

# Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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### Welcome

An Area Memo on a Monday? I know, what a great way to start the week!

You may have noticed that it's been a while since an Area Memo has been sent, so apologies that our May 27 edition of the Area Memo is coming to you 9 days late!

In order to keep our distribution on-schedule (as on-schedule as we can!) as well as share some results from USA Games, we'll also be sending an Area Memo out later this week. A double Area Memo Week...could it get any better!?

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)** Coppermine United Women's Soccer FREE TICKETS

Coppermine United Women's Semi-Pro Soccer is holding Special Olympics Maryland Night on Sunday, June 12 at 6:00pm. Athletes and their families are invited to enjoy FREE tickets and be included in on-field recognition before the game.

Please request tickets here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QY93C2Q>

### **(UPDATED)** Monthly Area Director Call

Our Monthly Area Director Call will take place on Wednesday, 6/8, at 6:30pm. Please use the link below to register:

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

### **(NEW)** 2022 SOMD Summer Games

Due to various challenges (including some technical), some deadlines and information shared during the May 26 HOD webinar have been delayed. We apologize for the delay and will get back on schedule this week.

Some updates:

- The Recording and slides from the May 26 HOD Meeting have been posted on the Summer Games Page of the CRP (Coach Resource Page) (<https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/summer-games/>). The slides have been updated with notes to reflect and date changes notes below.
- The Summer Games CRP page is being updated regularly and will now be the most up-to-date location form information as it becomes available. While it is designated as a “Coach” resource page, it is available to anyone.
- Areas are currently locked out of making any further changes to Summer Games in GMS. You can view your records, run reports, exports, etc. (Note: Do NOT take any divisioning or scheduling information in GMS as “final” (or anything even close to final) until we announce that divisioning and scheduling is complete – you will be looking at works in progress until that time).
- By Tuesday, June 7 each Area will receive rosters by sport of who they have registered in their delegation, the events in which they are entered and the scores submitted for those events (any athlete or partner who doesn’t have a competitive event will have been deleted. Please review the roster carefully and if you find any remaining errors, submit a request for adjustment to Mike Czarnowsky ([mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org)) **by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 8**. It’s possible not all requests will be honored and any submitted after that deadline will be ignored.
- Verification of vaccination status for anyone staying overnight is being handled this week and you will be informed of any problems with anyone in your housing submission.
- All housing will be provided in the West Village complex in Towson Run Apartments and Douglas Hall.
- Opening Ceremony – each delegation will be provided a brief survey to identify their representatives in the parade for Opening Ceremony as well as their best estimate of numbers of delegation members that they expect to have at Opening Ceremony – That will be due no later than 6:00 pm on June 15.
- The Event Guide will be posted to the Summer Games CRP no later than June 9 and links will be sent to all delegation members by June 11.
- As a reminder, there will be a webinar for Families and Athletes covering Summer Games on Monday night, June 13 from 6:30-8:00. Interested individuals can register using this link: <https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-qsqz8iE9czT-cjxKOUkr1Its0dpz>

### **(NEW) 2022 USA Games**

We are very excited to have our team of more than 200 head to Orlando this past weekend for the 2022 USA Games. Team Maryland has athletes in 11 Sports and was featured prominently in the Opening Ceremony broadcast on Sunday on ABC TV (available On Demand on ESPN3).

Scheduled coverage through ESPN includes:

- Tuesday, June 7, 7:00-8:00 pm (ESPN2 / ESPN App)
- Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 – 7:30 (ESPN2 / ESPN App)
- Sunday, June 12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm (Best of the 2022 SO USA Games) (ABC / ESPN3 / ESPN App)
- Live coverage streaming on ESPN3 (Track & Field, Powerlifting and Tennis)
  - Schedule available at <https://espnpressroom.com/us/press-releases/2022/06/espn3-coverage-of-special-olympics-usa-games-orlando-begins-june-5/>

Want to stay up-to-date on events and results? Best option is the download the free USA Games app from your Appl or Google Play store.

### **(NEW) 2023 World Summer Games – SOMD Quota Received**

SOMD is very pleased to announce that it has received its quota for the 2023 World Summer Games to be held in Berlin: one male and one female cyclist, and 2 female kayakers. We have very limited additional

information at this time, but do expect to have more information from SONA following the USA Games currently underway.

Please note: While we are not yet 100% certain from which competitions we will make the selections of our cyclists and kayakers and what additional requirements are being set, it is definite that to be considered for selection they must be training and competing in this upcoming season for their sports.

More info to come once it is available to us.

**(NEW) SOMD AmeriCorps Positions**

Do you know of a recent high school or college grad looking for a great first step in a career? Or a grad student needing a position while they continue their education? **THINK AMERICORPS with SOMD!**

Special Olympics Maryland will be welcoming new AmeriCorps members to our team this summer for a 1-year position (August 15, 2022-August 14, 2023--- per grant requirements) in positions including:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Unified Champion Schools Coordinator
- Metro Programs Coordinator
- Young Athletes Program Coordinator
- Eastern Shore Program Coordinator

AmeriCorps members get a monthly stipend plus a Segal Education Award (at the end of service) that can be used for student loans, tuition, books, or other expenses related to continuing education. AmeriCorps members are also eligible for interest free loan deferment for their term of service.

Position descriptions will be posted soon! But initial questions about AmeriCorps can be sent to Jeff ([jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org))

**(NEW) Brave in the Attempt Talks**

Join us for the 6th Annual Brave in the Attempt Talks.

*Brave in the Attempt Talks uses a groundbreaking personal story-telling platform in a "TED Talk" style format to encourage those with disabilities to serve as mentors and role models for others. Speakers will discuss topics from their own life experiences, lessons learned, and how people are more alike than different, and how we should embrace differences.*

**DATE:**

WEDNESDAY, June 15th, 2022 6pm-8pm

6 pm-7 pm Social and Heavy Appetizers

7 pm-8 pm Talks

**ADDRESS/LOCATION:**

Special Olympics Maryland Office  
3701 Commerce Drive, Suite 103  
Baltimore (Halethorpe), MD 21227

To register please go to this [LINK](#)

Questions? Email Jason Schriml at [jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org)

## **(NEW) Finance Updates**

PLUNGE 2022 SHARE – For those Area programs that had local Teams participating in the 2022 Plunge, the revenue share will be included in the intercompany transfer at the end of May.

BUDGET 2023 – Just a quick heads up that the 2023 budget process is just around the corner. Right now, everyone is executing on their 2022 plan. Now is the time to start thinking about what the 2023 local program will look like. The budget process will kick off in July, in a similar way to last year. The new accounting software has a module for budgeting that we will launch with the 2023 budget. Once Darlene and Joanne have completed training, we will roll out training sessions for all Area programs.

CORP. CREDIT CARDS – As Athletes return to play and programming continues to open up, the need to replace equipment, or make a planned large purchase, may arise. If you are planning on a large purchase, check ahead of time that there is enough credit available on the card. Card limits reset on the first of the month, but don't forget about any monthly charges that may auto-pay on that card. If you need a temporary increase in credit to accommodate a large purchase, please contact Joanne. Remember to complete your credit card transaction coding and receipting in the Truist portal by the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day after the close of the month. Coded transactions need to be approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> business day. Thank you for continuing to support this process.

VACATION – Joanne will be out of the country starting June 14<sup>th</sup> returning on June 24<sup>th</sup> with limited access to the internet. If you need any credit card machines or cash boxes set up for upcoming events, contact Joanne so that they can be provided ahead of time. If you find you need help while Joanne is away, please reach out to Darlene and Jeff.

If you have any questions about this update, please reach out to Joanne.

## **(NEW) Torch Run Time!**

Torch Runs are coming to your community! These are a great opportunity to support the Law Enforcement who do so much for our communities, programs and athletes! Use this link for the most updated Torch Run schedule, and contact Betsy Jiron (([Bjiron@somd.org](mailto:Bjiron@somd.org)) with any questions:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QF2kJDntM28m1f5TKyf8GavJpxRklFHtWTQ2pBJUAIQ/edit?invite=CivM3MMM#gid=0>

As a reminder, 25% of net revenue from the Torch Run T-shirt and Hat program will directly benefit your local program!

## **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.

## **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 and COVID Protocol 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/>

**(UPDATED) 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**

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Registration / Recording Link</i>
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**

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Registration / Recording Link</i>
Athletics (T&F)	Tue 6/14 6:30-7:30	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVIW1Dp2E-9TZLZ9UNq">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVIW1Dp2E-9TZLZ9UNq</a>
Bocce	Tue 6/14 7:30-8:30	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludeCtrz0vE9Qk7lthJ32A3IGKT1a5vCN7">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludeCtrz0vE9Qk7lthJ32A3IGKT1a5vCN7</a>
Cheer-leading	Wed 5/25	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXQATKB1Cdg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXQATKB1Cdg</a>
Softball	Wed 5/25	Recording: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUhjXHT1k04">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUhjXHT1k04</a>
Swimming	Wed 6/8 6:30-8:00	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfuioDgiHddPpoTGRpCb5bIEWQwKnNEW">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfuioDgiHddPpoTGRpCb5bIEWQwKnNEW</a>

**Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports**

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

• **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

- [manger@somd.org](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x122

Basketball	Softball
Cheerleading	Tennis
Flag Football	Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country Skiing
Soccer	

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**
  - [rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org), 410-242-1515 x171
 

Athletics	Powerlifting
Bocce	Snowshoeing
Distance Running	Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey
Golf	
- **Ben President, Sports Director**
  - [bpresident@somd.org](mailto:bpresident@somd.org), 410.242.1515
 

Alpine Skiing	Swimming
Bowling (10 pin)	Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing,
Cycling	Short Track Speed Skating, Duckpin Bowling
Kayaking	

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**
  - [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x102
 

Summer Games	USA Games
Winter Games	World Games
Fall Sports Festival	

If you have questions regarding High School Unified Sports (IUS) training and competition, please contact:

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified Sports**
  - [zcintron@somd.org](mailto:zcintron@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x161
 

IUS Athletics (Track & Field)	IUS Strength & Conditioning
IUS Indoor Bocce	IUS Tennis
IUS Outdoor Bocce	

### Questions?

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

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President. Local Program Development**
  - [jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org), 410-242-1515 ex. 121
  - Any general question, COVID Protocol
- **Melissa Kelly, Senior Director, Unified Champion schools**
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- **Mackenzie Irvin, Senior Director, Inclusive Health & Fitness**
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- **Sue Snyder, Unified Physical Education Consultant**
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  - Unified Physical Education

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  - Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, Training
  
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  - Baltimore County and City
  
- **Kyler Mellott, Region Director- East**
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  - Kent County, Upper Shore, Lower Shore