

# **Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo**

## **March 6, 2020**

**Special  
Olympics  
Maryland**



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### **Welcome**

Welcome to the SOMD Area Memo!

If there are any members of your Area’s leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to [jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org).

### **(NEW) COVID-19 and SOMD Programs**

At this time, Special Olympics Maryland is operating under normal, everyday procedures. We are constantly monitoring the status of the situation using updates and resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maryland State Health Department. We are working directly with Special Olympics International, local and state officials, as well as event and competition venues to determine if we need to take further precautionary steps. We will provide new updates as we receive them. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Abel ([jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org)).

On 3/6/2020, SOMD hosted a webinar for Area Directors on our response to COVID-19. A link to a recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VytTwPVzbpl&feature=youtu.be>

### **(NEW) Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award-Nominations are open now!**

Nominations for the Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award are now open. This award honors high school and college-aged students who, like Billie Jean King, use sports to improve their communities. The award was created in 2019 and will recognize its honorees during the Sports Humanitarian Awards on Saturday, July 18 in Beverly Hills, and will air on ABC during a 90-minute special on Sunday, Aug. 2.

To learn more about the Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award and nominate someone that has demonstrated the ability to use the power of sport as a catalyst for change within their local or school community, use the link below!

<https://billiejeankingyouthleadershipaward.submittable.com/submit>

**(NEW) 2022 USA Games Updates**



The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will be held in Orlando, FL June 5-11, 2022.

As of 3-5-2020, the Organizing Committee has not officially indicated which sports will be offered at the Games. However, Special Olympics Maryland is planning accordingly to prepare for the announcement of the sports to be offered as well as possible allotments for Team Maryland.

The qualifying events that will be used to select and advance athletes, partners and teams to the 2022 Games will begin with Kayaking 2020 and conclude with Summer Games of 2021.

- This is not meant to indicate that Special Olympics Maryland will receive allotments in any specific sport.
- For example, although the Kayaking State Championships is the first event to be utilized in the selection process, this does not indicate that Special Olympics Maryland will receive allotments for the sport of Kayaking, nor does it indicate that Kayaking will be offered at the 2022 Games.
- However, ***IF*** the Organizing Committee decides to offer Kayaking as an official sport and ***IF*** Special Olympics Maryland receives allotments for Kayaking - the 2020 Kayaking State Championships will be the event where participants would be selected to for Team Maryland.



**(NEW) TWO BALTIMORE COUNTY  
YOUNG ATHLETES PROGRAMS  
KICKING OFF!**

Special Olympics Maryland-  
Baltimore County is excited to announce the start of two community Young Athletes Program. Find the details below and see flyers attached!

**Parkville Location:** Starting March 30<sup>th</sup>- Monday's 6:00PM-7:00PM

Pine Grove Elementary: 2701 Summit Ave, Parkville MD 21234

To register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1kTNtNoWHuikkptHZaetHheMh7WrmhqzgEmvgbSEF\\_N48Dg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1kTNtNoWHuikkptHZaetHheMh7WrmhqzgEmvgbSEF_N48Dg/viewform)

**Lutherville- Timonium Location:** Starting March 14<sup>th</sup>- Saturday's 9:00AM-10:00AM

Regal All-Stars Gym, LCC: 2220 Greenspring Drive, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093

To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BmoreYASpring2020>

### **Medicals and Volunteer Application – Absolutely NO Exceptions!!**

Just a friendly reminder that there are **absolutely no exceptions** to the rule that no athlete is permitted to participate in any way without an up-to-date and valid medical form and that no volunteer can participate in any way without up-to-date and valid Volunteer Application/Screening.

If an athlete wishes to participate and either has never submitted a medical or their most recent one has expired, the only option is to have him or her not participate until the up-to-date medical has been completed and submitted. There is no “grace period”. There is no allowance because they have a doctor’s appointment next week or because the “have it” but forgot to bring it. If the medical you have for that athlete is expired they simply cannot participate. No exceptions whatsoever. The same applies to volunteers and their application/screening.

We understand this can lead to some difficult conversations, but being clear and consistent, and making sure that athletes, families and caregivers (and volunteers) are aware in advance of the season that their medical/application has or will expire is the solution. The GMS users in your Area can run reports and exports (including email addresses if they are in GMS) to assist with providing such advance notice.

This is reviewed in every pre-season webinar, yet we recently had to prohibit some individuals from participate in a recent on-snow day because they thought they could do so without an up-to-date medical or volunteer application. Don’t put your athletes and volunteers in a similar uncomfortable situation. Be sure they have everything up-to-date (and through the end of the sports season) before the season starts.

### **Risk Reminders**

Please remember that all contracts and requests for COIs must be sent to [risk@somd.org](mailto:risk@somd.org) for review by Rhonda and Jim’s signature. The email address, [risk@somd.org](mailto:risk@somd.org), was set up to ensure that these important documents don’t get lost in our inboxes. *Also, a reminder that the only person authorized to sign any form of agreement on behalf of our organization is our CEO.*

### **(UPDATED) Live CSOA Sessions Scheduled thru May**

SOMD is pleased to host several live sessions for Coaching Special Olympics Athletes, a requirement for all Coaches. Unless otherwise noted in the list below, sessions will be held at SOMD Headquarters (3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103, Baltimore MD 21227). We must have a minimum of 7 registrants for each class at least two business days in advance in order for it to be held.

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Rockville *(see Coach Resource page for addit info & registration) (Montgomery County hosting) – New Addition*

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at SOMD HQ

Sunday, April 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at SOMD HQ

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Winters Mill HS in Westminster *(Carroll County hosting) – New Addition*

Saturday, May 16, 2020, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at SOMD HQ

Please use the link below to register for any of these sessions *(except as noted)*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOA2020Q1Q2>

As always, Areas are encouraged to host additional CSOA sessions using SOMD’s group of trained and certified instructors. All sessions must be approved by SIOMD HQ in advance. If interested, please send a message to [coaches@somd.org](mailto:coaches@somd.org). We’ve gotten interest from several Areas and look forward to posting those additional sessions on the Coach Education and Development section of the Coach Resource Page

### **March Area Leader Meeting**

The March Area Leader meeting and webinar is right around the corner! Please register using the links below!

<b>WEBINAR</b> March 16, 2020 7:00pm-9:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/v50vcumvrzws3Zwp2jGSfhJF_UElngAYRQ">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/v50vcumvrzws3Zwp2jGSfhJF_UElngAYRQ</a>
<b>MEETING</b> March 21, 2020 9:30am-5:00pm <i>(Exact end time will be communicated closer to the meeting)</i>	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AD2020M1">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AD2020M1</a>

### **(UPDATED) Principles of Coaching Live Course –June 20, 2020 & September 12, 2020**

We are very pleased to be one of the first few SO USA programs to offer the updated “live” version of the Principles of Coaching course. This exceptional, highly participative full day course is designed for coaches with at least two years of experience and covers such topics as:

- Developing a Coaching Perspective
- Team Management & Training
- Athlete-Centered Coaching
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Safety and Risk Management

As noted in the new Coach Education & Development Model, completion of Principles of Coaching is a requirement for a coach to earn Advanced Coach status and will also renew, upgrade and extend all current coach sport certifications for three years from the date of course completion. As a reminder, *Advanced Coach status is a requirement in order for a coach to take a team or athletes to any competition above the state level* (including USA Games, World Games, and National Invitational Tournaments or their equivalents). Coaches must attend and participate in the entirety of the course to receive credit for course completion.

We currently have 2 sessions of this course scheduled in 2020 and will look to potentially add another session in the fall if interest warrants it. Our intent is to offer this live session at least twice per year going forward.

Saturday, June 20, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., SOMD HQ (Baltimore area)

Saturday, September 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., SOMD HQ (Baltimore area)

There is no registration fee for these sessions. Lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided and registration for each session will be limited to a maximum of 25 coaches.

*(Note: Please do not register for a session if you are not certain you will attend – it may mean another coach who actually could attend will be unable to register).*

To register for one of these sessions, please use the following link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/POC\\_2020\\_reg](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/POC_2020_reg)

### **Coach Education and Development -**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the several sessions reviewing the Coach Education and Development system and the implications of the “full implementation” that takes place starting with the

2020 Summer Games sports seasons. The slides from the sessions have been posted on the Coach Education section of the Coach Resource Page (<https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/coach-education/>) along with a link to a recording of one of the sessions.

While there have not been any actual changes to the system, please be certain that all Area leaders and coaches are aware that starting with the 2020 Summer Games Sports seasons, the following will be in place (in summary):

- Areas will not be able to send athletes or teams to a state competition unless they have a fully certified head coach for each sport or team (including fully up-to-date SONA sport certification).
- Only coaches who have a fully up-to-date (through the state championship) sport certification for their sport will be credentialed as coaches and only those individuals will have access to areas and privileges for coaches specifically (including team being on team benches, serving as base coaches, etc.)
- Only teams with coach certified as an Advanced Coach for their sport will be considered for advancement to competition above the state level (such as USA Games, NITs, etc.). Only coaches certified as Advanced Coaches in their sport will be considered for selection as coaches for events above the state level.

We are posting updated transcripts of coaches training course completion as well as rosters of the sport certifications status of coaches on at least a monthly basis on the Coach Resource Page (<https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/coach-education/>).

While SOMD has no desire to eliminate any athletes or teams from Summer Games or any other upcoming competition, the full implementation of the Coach Education system and the implications that will begin with the 2020 Summer Games has been shared with Area leaders and coaches regularly since late 2018 and will be in place for the upcoming Summer Games and thereafter.

### **2020 Basketball Championships Confirmed for Mount St Mary's Univ & Gov Thomas Johnson HS**

We are very pleased to announce that the 2020 SOMD Basketball Championship will be held on March 28 & 29 at Mount Saint Mary's University (Emmitsburg) and Governor Thomas Johnson HS in northern Frederick. The schedule will follow the same structure as in 2019:

Saturday: 5v5 Traditional & 5v5 Unified Competition

Sunday: 3v3 Traditional and PDU, 5v5 PDU and Individual Skills Competition

More details are being shared directly with basketball coaches and will be covered in the Pre-competition webinar on March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars**

The dates and time for Pre-Season and Pre-Competition webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

#### **Pre-Season Coaches Webinars**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Basketball	Wed 12/04	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/3z4aQpfM1-k">https://youtu.be/3z4aQpfM1-k</a>
Athletics	Tue, 3/17 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJcuduihqDMiku2sMFvS725Tlq5aA8itRg">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJcuduihqDMiku2sMFvS725Tlq5aA8itRg</a>
Bocce	Tue, 3/17 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpcvde6qqTgqWuC-SAojNtlbOGa8XXBLtw">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpcvde6qqTgqWuC-SAojNtlbOGa8XXBLtw</a>
Cheerleading	Tue, 3/10 8:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lrdugqT8iDLKoTIEJSEiwjI58vszNBw">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5lrdugqT8iDLKoTIEJSEiwjI58vszNBw</a>
Softball	Tue, 3/10 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udeuoqD4q3iDggIAAjzEUfcfIUckXCQ">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udeuoqD4q3iDggIAAjzEUfcfIUckXCQ</a>

Swimming	Tue 3/03 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/v5Ukc-qhrzgrYG7-7roO6GEAQTbQs5IS6w">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/v5Ukc-qhrzgrYG7-7roO6GEAQTbQs5IS6w</a>
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### Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Basketball	Tue 03/24 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/285561165198905611">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/285561165198905611</a>
Athletics	TBA	TBA
Bocce	TBA	TBA
Cheerleading	TBA	TBA
Softball	TBA	TBA
Swimming	Thu, 5/21 7:00 p.m.	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5IrdUGgqT8iDLKoTIEJSEiwjI58vszNBw">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5IrdUGgqT8iDLKoTIEJSEiwjI58vszNBw</a>

### Community Sports Registration Deadlines For Most of 2020

Registration Deadlines for community sports through most of 2020 have been set and are incorporated into the Sports Calendar included with this email. They are summarized below for your convenience as well.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Competition Date(s)</b>	<b>Training Registration Deadline (in GMS)**</b>	<b>Last Date To Submit Missing Forms**</b>	<b>Competition Registration Deadline (in GMS)**</b>
Basketball Tournament	3/28 – 29/2020 (Tentative)	1/23/2020	2/3/2020	2/13/2020
2020 Summer Games	6/5-7/2020	4/23/2020	5/4/2020	5/18/2020
Kayaking Time Trials (Required)	08/08/2020	7/9/2020	7/16/2020	7/30/2020
Kayaking Championships	08/15/2020			
2020 Golf State Championship - <b>UPDATED</b>	9/27/2020 (Tentative)	8/13/2020	8/20/2020	9/3/2020
2020 Fall Sports Festival	10/17/2020 (Tentative)	8/27/2020	9/10/2020	10/1/2020
2020 State Soccer Championships	10/25/2020 OR 11/1/2020 (Tentative)	8/27/2020	9/10/2020	10/1/2020

### Upcoming Athlete Leadership Trainings

**WHAT:** Introduction to Athlete Leadership  
**WHERE:** SOMD HQ, 3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103, Baltimore (Halethorpe), MD 21227  
**WHEN:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 2pm-5pm

Register: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Intro\\_March\\_14\\_2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Intro_March_14_2020)

**WHAT:** Introduction to Athlete Leadership and Understanding Leadership (2 Courses)  
**WHERE:** Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave, Chesapeake Beach, MD  
**WHEN:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9am-noon Introduction to Athlete Leadership  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1pm-4pm Understanding Leadership

**WHY:** Special Olympics Inc. is retooling the requirements for the Athlete Leadership Program and we are following their lead.

We need all existing leaders to come in and get recertified.

We are not going to do a full retraining but we will do a shorter version to meet the obligations of the new requirements.

**WHO:** All **CURRENT** certified athletes and all **NEW** athletes interested **MUST** take this **NEW** training to move on to the next level in leadership.

**OTHER DETAILS:** Lunch will be provided

You must attend both sessions to remain a certified Athlete Leader moving forward.

Other sessions exactly like this will be offered throughout Maryland in 2020 to update as many athletes as possible.

REGISTER HERE: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Calvert\\_April\\_4th](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Calvert_April_4th)

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**WHAT:** **Introduction to Athlete Leadership and Understanding Leadership** (2 Courses in 4 parts)

**WHERE:** On line via ZOOM Meetings. We will take each section of the class over the computer. Links in the **WHEN** Section below.

**WHEN:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm-8pm

**Introduction to Athlete Leadership Part 1/2** <https://somd.zoom.us/j/311053034>

**WHY:** Special Olympics Inc. is retooling the requirements for the Athlete Leadership Program and we are following their lead. We need all existing leaders and any athletes wishing to become leaders to log on and take these courses. We are not going to do a full retraining but we will do a shorter version to meet the obligations of the new request. We hope by offering these courses on line it will help those athletes and families who live a little further away from our office.

**WHO:** All **CURRENT** certified athletes and all **NEW** athletes interested **MUST** take this **NEW** training to move on to the next level in leadership.

**OTHER DETAILS:** You must attend all four sessions in order to take additional classes moving forward.

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**WHAT:** **Athlete Leadership Training-Eastern Shore**

**WHERE:** Chesapeake Culinary Center, 512, Franklin Street, Denton, Maryland 21629

**WHEN:** April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Beginner Global Messenger 9am-2pm (room for 15)

Basics of a Smart Phone 2:30pm-5pm (room for 15)

**WHAT ELSE:**

-Lunch provided for Beginner Global Messengers

-refreshments and snacks for all

-Bring a sheet of paper answering the following questions

**Name, Hometown, Sports, Year you began Special Olympics, Other important things.**

-Photos may be taken of you for a future trading card. Come dressed nice for the photo.



To register go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/April\\_18\\_Eastern\\_Shore](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/April_18_Eastern_Shore)

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**WHAT:** *Introduction to Athlete Leadership*

**WHERE:** *On line via ZOOM Meetings. We will take each section of the class over the computer. Links in the WHEN Section below.*

**WHEN:** *April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 6:30pm-8pm*  
**Introduction to Athlete Leadership Part 2/2** <https://somed.zoom.us/j/926259131>

**WHY:** *Special Olympics Inc. is retooling the requirements for the Athlete Leadership Program and we are following their lead.  
We need all existing leaders and any athletes wishing to become leaders to log on and take these courses  
We are not going to do a full retraining but we will do a shorter version to meet the obligations of the new requirements. We hope by offering these course on line it will help those athletes and families who live a little further away from our office.*

**WHO:**  
*All **CURRENT** certified athletes and all **NEW** athletes interested **MUST** take this NEW training to move on to the next level in leadership.*

**OTHER DETAILS:** *You must attend all four sessions in order to take additional classes moving forward.*

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**WHAT:** *Understanding Leadership*

**WHERE:** *On line via ZOOM Meetings. We will take each section of the class over the computer. Links in the WHEN Section below.*

**WHEN:** *May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm-8pm*  
**Understanding Leadership Part 1/2** <https://somed.zoom.us/j/620680651>

**WHY:** *Special Olympics Inc. is retooling the requirements for the Athlete Leadership Program and we are following their lead.  
We need all existing leaders and any athletes wishing to become leaders to log on and take these courses  
We are not going to do a full retraining but we will do a shorter version to meet the obligations of the new requirements. We hope by offering these course on line it will help those athletes and families who live a little further away from our office.*

**WHO:**  
*All **CURRENT** certified athletes and all **NEW** athletes interested **MUST** take this NEW training to move on to the next level in leadership.*

**OTHER DETAILS:** *You must attend all four sessions in order to take additional classes moving forward.*

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**WHAT:** *Understanding Leadership*

**WHERE:** *On line via ZOOM Meetings. We will take each section of the class over the computer. Links in the WHEN Section below.*

**WHEN:** *May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm-8pm*  
*Understanding Leadership Part 2/2* <https://somd.zoom.us/j/724553345>

**WHY:** *Special Olympics Inc. is retooling the requirements for the Athlete Leadership Program and we are following their lead.*

*We need all existing leaders and any athletes wishing to become leaders to log on and take these courses. We are not going to do a full retraining but we will do a shorter version to meet the obligations of the new requirements. We hope by offering these course on line it will help those athletes and families who live a little further away from our office.*

**WHO:**  
*All **CURRENT** certified athletes and all **NEW** athletes interested **MUST** take this NEW training to move on to the next level in leadership.*

**OTHER DETAILS:** *You must attend all four sessions in order to take additional classes moving forward.*

**WHAT:** *Athlete Leadership-Improvisation and Theatre Training Course SUMMER 2020*

*The Athlete Leadership Program is excited to announce that we are adding a new course this fall*  
**"This interactive class will help support communication and confidence through creativity. Participants will learn valuable speech, language, and social skills that will assist them not only within Special Olympics MD, but across all aspects of their lives. Oh, and we'll laugh. A lot."**

*Improv and theater skills and practices have been shown to improve a variety of skills such as receptive and expressive language, pragmatics, fluency of speech, socialization, syntax and grammar, semantics, cognition, and the list goes on! Making this the perfect course for both beginner and advanced athlete leaders. Not previous training in athlete leadership is needed.*

*Target and ideally improve participants speech, language, and social skills, and help build confidence in communication.*

**WHEN: \***

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>June 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 01<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 08<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7pm-8:30pm</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>6pm-9pm</i>	<i>Performance</i>

*\*You must attend 4 of the 5 courses to be eligible for the final performance*

**WHERE:** *Special Olympics Maryland HQ, 3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103, Baltimore (Halethorpe), MD 21227*

**INSTRUCTOR:** *Emma Shipley, MS, CF-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist*

**HOW MANY:** ***This is a Unified Leadership opportunity.** Open to up to 24 athletes. Unified partners, siblings, family members, etc. are welcome to attend with a SOMD athlete. Limit one per athlete. This is not required but is an option.*

To sign up please fill out the Survey Monkey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUMMER\\_2020\\_IMPROV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUMMER_2020_IMPROV)

Email Jason Schriml if you have any questions about this course at [jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org)

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**WHERE:** **SOMD HQ, 3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103, Baltimore, MD 21227**

**WHEN:** **Saturday August 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 9am-3pm**

**WHO:** **Athletes who wish to learn how to write, read and present a short 1 minute speech about themselves**

**-Lunch and refreshments will be provided**

**-Bring a sheet of paper answering the following questions**

**Name, Home town, Sports, Year you began Special Olympics, Other important things.**

**-Photos will be taken of you for a future trading card. Come dressed nice for the photo.**

**REGISTER:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeginnerGM\\_Aug\\_02\\_2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeginnerGM_Aug_02_2020)

*If you have any questions or your attendance status changes please email me so I will be aware.*

*Not showing up without notice makes us purchase more supplies and food than needed for the course. Money that could be used elsewhere for training, competition and athlete leadership opportunities.*

### **Sports Directors – Assigned Sports**

If you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Sports Director**
  - [manger@somd.org](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x122
    - Basketball
    - Cheerleading
    - Flag Football
    - Soccer
    - Softball
    - Tennis
    - Locally Popular Sports: Cross Country Skiing, Duckpin Bowling
- **Zach Cintron, Sports Director**
  - [zcintron@somd.org](mailto:zcintron@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x161
    - Bowling (10 pin)
    - Cycling
    - Kayaking
    - Snowshoeing
    - Swimming
    - Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Volleyball
- **Ryan Kelchner Sports Director**
  - [rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org), 410-242-1515 x171
    - Alpine Skiing
    - Athletics

- Bocce
- Distance Running
- Golf
- Powerlifting
- Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey

**Questions?**

**If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues**, please contact a member of the Local Program Team

- ***Jeff Abel, Vice President. Local Program Development***
  - [jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org), 410-242-1515 ex. 121
  - Any general question
- ***Claire Huston, Development Services Manager***
  - [chuston@somd.org](mailto:chuston@somd.org), 410-242-1515 ex. 145
  - All Local Program Fundraising
- ***Ben Varga, Healthy Communities Manager***
  - [bvarga@somd.org](mailto:bvarga@somd.org)
  - Healthy Athletes, Fitness Programs
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