

# Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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### Welcome

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).

### Monthly Area Director Call

Our Monthly Area Director Call will take place on Wednesday, 5/18, at 6:30pm. Please use the link below to register:

<https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcO-urjstHtNtbBqLnO4cYLCViATPMSVZ>

### Contract Reminders

***Before you sign on the dotted line...DON'T (Please!)***

With so many events happening this spring, just another reminder that any contracts, agreements, or other documents that need signatures (including electronic signatures) must be sent to [risk@somd.org](mailto:risk@somd.org) for review and signature.

### **(NEW)** Athlete Leadership Trainings

Attached is a list of upcoming Athlete Leadership Trainings! Check out these great opportunities and please send to your athletes and families!

If you have any questions, please email Jason Schriml ([jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org))

### Spring Sports and GMS – Requests for “Advancement”

Want to avoid entering the same athletes in the same competitive events in multiple games and competitions? SOMD HQ can help you with using the “advancement process” in GMS, which will copy your entries from one “games” in GMS to another. This can be a tremendous time savings. There are a few things to keep in mind when requesting SOMD to assist with this:

- Send any requests to [mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org) allowing *at least two business days* to complete the process (*in addition to finding time within other work duties to accomplish this, it can only be done when no one else is in the GMS games involved*)
- We are not able to select specific events within a sport to include and some to exclude – we need to advance all events in a sport
- We are not able to select members of specific sub-programs – e.g., if you have two swimming programs we can’t pick the entrants from only one of those programs

- You must go in and check/edit the registrations after the advancement is completed (*both because of the above note as well as because on occasion some things don't transfer properly*).
- Notes in the comments section of entries typically don't get copied over and will likely need to be re-entered manually (such as stroke adjustments in swimming, etc.)
- Do not already have the athletes entered in the events in games into which they will be advanced (the system won't copy the scores but will *completely ignore that event* – e.g., if you want us to advance track events don't already have them entered in those track events in the subsequent games).
  - The person can already be in the games into which the advancement will take place, they just cannot be entered into any of the events.
- In the request sent to [mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org) be sure to include the following:
  - The name of the person making the request
  - The GMS Games from which you want entries copied
  - The GMS Games into which you want the entries advanced
  - The delegation(s) to be involved
  - The sport to be copied
  - For each sport, which scores you want copied (entry scores or results)
  - For bocce we will always copy the entry scores (since there are no “results” scores)
  - For Athletics and Swimming, we can only advance results scores once they have been entered into GMS by the Area hosting the earlier games, otherwise the only choice is to advance the entry scores from the earlier games)
- If there are multiple people from your Area doing work within GMS be sure all know that this process has been requested and the requirements noted above (otherwise there can be confusion and someone may do something that will undermine the process).

We know that Areas which have used this service in the past have found it provides a significant time savings, particularly getting entries into Summer Games, but it will only work if you follow the requirements above.

#### **(UPDATED) Summer Games – Earlybird HOD Web Meeting – April 21**

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the “Early Bird” HOD webinar on April 21. We covered the information that is available at this time related to our plans for a Summer Games experience very similar to what was offered prior to the onset of the pandemic.

Links to the recording and to download slides are available on the Summer Games page of the CRP (<https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/summer-games/>).

#### **(NEW) Summer Games – HOD Web Meeting #2 and Family/Athlete Webinar Scheduled**

As shared during the Area Director Web Meeting on April 20 and the Earlybird HOD Web Meeting on April 21, we have scheduled two useful web meetings closer to the 2022 Summer Games:

**HOD Web Meeting #2** (*Thu, May 26, 6:30 – 8:00 pm*) All HODs (or their designees) should attend this session where we will provide the latest up-to-date information on the 2022 Summer Games  
To Register: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucuqorDooE9TCJUg3OkLmiYp6N7W38lLx>

**Family/Athlete Summer Games Webinar** (*Mon, June 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm*) This webinar, designed for families and athletes, will provide the a review of all aspects of Summer Games and provide an opportunity for athletes and families to have questions answered. All athletes registered for the 2022 Summer Games as of June 1 and their families will be sent an email invitation for this session (or at least those for whom we have a valid email address in GMS)  
To Register: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-qsqz8iE9czT- cixKOUkr1tsb0dpz>

**(NEW) Summer Games – Training Participation Rosters To Be Distributed Next Week**

Just a reminder that the Training Registration Deadline for Summer Games is April 29, 2022. The following morning all athletes, partners, coaches and volunteers registered as training in a Summer Games sport will be advanced into the 2022 Summer Games in GMS. Anyone added to training after April 29 will not be eligible to participate in Summer Games as a member of a delegation.

No later than May 4, and perhaps much sooner, rosters of the Summer Games entrants will be sent to each Area, including information as to whether SOMD has received all required forms and certifications for each person. Areas will have until Monday, May 9, to submit all missing forms and certifications (which they must already have for each person since they are required before the person begins participation).

Please be prepared to handle this requirement by May 9, as individuals for whom we have not received the required forms and certifications will be removed from Summer Games beginning on May 10.

**COVID Tracking Website**

After challenges with the Brown University website following the Maryland Health Department data breach, we have decided to switch our tracking website. We will now be pulling data directly from the Maryland Health Department COVID Data Dashboard.

While their full dashboard is filled with great information on many metrics, you can access the statewide and county by county cases per 100,000 by visiting: [https://state-of-maryland.github.io/DailyCaseRatebyJurisdiction/index\\_fullscreen.html](https://state-of-maryland.github.io/DailyCaseRatebyJurisdiction/index_fullscreen.html)

**Return to Activities Website**

As we continue to engage athletes, partners, coaches, and volunteers in as many sports programs as we can, please remember to visit our Return to Activities Webpage linked below. This page will have necessary information and resources including the most up-to-date protocol.

<https://virtualso.md.com/return-to-play/>

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

The dates and time for Pre-Season 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>
Athletics (T&F)	Tue 3/15	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxjellyTuE4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxjellyTuE4</a>
Bocce	Thu 3/17	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/Ys-SemMJV9Q">https://youtu.be/Ys-SemMJV9Q</a>
Cheer-leading	Tue 3/22	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyGvVXJRBZk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyGvVXJRBZk</a>
Softball	Wed 3/16	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDGZiaAwVfU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDGZiaAwVfU</a>
Swimming	Mon 3/21	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4rvK6MHlmw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4rvK6MHlmw</a>

**Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/ Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Athletics (T&F)	Tue 6/14 6:30-8:00	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVIW1Dp2E-9TZLZ9UNq">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVIW1Dp2E-9TZLZ9UNq</a>
Bocce	Wed 6/15 6:30-8:00	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfU-srjsqE9F1_HclHkqzwR1m6NkBpmHF">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvfU-srjsqE9F1_HclHkqzwR1m6NkBpmHF</a>



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