

Field Team

HOT TOPICS CALL

October 14, 2021



October 14, 2021 - Program Updates:



Return to Activities



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

- **Positive COVID Exposures:**
 - **East - Jim Binz 833-251-1130**
 - **Central - Kristen Lenig 844-321-6212**
 - **West - Jim Binz 844-321-6215**
- **R2A Updates : Expected updates in mid-November. Stay Tuned.**
- **Questions:** Contact Gina Reid: greid@specialolympicspa.org

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After 32 years with SOPA, it's official....Clare has retired.

- She leaves behind an unmatched legacy of passion and commitment to our athletes & volunteers.
- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**
 - We are looking for positive stories, memories, pictures and more that are about and include Clare over the years.
 - We want Clare to read and see the difference that she has made in the lives of many, and plan to put these keepsakes into a scrapbook that will be presented to her during the 2021 Fall Festival at Villanova University.
 - Please use this [Dropbox link](#) to upload content by no later than **Sunday, October 18th.**
 - We can only use stories and photos, **NO VIDEOS** as the content will be printed for the scrapbook.

We look forward to receiving items from YOU to help us recognize, honor and appreciate Clare!

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Finance:

LOCAL PROGRAM BUDGETS

- It's the most wonderful time of the year - Budget Time!
- Regional vs Local Program - Different process
 - Regional training complete
 - Questions from Regional programs contact Gina Reid
greid@specialolympicspa.org
- Local Program training [RECORDING](#)
- Local Program Timeline:
 - On or before September 30th: All budget worksheets available for input
 - November 8th: Budget worksheets submitted to Finance Dept.
- Questions: Email Dennis Durkin ddurkin@specialolympicspa.org

REGISTER: Local Program Support Call for Treasurers is **Thursday Oct 21st at 7:00 PM**

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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 - Selection complete! **Highlights from the reveal will air on the Today Show on Monday October 18th!**
 - Fall Sports - Live drawing at Fall Fest for athlete selection
- [Family & Friends Registration](#)
 - Registration is live!
 - Information will be sent to Spring Sports and Bowling families

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Competition & Training:

Fall Festival

- November 5th - 7th at Villanova University
- All participants must be vaccinated
- [Register](#) for Pre-Event Webinar - **Thursday, October 28th, 7:00 PM**
- Delegation arrival 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Delegation registration 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m in Villanova Room at Connelly Center

Important Dates

- Google registration due this evening
- Vaccination Card collection due: Sunday, October 24th
- Scratch & Activation and Score Updates due: Thursday, October 28th

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Virtual Young Athletes - Fall Festival:

- Sunday, November 7th at 10 AM via Zoom.
 - Registration can be completed [here](#).
- Open to children ages 2-7 of all abilities.
 - Do not have to be current Young Athletes participants.
 - Children 8+ may also join in hopes they can get involved in their Local Program if they aren't already.
 - Adult athletes are not prohibited from joining, however they need to understand this event is intended for children ages 2-7.
 - Local Program volunteers interested in learning about Young Athletes are also welcome to listen in!
- Contact Jordan Schubert at jschubert@specialolympicspa.org with any questions!

*Special Olympics
Pennsylvania*

Young Athletes Program

Register Here! →



Sunday,
Nov. 7th
10:00 AM

Questions? Please Email
athleteinvolvement@villanovaspo.com

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Virtual Competition - Fall Festival:

Fall Fest AMRAP Competition Challenge

- Opportunity for those that cannot attend Fall Festival in person
- **5 exercises, 5 reps in 5 minutes:**
 - **5** Ball Taps
 - **5** Jumping Jacks
 - **5** Power Punches
 - **5** Push-ups
 - **5** Squats
- **More information will be distributed on Monday, October 18th!**

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Vaccination Requirements - Fall Festival:

All Delegations Must Be Fully Vaccinated

Fully vaccinated means you have completed the vaccine cycle and 2 full weeks have passed. Athletes must have their vaccinations complete by **Friday, October 22nd** in order to attend the event on Friday, November 5th.

- Local Program vaccine collection deadline is Sunday, October 24th
- Michelle will email local programs for spot checking on **Monday, October 25th**
- Local programs must provide requested vaccine cards to Michelle by **Thursday, October 28th**

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Competition & Training:

2021-2022 Winter Sports Pre-Season Coaches Meetings

- [Registrations links](#) can be found on the SOPA website
 - Sports & Games, Sports Offered, then select your sport

SPORT	DATE	TIME
Bowling	Tuesday, November 16	7:00 PM
Alpine & Snowboarding	Wednesday, November 17	6:00 PM
Floor Hockey	Thursday, November 18	7:00 PM
Snowshoeing & Cross Country Skiing	Monday, November 22	7:00 PM
Figure Skating & Speed Skating	Tuesday, November 23	7:00 PM

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Competition & Training:

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

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Competition & Training:

Non-Sports Virtual Training

- Principles of Coaching – October 23rd & 24th
- Sign up through the [Vsys Portal](#)
 - Under *Training Schools, Webinars and More*, click on *Sport Skills Training Sign-Up*, and select this course

Winter Sport Skill Trainings - Will be announced next week!

- Coaches wanting to be trained should log into their [Vsys Portal](#) to make a request for a Training School near you
 - Under *Training Schools, Webinars and More*, click on *Sport Skills Training Interest (Track 1)*, and select your sports of interest
- **Current requests are for Floor Hockey, Alpine & Cross Country Skiing**

QUESTIONS???



Next Call: Thursday, November 11th @ 7 PM

[REGISTER NOW](#)