

Field Team

HOT TOPICS CALL

August 12, 2021



August 12, 2021 - Program Updates:



Return to Activities



[Go-To Resource:](#)
[SOPA Website](#)

- **NEW:**
 - Weekly transmission rates shared Friday
 - Under recommendation from SOI following John Hopkins data
 - Reporting on 7 day new case averages - changes daily
 - Masks required for ALL participants indoors or outdoors unless actively participating

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Athlete Leadership:

Athlete Leadership University will be hosting a virtual **Healthy Lifestyles** session **September 10th-12th....only 6 spots left!!!**

- Healthy Lifestyles is the training of an athlete to become a Health and Fitness Coordinator, which is an athlete committed to promoting healthier lifestyles for athletes, unified partners, coaches and families
- Click [here](#) to access the registration information
 - Athlete Leader and Mentor must register in the [Vsys Online Portal](#)
 - Deadline to register is **Friday, August 20th**
- Questions? Contact Jordan Schubert at jschubert@specialolympicspa.org

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2021 Leadership Conference: Save the Date – August 28-29, 2021

Leadership Conference attendees will receive an email 10 days prior to the event with information on the weekend schedule & COVID-19 protocols.

- **IMPORTANT**: If you need a credit increase on your credit card to register, please reach out to Dan Reardon dreardon@specialolympicspa.org to make that request.
- LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION:
 - **Conference Registration**
 - Conference Registration - **Closes on August 20th**
 - Hotel Reservations
 - Please call 1-800-233-7505 and ask for *PA Special Olympic Leadership Conference* or the GROUP CODE – ***SOPA21L - Hotel Block released August 12th to Public***

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- All attendees will need to fill out the [COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PARTICIPANT \(ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEER\) RISK ASSESSMENT, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WAIVER](#) prior to arriving at the conference.
 - This form will be sent via email to all registered participants. Any participant who does not sign the form in advance of will be required to sign on-site.
- Masks are required for ALL participants indoors and outdoors.
 - In accordance with the updates to the SOPA Return to Activities plan, regardless of COVID-19 community transmission rate (low, moderate or significant), **masks are required for ALL participants indoors and outdoors.**
- For a full listing of the COVID-19 protocols at Leadership Conference, please refer [here](#).
- Questions about Leadership should be directed to Carolyn Kushner:
ckushner@specialolympicspa.org

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T.E.A.M. Tuesdays:

- Please join SOPA for our **final** TEAM Tuesday's webinar on **August 17th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, which will reflect the last year and a half together. We want to celebrate all of the successes as well as highlight the perseverance of our athletes and volunteers.
- You can use the link below to register for the August presentation:
 - [T.E.A.M Tuesdays Webinar Registration Link](#)

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Athlete Performance Training:

- Athlete Performance Training consists of a combination of coach-facilitated sports practices and at-home fitness programs.
- **REGISTER:** On the [Site Registration Form](#), click yes!
 - If you already completed the form, the COVID-19 Coordinator will get an email.
- **MORE INFORMATION:**
 - Go to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania homepage, hover over the “More Than Sports” tab and then click “Commit to Fit.”
 - Click on the Commit to Fit option called “Athlete Performance.”

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Competition & Training:

Summer Bowling Qualifiers (In-Person)

- West - Saturday, August 21 - Eastway Lanes, Erie, PA
- Central - Saturday, August 21 - ABC West, Harrisburg, PA
- East - Sunday, August 22 - Jordan Lanes, Whitehall, PA

Important Dates

- Scratch/Activation Deadline - Monday, August 16th
- [Pre-Event Webinar](#) - Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00pm
- [COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PARTICIPANT \(ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEER\) RISK ASSESSMENT, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WAIVER](#) - Thursday, August 19th

If you have any questions, reach out to Bruce Bach at bbach@specialolympicspa.org

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Competition & Training:

Summer Bowling Qualifiers (In-Person)

- 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.
 - **Due by Thursday, August 19th**
- Transportation
 - Onsite screening of all participants must occur prior to boarding busses or vans.
 - Individuals traveling on their own will be screened at the bowling venue.
 - Updated masking protocol - must wear masks in vehicles

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Competition & Training:

USA Games

- Athletes selected for USA Games can be found on the SOPA Website
 - [USA Games webpage](#): Includes information about allocations, selection process, Team PA athletes and coaches
- Selection Schedule
 - Spring Sports - Selected and placed on website
 - Bowling - Athlete drawing at Leadership Conference
 - Fall Sports - Athlete drawing at Fall Fest
- Family & Friends Registration
 - Stay tuned! Expecting information later this month to sign up and book reservations

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Competition & Training:

2021 State Competition Dates and Important Dates

Fall Sectionals

- Western - Sunday, September 26th - Slippery Rock University
- Central - Sunday, September 26th - Juniata College
- Eastern - Sunday, October 3rd - DeSales University

Important Dates

- LOI - Due Thursday, September 2nd
- Final Allocations - Sent out Friday, September 3
- VSys Rosters - Due Monday, September 6th

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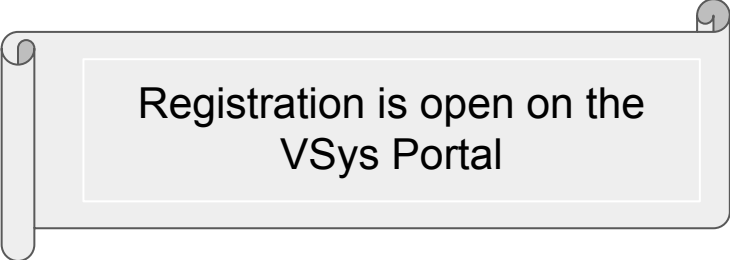
Competition & Training:

Virtual Training Schools

- Powerlifting – August 22, 1:00 pm
- LDR/W - August 22, 5:00 pm

Non-Sports Virtual Training

- Coaching Special Olympics Athletes – September 18 & 19, 2021
- Principles of Coaching – October 23 & 24, 2021



Registration is open on the
VSys Portal

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Competition & Training:

Continuing Ed Challenge

- September is National Preparedness Month!
- Challenge from **August 16 to September 10th**
- Submit your **current** First Aid/CPR/AED cards (back & Front) or certificate to jtresp@specialolympicspa.org
- You will be placed into the drawing to win a Sport Safety First Aid Kid!
- **IMPORTANT:** First Aid/CPR/AED cards maybe used once every 9 years as continuing education credit

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UNCathlon:

- **Goals of the event:** Get out and get moving in a fun way, push and challenge yourself to try something new, and do better than you did yesterday
- **How are we fundraising and sharing the event:**
 - Registration
 - In-Person Registration is live - **Event is September 19, 2021**
 - Virtual Registration is live - **Event is September 1-30**
- **Registration Goals:**
 - Build Your Team - RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT. POST POST POST.
 - Fundraise

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Revenue Share:

- Opportunity to fundraise for your local program & opportunity to make up some lost revenue
- Revenue Share structure:
 - 75/25 (75% of net on what you raise stays with the local program)
- **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to note your local program/county on the registration page to receive funds
 - Example: Polar Plunge/Pop

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Virtual UNcathlon:

30-day Plank Challenge

www.uncathlon.org: Sign up for the VIRTUAL UNcathlon (blue side)

Competition and Engagement Period Goals:

- Create team
 - Recruit and fundraise
 - Flood social media with photos and videos of your planks #UNcathlon
 - Tag two friends NOT ALREADY INVOLVED, and challenge them to join and plank
 - Place classy fundraising page on your social posts and give your supporters instructions and goals
 - Join team, complete challenge and help us fundraise
 - Give a donation in lieu of completing the challenge
 - Both - complete the challenge AND donate instead of fundraising

REMINDER: 75% to Local Program

QUESTIONS???



Next Call: Thursday, September 9th @ 7 PM

[REGISTER NOW](#)