LDR/W Fall 2021 Pre-season Webinar



Today's Agenda



- Welcome
- Housekeeping
- Return to Activities
- Athlete Performance Training
- 2021 Changes and Rule Updates
- Questions

Coaching Topics



Just a Reminder!

 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS: there must be at least one (1) certified coach per 25 athletes at training and competition.

Front Page of the Portal VS Reminder Email



Email Reminder – This is telling you that within 30 days one or both of these Class A certifications will expire and you will need to re take them to maintain your Class A certification.

Front Page of the Portal – This page tells you that you are complete because at this time you have not expired, YET!

Believe the email - Simply go to the Class A Required Trainings Tab and click on whichever course you need to complete. Upon completion your VSys record will automatically update and the front page of the portal will remain complete.

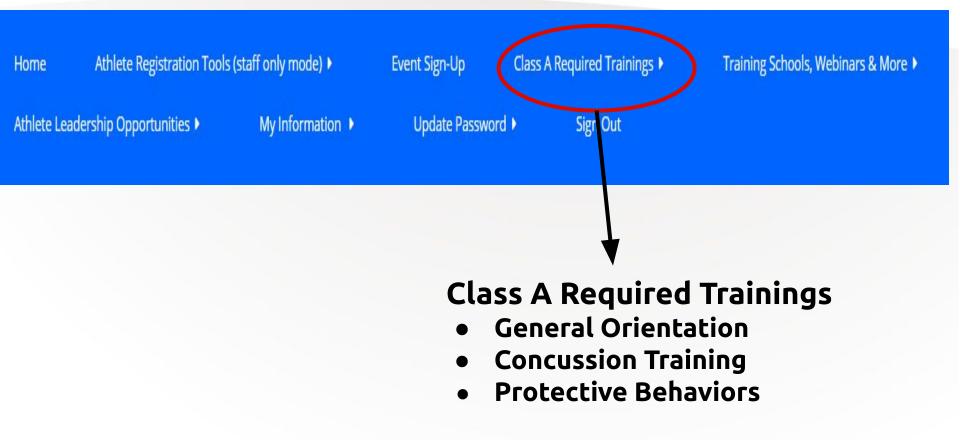
VSys Portal - Front Page



Class A Volunteer Requirements Checklist: 60% complete	
Task Status	
Background Check	<u>Incomplete</u>
PA Disclosure Statement	<u>Please upload</u>
General Orientation Training	Complete
Protective Behaviors Training	Complete
Concussion Awareness Training	Complete

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Background Checks Renewal Plan



- 1. **3 months + 1 week from their clearance expiration date**, the volunteers will receive an email from SOPA.
 - a. This email will give them the "heads up" on their expiration date and prompt them to submit a new PA disclosure form.
- 2. **1 week later, exactly 3 months** from their expiration date, they will receive an email invitation from Sterling Volunteers to start the recertification process.
- 3. Two part clearance process:
 - The state and national background checks on the Sterling Volunteers website,
 - D. The PA child abuse clearance (and use their assigned authorization code) on the PA state compass site.

Questions? Contact **Beth Boardman**, Program Department Coordinator at bboardman@specialolympicspa.org.

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Training Schools Webinars & More

- Sport Skills Trainings
- Sport Training Application Hours
- Sport Skills Interest (Track 1)
- Experienced Coach (Track 2)

Continuing Education on the website





Volunteer Resources

Volunteer Center

REQUIRED once every 3 years to maintain certification.

LOTS of options.

Continuing Ed. Course Options

Monthly Updates	Sports Offered	
Reorganization Updates	Protective Behaviors, General Orientation & Concussion Training	
Vsys Tips & Info	Request A Skills Training School	
Resources	Coaches Training & Continuing Ed.	С
Current Volunteer Background Checks	Continuing Ed. Course Options	
New Volunteer Registration	Leadership Conference	

Volunteer Portal

USA/World Games



2022 USA Games

• June 5-11; Orlando, FL



2023 World Games

June 16-25; Berlin, Germany





Improving Communication:



Closed Facebook Group for Coaches:

- 100% Optional
- Direct connection to coaches
- Share Competition
 Information/Reminders
- Share Training/Coaching Tips
- Encourage sharing of best practices between coaches
- Q&A
- Coach Page



Which SOPA local program to you coach for?

What sport/sports do you coach?

Return to Activities



Community-19 Community Transmission Rate



Special Olympics Pennsylvania is monitoring COVID-19 new cases daily per 100,000 people through the <u>Pennsylvania Department of Health</u>.

Low Transmission Rate

• 10 or less new cases daily per 100, 000 people

Moderate Transmission Rate

11-15 new cases daily per 100,000 people

Significant Transmission Rate

- More than 15 new daily cases per 100,000 people
- <than 80% of participants fully vaccinated

A SOPA Field Director will communicate the COVID-19 community transmission rate (low, moderate or significant) with the Local Program Manager and site COVID-19 Coordinator via email on a weekly basis. Each site is required to follow all mitigation protocol requirements.

Event Size and Type



Event Size and Venue Type	Low & Moderate ➤ Per State of Pennsylvania and local authorities. Significant ➤ Entirely outdoors (except restrooms): ○ Per State of PA and local authorities. ➤ Indoors or mixed: < 50 participants
Type of sport/activity	 Low & Moderate ➤ All sports training, competition, meetings, and social gatherings in accordance with the State of PA and local authority regulations. Significant ➤ Individual sports and indirect sports only. ➤ Contact sports- No competitive play - drill only

Communicable Diseases Participant (Athlete and Volunteer) Risk Assessment, Code of Conduct, and Waiver



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
PARTICIPANT (ATHLETE AND
VOLUNTEER) RISK
ASSESSMENT, CODE OF
CONDUCT, AND WAIVER

Every participant (Athletes, Unified partners, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, HODs, SO Staff, and families/caregivers if they will not exclusively be in spectator only spaces) is required to complete the COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PARTICIPANT (ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEER) RISK ASSESSMENT, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WAIVER prior to the start of the in-person activity.

COVID-19 Coordinator



COVID-19 Coordinator	The site must designate a primary point of contact for
	all questions related to COVID-19, and all participants
	must be provided the person's contact information.

- ➤ The COVID-19 Coordinator must submit the Site Registration Form.
- ➤ The COVID-19 Coordinator must communicate potential cases to the local health authorities for testing and to SOPA (within privacy laws).
- ➤ The COVID-19 Coordinator must conduct the screening protocol and complete the Screening and Tracking Report Form for all participants.

Site Registration Form



➤ The COVID-19 Coordinator must submit the Site Registration Form, which is found on the SOPA website. ➤ The purpose of this form is to register a Local Program in-person activity. ➤ This form must be completed and submitted by the COVID-19 Coordinator prior to the start of the activity.

Onsite Screening and Positive Test



Onsite Screening	 The COVID-19 Coordinator must screen and monitor all participants for symptoms. Signage on preventive measures (handwashing, social distancing and masking) and education on symptoms and reminder to stay home if sick or any symptoms.
Positive COVID-19 test or previous COVID-19 disease	 No participation within 10 days of COVID-19 positive test and 7 days of any symptoms. Participants who test positive for/have COVID-19 must provide written medical clearance before returning to activity.

Masking and Social Distancing



Masking	 Low risk ➤ Unvaccinated participants are required to wear masks indoors and outdoors, except when actively engaged in sports training and competition. ➤ Masks are strongly recommended for vaccinated participants, especially when indoors, except when actively engaged in sports training and competition.
	Moderate & Significant risk ➤ Masks are required for ALL participants except when actively engaged in sports training and competition.
Social Distancing	Low & Moderate Risk ➤ Take active measures to ensure social distancing as much as possible when not actively engaged in sports training and competition, especially in indoor spaces.
	Significant ➤ Social distancing required at all times.

Travel



Travel	Low & Moderate ➤ Travel permitted with precautions
	Significant ➤ Not permitted outside of the Local Program.

Transportation



Public transportation

- When using public transportation, a rideshare service, taxis, or commercial air or train/rail for transportation, all individuals (or via their caregivers/families) should be educated about and willing to to abide by any safety/masking requirements in place by the transportation operator.
- Individuals should also be aware of the potential consequences of not following the operator's required practices.
- Hand hygiene/sanitization should be followed.
- Strongly recommend wearing a mask.

Transportation



Personal transportation

- When securing your own transportation, SOPA recommends the following:
 - When traveling with family, caregivers, or individuals with whom they live, masks not required.
 - When carpooling with someone outside of the household, masks and social distancing are recommended.
 - This can be accomplished by limiting 4 per car maximum and 6 per vehicle maximum provided there are three rows of seats.
- Encouraged as much as possible for local/regional events.
- Hand hygiene/sanitization should be followed.

Transportation



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- Masks and social distancing are required unless <u>all</u> riders are vaccinated.
- Every vehicle must have a designated individual to monitor for compliance at all times.
- Onsite screening of all participants must occur prior to boarding busses or vans.
- No shared food, use only individually packaged items.
- Hand hygiene/sanitization should be followed.
- Understand COVID-19 safety protocols of transportation company.

Competition and Non-Competition Events



Competition Events	 Single day events Participants are not required to be vaccinated, unless required by venue. Overnight events All delegation members, technical delegates (sport directors, etc), and any additional individual housed by SOPA are required to be vaccinated. SOPA Housing policy will be followed.
Non-Competition Events	Single day events ➤ Participants are not required to be vaccinated, unless required by venue. Overnight events ➤ Participants are not required to be vaccinate unless required by venue. ➤ Unvaccinated participants from different households may not room together. If one individual is unvaccinated max of two per room.

Sanitation and Spectators



Sanitation	Low, Moderate, & Significant Follow sanitization protocol for all communal shared areas (e.g., bathrooms, meal areas) and frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment between uses.
Spectators	 Low & Moderate ➤ Permitted per State of Pennsylvania and local authority regulations. ➤ Separation from participants as much as possible and not permitted in athlete areas. Significant: ➤ Not permitted.

Meals



Meals	 Low & Moderate ➤ No self-serve buffet meals. ➤ Stagger mealtimes and cohort groups as much as possible, especially when indoors. ➤ Participants bring their own water bottles.
	 Significant ➤ Participants bring their own meals and water bottles and/or pick-up only. ➤ Stagger mealtimes and cohort groups.

Medicals



- SOPA will continue to offer a one-time 6 month extension if an Application for Participation ("medical") has expired IF the athlete, family member or caregiver is able to answer "NO" to the 3 health status questions.
 - o If the athlete answers "YES" to any of the health status questions, they are required to have a full Application for Participation ("medical") submitted prior to in-person activities.
- The SOPA Field Director will share a listing of athletes eligible for an extension with Local Program Managers.
- If an athlete were to travel to an invitational, regional, sectional or state competition, they will be required to have a new/current Application for Participation ("medical") to be completed and submitted in advance of travel. Extensions will not be accepted. Extensions will be accepted for local training and competition.

Return to Activity Resources

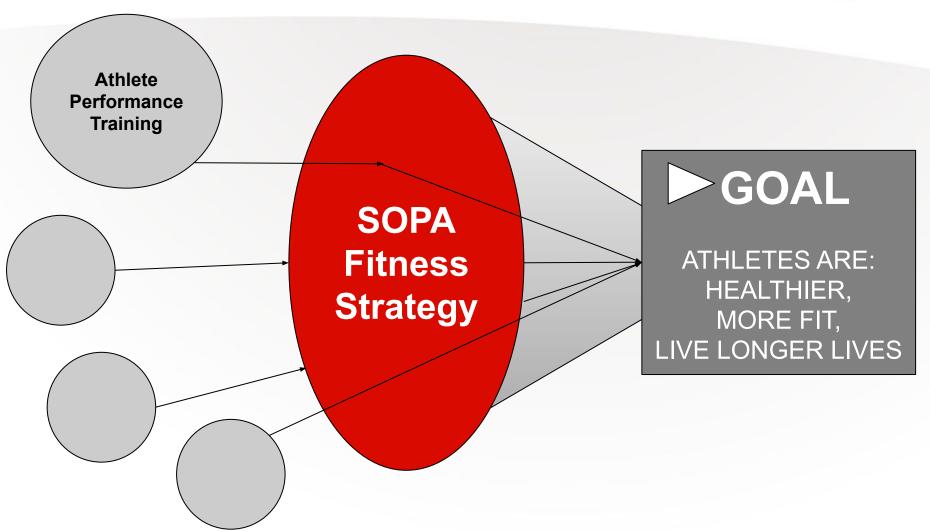


- Fall Return to Activities Webinar
- Video trainings and resources <u>SOPA website</u>
- Return to Activities Plan
- Return to Activities Plan Appendix
- Return to Activities Abbreviated Versions

Athlete Performance Training

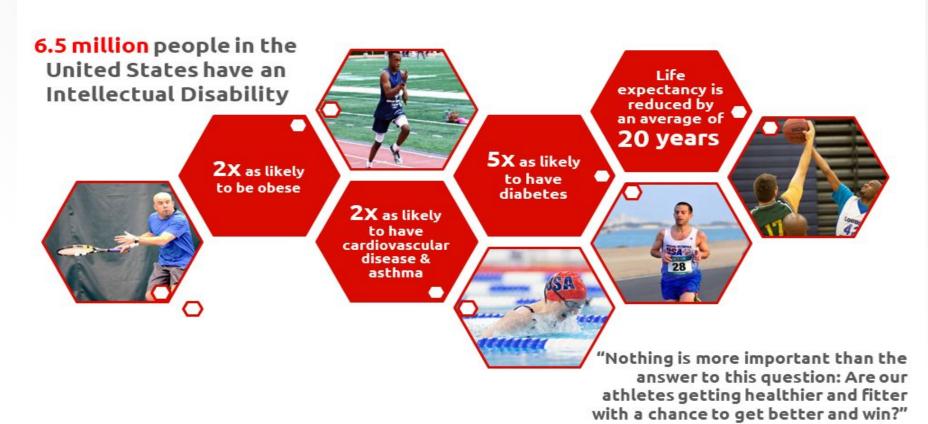






Why is it important?





Overview



- GOAL: help ensure athletes become healthier, more fit and live longer lives.
- IMPLEMENTATION:
 - Coaches at practice,
 - Athletes and their families/caregivers at home
- PROCESS: Education, Exertion, Evaluation

Education



- Coach led instruction during every practice
- Coach encouragement for athletes to follow program and track progress during the week at-home

RESOURCES:

- Coach
 - Hard copy of Coaching guide (educational component)
- Athletes
 - Hard copy of Athlete guide; includes education, tracker and at-home exercises

Coaching Guide



Athlete Performance Training





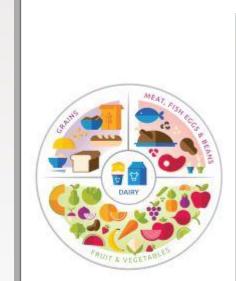


A guide for Special Olympics Pennsylvania coaches.









Healthy Foods

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You know fruits and vegetables are important for your health, but sometimes it can be difficult to know what other foods you should be eating. Here is a list of all the food groups and some great choices in each group:

Grains:

- Brown or Wild, or Unpolished Rice
- Oatmeal
- Whole Grain Bread
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Whole Grain Crackers
- Tortilla
- Flatbread and Roti

Meats and Beans:

- Lean Meats
- Eggs
- Fish (frozen, fresh or canned)
- Tofu
- Nuts
- Nut Butters
- Beans, Legumes and Pulses

Dairy:

- Low-fat or Skim Milk
- Low-fat Cheese
- Low-fat, Unsweetened Yogurt
- Cottage Cheese

Athlete Guide











A guide for Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes.





Endurance is the ability of your body to keep moving for long periods of time. Endurance can help you run farther distances without stopping and practice longer with fewer breaks.

Try your favorite endurance exercise for 30 minutes, 5 days each week.















Weekly Exercise, Nutrition and Hydration Tracking



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Exertion

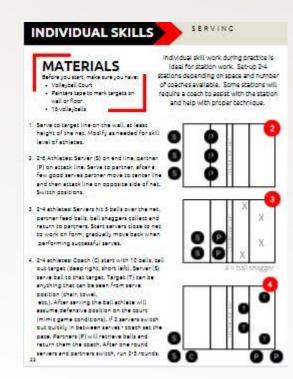


- Active Practices
- Push athletes to their limits, it will be hard and uncomfortable
- RESOURCES:
 - Coach Sport-specific training/practice activities
 - Athletes
 - At-home exercises included in Athlete Guide
 - Coach can also provide specific walking/running regime to help athletes improve their time for their events

Coach - Active practice









Share your favorite sport-specific drills, games, activities - send to Michelle Boone, mboone@specialolympicspa.org

Athlete Guide -At-Home Training



Reach Your Exercise Goal! It's easy to do 5 days of exercise in one week.

Day of the week	Activity	Time Spent 60-90 Minutes	
1	Special Olympics practice: performed Flexibility, Endurance, Strength and Agility activities during practice. Pushed myself the entire time.		
2	Endurance (walk/run/- bike with a friend or familty member), Balance and Flexibility exercises.	45-60 Minutes 45-60 Minutes	
3	Endurance, Strength and Flexibility exercises OR try a group exercise class.		
4	OFF		
5	Endurance, Strength and Flexibility exercises OR try a group exercise class.	45-60 Minutes	
6	Endurance, Strength and Flexibility exercises.	45-60 Minutes	
7	30 Minutes		

Weekly Exercise, Nutrition and Hydration Tracking Athlete Name: Exercise Check box if you exercised today! Nutrition How many total fruits and vegetables? Water How many bottles (16oz) of water did Strength at Home 1. Lie on your back on the floor. Bend your hips and knees so your feet are flat on the floor. Reach your arms toward your knees. 2. Lift your head, and then slowly lift your upper back until your hands reach your knees. Try to get your shoulder blades completely off the 3. Pause and then slowly lower all the way back down, including your head.



Water

Evaluation



Collection of Health and Fitness Metrics to track the well being of our athletes.

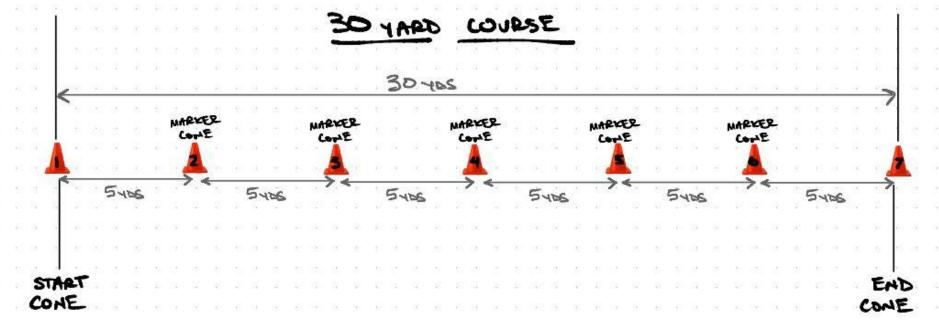
- Metrics will be collected at the beginning and end of each training season
- Health Metrics
 - Height
 - Weight
 - Height and weight equate to Body Mass Index (BMI)
 - Blood Pressure (working on developing means to do so)
- Fitness Metric A Modified Cooper Test

Cooper Test



The Cooper Test is over 50 years old and is a time tested means to measure fitness levels.

- A "shuttle" run/walk over a 30 yard course
- Measure the total distance covered in 6 minutes



Collection



Programs that take part in the Athlete Performance program will receive a Google Sheet to collect the metrics: Height, Weight, BP, and Cooper Distance

The sheet is formatted to filter the athletes by age groups and gender. On subsequent sheets, the athletes BMI Level, BP Range, and Cooper Rating will be calculated to give a snapshot of the athlete's health and fitness levels.

Get started today!



- ACTIVATION GOAL: at least one training site in all local programs this fall
- REGISTER: on the Site Registration Form, click yes!
 - If you already completed the form, the COVID-19
 Coordinator or person who completed the form will get an email.

To learn more...join us on Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 pm. for an Athlete Performance Training webinar!

You may register <u>HERE</u>.

2021 Changes & Rule Updates



Sport Director



Scott Otterbein

Athletics and Long Distance Running/Walking Sports
Director

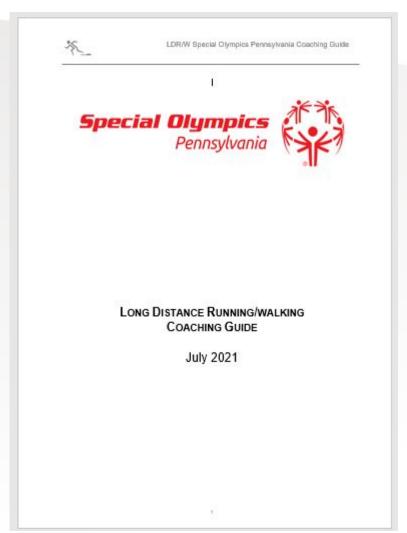
Scott can be reached at: ath.ldr@specialolympicspa.org

2021 Updated Coaching Guide



Rule Update Reminder:

Athletes are not allowed to enter walking events and running events. They must select one method of movement for all of their track events.



Fall Festival Allocations



- Sectionals are now a Qualifier in LDR/W.
- You must attend Fall Sectional in order to advance to Fall Festival.
- How it works:
 - Fall Festival can host 150 LDR/W Athletes
 - Based on the number of athletes registered for fall sectionals each section of the state will be given a percentage of the allocations.
 - A random draw will be held after each sectional to fill the allocations. Starting with gold medalists than silver, and finally bronze.

Reminders



Skin Protection

- sunscreen,
- hats and
- o sunglasses for practice and hydration.

Hydration

- Stop Every 20 minutes for a drink
- Do not gulp, slow sips

Thunder/Lightning

- Everytime you hear or see
 - stop practice /seek shelter for 30 minutes

Training Schools



Skills Trainings – Virtual

- o LDR/W August 7, 9:00 am
- o Bocce August 7, 1:00 pm
- o Powerlifting August 22, 1:00 pm

Registration is open on the VSys Portal

https://vsys.specialolympicspa.org/



Local Program Invitation



Are you having an Invitational?

Please Contact Mike Ermer @ mermer@specialolympicspa.org

with the following information

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Sports Offered

Local Program Invitation - Confirmed



Program	Event	Date	Notes	Contact Name	Email
Montgomery	SOMC Wicked Fast LDR/W Festival	October 16	LDR/W - Heebner Park	Scott Otterbein	specialolympicsmontco@verizon.net
Columbia-Montour	Bocce Bash	October 24	Bocce	Deb Andrews	dandr38023@aol.com

Questions?

