

Local Program Competition Call Winter 21-22

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Agenda



- New Staff member
- Competition Calendar
- Return to Activities
- Regionalization Update
- State Games
- World/USA Games
- Rule Books/Updates/Webinars
- Training Schools
- Field Department Updates
- Questions

Central Competition Director



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- Central Bowling Sectionals
- Indoor Winter Games
- Central Spring Sectional
- Summer Games
- Central Fall Sectionals

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Winter Sport Participation Form



- Sharing [Winter Sports Participation Form](#) with Sport and Competition Coordinators in order to collect participation numbers for our Winter Sports
- Designed to provide us with the anticipated number of athletes training and competing in Winter Sports.
- Due to the lack of accurate training numbers following the 2020 Winter season and the hesitancy to return to in person activities, this data will more accurately reflect the expected participation for the upcoming season.

2022 Competition Dates:



- [2022 State Competitions and Important Dates](#)
- **Bowling Sectionals:**
 - West: Erie Jan. 22
 - Central: Harrisburg Jan. 23
 - East: Allentown Jan. 30
- **Winter Games**
 - Seven Springs, Feb. 6 -8
- **Indoor Winter Games**
 - York, March 5-6

2022 Competition Dates:



- **Spring Sectionals:**

- West: Carnegie Mellon University April 30
- Central : St. Francis University April 30
- East: Kutztown University May 7

- **Summer Games:**

- Penn State University, June 2 - 4

Reminder: Sectionals are qualifiers for Indoor Winter games.

Return to Activities

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Return to Activities Plan

We are continuing to operate under the current R2A plan:

- Masks must be worn at all times (indoors and outdoors) except when engaged in physical activity.
- Social distancing should be adhered to as much as possible during trainings (especially in indoor spaces).
 - Keep this in mind especially for bowling - athletes should not be sitting directly next to one another while waiting for their turn. It may require additional lanes to spread out more.
- Participants attending State Games (Winter Games, Indoor Winter Games, Summer Games) **must be vaccinated.**
- [Site Registration Form](#)
- [COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PARTICIPANT \(ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEER\) RISK ASSESSMENT, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WAIVER](#)



Return to Activities Plan

- Coaches should be collecting COVID vaccination cards and sharing with local program leaders.
- Screening and Tracking form will track vaccination %
- **IMPORTANT: 80% vaccination rate**
 - If in significant community transmission rate and under 80% vaccinated MUST operate under Significant guidelines, which include:
 - Less than 50 participants when indoors
 - Contact sports only running drills
 - Social distancing required at all times
 - Spectators not permitted
 - Travel not permitted outside of local program

The R2A committee will be meeting to debrief the fall season and is working with a group of volunteers, athletes and medical professional to help guide our protocols moving forward. While there isn't currently a plan for a survey if you have thoughts ideas or feedback please do not hesitate to share your thoughts.

Return to Activities Plan



- SOPA will no longer offer a one-time 6 month extension if an Application for Participation ("medical") has expired.
- Athletes must have an up to date Application for Participation.

Return to Activities Resources



- Video trainings and resources [SOPA website](#)
- [**Fall Return to Activities Webinar**](#)
- [Return to Activities Plan](#)
- [Return to Activities Plan Appendix](#)
- [Return to Activities Abbreviated Versions](#)

Regionalization Update

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Region 2 and 7 Update



- As of Jan. 1 All Region 7 programs will attend Central Sectionals moving forward. This will impact Lebanon and Lancaster
- As of Jan. 1 All Region 2 programs will attend Central Sectionals moving forward. This will impact Dubois/Jefferson & Elk/Cameron
- In summary:
 - Lebanon and Lancaster would leave Eastern Sectionals and attend Central Sectionals.
 - Dubois/Jefferson & Elk/Cameron would leave Western Sectionals and attend Central Sectionals
 - This will apply to bowling/spring/fall sectionals

State Games

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Winter Games

February 6-8, 2022



- All participants must be vaccinated
- Important Dates:
 - Reg Info: Will be sent by December 17th
 - Vsys Roster: Due by January 10th
 - Registration Link: Shared January 11th
 - Registration: Due January 13th
 - Scratch/Activation : Due by January 31th
- Pre-Event Webinar: Thursday, January 27th, 7pm
 - [Register Today](#)



Indoor Winter Games

March 5-6, 2022



- All participants must be vaccinated
- Important Dates:
 - Reg Info: will be sent by January 7th
 - Vsys Roster: Due by January 31st
 - Registration Link: Due by February 1st
 - Registration: Due by February 10th
 - Scratch/Activation: Due by February 28th
- Pre-Event Webinar: Thursday, February 24th, 7pm
 - [Register Today](#)

USA Games

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2022 USA Games



June 5-11, 2022; Orlando, FL

Athlete, Unified Partner, and coach selections are complete!

- We are working through a few questions before we publish the Fall Fest sport selections
- Those selections should be official and published by the end of this week

Registration

- Team PA Coaches are communicating and working with the selected participants to collect registration information

Training Camp

- Details of training camp are still being finalized
- Targeted location is in Eastern PA
- Targeted time is March

Sport Rule Updates

**SOI Updates their rule book every two years,
2020 Sport Rules are the most recent updates**

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General Rules:



Links to all the sport pages can be found here:

<https://specialolympicspa.org/sports-and-games/sports-offered>

Winter Sport Rules:

[Alpine](#)

[Snowboarding](#)

[SnowShoe](#)

[Cross Country](#)

[Speed Skating](#)

[Figure Skating](#)

[Floor Hockey](#)

Speed Skating



Short Track Speed Skating

6.1 - General Rules and Modifications

6.1.3.4.4

- If a skater is interfered with and falls before the last block of the first curve after the starting line first apex block after the starting line, the skaters shall be called back to make a new start. The decision whether the interference is an offence according to the Racing Rules is a decision of the Referee.

Training

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Pre-season Coach webinars



- **Winter coaches meetings**

- **Bowling** - Completed on Nov. 16 Recording available on Sports Offered page
- **Alpine & Snowboarding:** Nov 17, 2021 6:00 PM - [Register Here](#)
- **Floor Hockey:** Nov. 18, 2021 7:00 PM - [Register Here](#)
- **Snowshoeing & Cross Country Skiing:** Nov 22, 2021 7:00 PM - [Register Here](#)
- **Figure Skating & Speed Skating:** Nov. 23, 2021 7:00 PM - [Register Here](#)

- **Spring Coaches Meeting:**

- **Athletics:** February 22nd 7:00 pm - [Athletics - Register Here](#)
- **Swimming:** February 23rd 7:00 pm - [Swimming - Register Here](#)
- **Basketball/Softball:** March 1st 7:00 pm - [Basketball & Softball - Register Here](#)
- **Gymnastics/Tennis/Equestrian/Golf:** March 2nd 7:00 pm - [Gymnastics, Tennis, Equestrian or Golf - Register Here](#)

Fall Training Numbers:



- 2021 Forms are sent to Training Coordinators bi-weekly through *All Things Training* email series
- Forms are due back on **Monday, November 22nd** by midnight
 - Greater Lehigh Valley & Pocono Region
 - Submit forms to jmerola@specialolympicspa.org
 - All other Local Programs
 - Submit to sportstraining@specialolympicspa.org
- Contact Jtresp@specialolympicspa.org if you need a copy of the Training numbers form.

Winter Sports Skill Trainings



- Saturday, December 4th
 - **Virtual Snowshoeing** – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Sunday, December 5th
 - **Virtual Floor Hockey** – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Coming Soon!

Alpine, Snowboarding, Bowling and Cross Country Skiing

Field Department Updates

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Field Department Updates:



- **Site Registration Form**
 - Used to register a local program meeting/social gathering, new training site
 - Requests will be managed by Field Team/Regional Staff.
 - Step 1: Request endorsed by Manager
 - Step 2: Approval sent to COVID Coordinator
 - Includes Site Roster
 - Includes link to **Comm Dis/Waiver/Code of Conduct**
 - Step 3: COVID Coordinator shares **Comm Dis/Waiver/Code of Conduct**
- **Screening & Tracking - NEW:**
 - Vaccine Percentage
 - Booster added

Field Department Updates:



- **Positive COVID Exposures:**
 - **West - Jim Binz 844-321-6215**
 - **East/Region 5 - Jim Binz 833-251-1130**
 - **Central/Regions 2 & 7 - Kristen Lenig 844-321-6212**
- **Questions:** Contact Gina Reid:
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Local Program Invitationals:



Are you hoping to host an
invitationals this winter or
spring?

Please let Mike Ermer know so we can get word out.

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Questions?

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