Head Coaches               | Indicate where training sites will occur for the season   |
| Spring Sign-up Form  | Dec 15 - Mar 1     | Athletes/Volunteers        | Everyone (athletes and volunteers/coaches) interested in participating in the season MUST complete this sign-up form  |
| Coach Certification Requests   | Jan 15             | Coaches                    | Inform your RSD of sport coach certification needs  |
| Spring Coach Training Schools  | January - February | HQ & RSD                   | List of Training Schools and Registration links are posted in the NEW Portal, you must REGISTER to attend a Training School. Timing is sport dependent.   |
| Spring Pre-season Coach webinars   | Jan 27 - Feb 4     | HQ                         | Webinars to inform coaches in areas of emphasis and rule changes for the upcoming season, at least 1 coach per training site should plan to attend - recording will be posted to Sports Offered page of website.  |
| Spring Regional Pre-season coach meetings  | Feb 10 - 21        | Regions                    | Regional meeting to review region specific events/info  |
| Spring Sectional Event Registration Info Shared  | February 28        | HQ                         | Will include team sport age group breakdown and events being offered at that competition  |
| Spring Season Begins   | March 15           | Local Teams                | To be eligible for State Games athlete MUST complete 8 weeks of training prior to that event, this can include dryland training.  |
| Declare participants for Spring Sectionals competition and work with Program Leader on LOI | March 26           | Head Coach                 | Follow the Regional process for your program to submit LOI requests. You can use the LOI interest column within the Tracker to keep track of this information.  |
| Spring Sectional LOI Due   | March 27           | Local Teams/Regions        | LOI = Letter of Intent should be submitted by Program Leadership or Regional Staff.   |
| Spring Sectional Final Allocations   | March 28           | HQ                         | HQ will provide final number of slots for 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. |
| Spring Sectional Roster Finalized by Coaches   | March 31           | Head Coach                 | Based on final allocations, coaches update athletes and volunteers attending the event and identify their role within column H on the Event Registration tab. Additional volunteers who plan to attend event but are not listed on Tracker need to be shared with RSD.  |
| Spring Sectionals Rosters added to GMS   | April 1            | Regions                    | RSDs will pull list into GMS project  |
| Spring Sectional Registration  | April 10           | 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)   |
| Summer Games Event Registration Info Shared  | April 11           | HQ                         | HQ to send event information  |
| Central Spring Sectional Competition Eligibility deadline                                  | April 18           | Regions                    | All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event  |
| Central Spring Sectional Scratch/Activation deadline                                       | April 21           | Local Teams/Regions        | Last chance to scratch/add or make updates to athlete scores  |
| <b>Central Spring Sectional</b>  | <b>April 27</b>    | <b>HQ/Ridge&amp;Valley</b> | <b>Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa</b>  |
| Summer Games LOI Due   | May 1              | Local Teams/Regions        | LOI = Letter of Intent should be submitted by Program Leadership or Regional Staff.   |
| Summer Games Final Allocations   | May 2              | HQ                         | HQ will provide final number of slots for event   |
| Summer Games Roster Finalized by Coaches   | May 5              | Head Coach                 | Based on final allocations, coaches update athletes and volunteers attending the event and identify their role within column H on the Event Registration tab. Additional volunteers who plan to attend event but are not listed on Tracker need to be shared with RSD.  |
| Summer Games Rosters added to GMS  | May 6              | Regions                    | RSDs will pull list into GMS project  |
| SG Housing Form shared with Programs   | May 11             | HQ                         | HQ will provide housing list to Programs  |
| Summer Games Housing and Attendee list due   | May 15             | Local Teams/Regions        | Event registration deadline - confirm athletes via delegation report, add coaches/volunteers, complete housing  |
| Summer Games Competition Eligibility deadline  | May 28             | Regions                    | All participants registered for this event who have not met eligibility criteria (clearances, trainings or medical) will be scratched from the event  |
| Summer Games Scratch/Activation & Scores deadline  | May 29             | Local Teams/Regions        | Last chance to scratch/add or make updates to athlete scores  |
| <b>Summer Games</b>  | <b>June 5-7</b>    | <b>HQ/The Wilds</b>        | <b>Penn State University, State College, PA</b>   |
| <b>Color Key:</b>  |                    |                            |   |
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| Local Teams (Head Coaches/Volunteer Leaders)   |                    | Northeast                  | Tom Robinson, trobinson@specialolympicspa.org   |
| Participants (Athletes/Volunteers)   |                    | GLVPR                      | Jason Merola, jmerola@specialolympicspa.org   |
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