

# 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 fill out this form](#)

### Shout out a volunteer

This memo’s shout outs go to...

A special shout out to all the volunteers involved in the Harford and Upper Shore basketball programs. You all did a wonderful job all season and provided your athletes with quality experiences, which was reflected at the state basketball tournament! A great way to conclude a fun season. Congrats, and thank you all for your hard work!

The St. Mary’s County Management Team and Basketball Coaches who have shown great leadership and commitment to our athletes during and after one of their athletes had a medical emergency during the basketball tournament.

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

### **(NEW) REMINDER- Towson Unified Rec- Spring Flag Football and Mount St. Mary’s- Spring Soccer reminder**

**Please share with your athletes and families:**

Reminder- our last Unified Intramural Seasons with Towson and Mount St. Mary’s of the Academic Year are taking place now! Please use the links below to register.

TUESDAYS, 5:00pm-6:00pm at Mount St. Mary’s University- Unified Soccer

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HY6BL3>

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm-7:30pm at Towson University- Unified Flag Football

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J8ZNS3L>

**(NEW) Summer Games Sports – Training Registration Deadline Extended**

Based on input from Area leaders at the April 1 Area Director meeting, SOMD has extended the Training Registration and Missing Forms deadlines to better accommodate those programs which may be starting a little later in the season due to the later dates for Summer Games.

The Training Registration Deadline is now Sunday, April 30, 2023. All training program participants must be registered in GMS as training in their particular sports by this date. Anyone added after this date may participate in training, but will not be eligible to [participate in the 2023 Summer Games.

The Missing Forms Deadline is now Friday, May 12, 2023. All individuals participating in a Summer Games sport must have their forms and certifications (valid through June 25 2023) at SOMD HQ in order to be eligible for the 2023 Season for that sport. Anyone without fully complete forms and certifications for their role will be deleted from competition for that sport.

Note: The Competition Registration Deadline (June 1) is unaffected by these changes.

**(NEW) Summer Games – Only Fully Certified Coaches with Sport Certification To Be Credentialed as Coaches**

Areas are advised that only those individuals who are fully certified as coaches will be credentialed as coaches at the 2023 Summer Games (and at all future SOMD competitions). “Fully certified” includes a sport-appropriate up-to-date Special Olympics Sport Certification valid thru June 25, 2023, in addition to up-to-date volunteer application, protective behaviors, communicable disease waiver (CDW) and concussion certification.

Individuals who do not meet these certification requirements will not receive credentials as coaches and will not be eligible for the access granted coaches and any other coach benefits. They will be eligible to be registered as volunteers or sports volunteers, provided they meet the requirements for those roles.

As always, coach sport certification status is available on the Coach Education and Development section of SOMD’s Coach Resource Page (CRP) at <https://www.somd.org/coach-resources/>.

**(NEW) Summer Games Expected Registration and Housing Survey – Out by Monday, April 10**

As noted at the April 1 Area Director meeting, we will be sending out a survey (by April 10) to get each Area’s estimated Summer Games attendance, requested housing space and answers to a few other Summer Games related questions (e.g., will your softball team(s) need transportation provided by SOMD from Towson University to Kiwanis-Wallas Park). Responses will be needed by April 20.

Please note that housing requests submitted on this survey will not be guaranteed, but factored into housing assignments which will be distributed to Areas by the end of April. Housing in delegations will be subject to the standard 3-to-1 ratio (three athletes per supervisory person).

**(NEW) Forms for ALL Training Participants Must Be Submitted to SOMD HQ – Even Those Not Going to “States”**

Just a friendly reminder that forms and certifications for everyone participating in your sports training programs must be valid and up-to-date through the end of the season (June 25 for Summer Games sports) AND must be submitted to SOMD HQ even if they are not attending the state championship. We’ve found that at the end of each season there are still several individuals who participated in various Area programs but whose medical, volunteer application, CDW, etc. were never submitted to SOMD HQ. Please be certain to submit those forms and certifications for ALL of your training program participants.

**(NEW) CSOA Virtual Course Scheduled on Sunday, April 23 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

SOMD will be hosting a “live” virtual session of Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA), the course which ALL coaches are required to complete in order to earn/maintain Special Olympics Coach Sport Certification.

This heavily discussion-based session will be held on Sunday, April 23 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm via Zoom and will be limited to 20 registrants.

Coaches may register for this course using the link below (*must register no later than Friday, April 21*)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOA2023>

Coaches who are unable to attend this session may always complete the individual online version of the CSOA course - details are available on the SOMD Coach Resource Page's Coach Education and Development Section (<https://www.somd.org/coach-resources/>).

### ***(NEW) Penn Relays -Maryland Represented***

We are very pleased to announce that two 4x100M Relay teams from SOMD have been selected to compete at the 2023 Penn Relays at the end of April. The Penn Relays, hosted annually since 1895 by the University of Pennsylvania, is the oldest and largest (*approx. 15,000 participants*) track and field competition in the USA and one of the most prestigious such events in the world.

The Team from Saint Mary's County is composed of Marty Goldsborough, Donnell Thompson, Calvin Massenburg and Rodta Maddox (with alternates Corey Woodland, Michael Nahrgang and Keishauna Briscoe). This team is coached by Don Bewick.

The team from Baltimore City is composed of Peris Bennett, Matthew Hicks, Kevin Shaw, and Dominick Marshall (with alternate Annu Singleton). Dominick Marshall was also selected to run in the individual men's 100M race. This team is coached by Bob Signor.

The Special Olympics divisions are scheduled for Thursday, April 27 (the first day of the four-day event), with the 4x100M race slotted for 12:00 noon and the 100M race scheduled for 12:30pm. The Penn Relays will be streamed live on Thursday on the subscription-based Flotrack (*no guarantee that a specific race/event will be covered*).

### **2023 Brave in the Attempt Talks**

Six speakers from Special Olympics Maryland and other external agencies will take to the stage on June 20th, 2023 from 6pm-8pm for the First Lady presents Brave in the Attempt Talks.

The talks are 5-7 minute TED-Talk style presentations around a common theme.

This year's theme is "**Lead the Way**" where speakers will share their experience in leadership and how they or others Lead the Way.

This year's speakers include Clara Scholz, Charles Gaines, Alexea Wentz, Matt DiGilio, Abby Knight and Dominique Palmer.

We are happy to host this year's talks at the Jim Rouse Theatre 5460 Trumpeter Rd, Columbia, MD 21044 in Howard County. There will a short reception at 6pm followed by the talks at 7pm.

Tickets are FREE but we request that you reserve them through our ticketing system to help us have a better understanding of size of crowd that night.

Ticket sign up available here <https://support.somd.org/event/2023-brave-in-the-attempt-talks/e458207>

### **JTCC Spring Tennis Clinics**

FREE tennis clinics are still taking place at the JTCC in College Park! These are great opportunities for athletes and Unified Teammates of ALL abilities to get on court! No previous tennis experience is needed----come join the fun!

All Sessions are on Sunday from 4:00-5:30

Pre-Registration is required. Just the JTCC Form Below

<https://jtcc.clubautomation.com/calendar/event-info?id=72463&style=0&isFrame=0>

**(UPDATED) Finance Corner**

A big thank you to everyone attending the AD webinar last week. Several Area programs have re-evaluated their cash holdings and are in the process of moving things around.

If you haven't had a chance to listen to the recording, please do. There is important information regarding the insurance behind our bank and investment accounts, and how to make decisions about what to hold in Checking, Savings, and Investments.

*Dashboard Trivia Q#3 –*

*What does it mean to have a red face on the performance tile on your*

*Dashboard?* 

The first correct answer wins a gift card.

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

**(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** *(slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)*

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Athletics (T&F)	Wed, Mar 22	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/XtB6GcKvyME">https://youtu.be/XtB6GcKvyME</a>
Bocce	Wed, Mar 22	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/5e9Ud9jjE2I">https://youtu.be/5e9Ud9jjE2I</a>
Cheerleading	Tue Apr 18 7:00-8:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdO2oqz8qG9xdS80uunhCoVhgkPIMAYW1">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdO2oqz8qG9xdS80uunhCoVhgkPIMAYW1</a>
Softball	Tue Apr 18 6:00-7:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcuugqz4vGt32qwZ5qNCdgIE7uqLf7yWn">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcuugqz4vGt32qwZ5qNCdgIE7uqLf7yWn</a>
Swimming	Mon Apr 10 6:00-7:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-Cupz8oE9KZa-dICIDGj-CCVwN0LMfj">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-Cupz8oE9KZa-dICIDGj-CCVwN0LMfj</a>

**Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars** *(slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)*

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Athletics (T&F)	Thu Jun 15 7:00-8:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucO6tpj0oHdXEnETohS0iPlxb8XvF5OyS">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucO6tpj0oHdXEnETohS0iPlxb8XvF5OyS</a>
Bocce	Thu Jun 15 6:00-7:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuugrj0qHdCluXQZWHnCWuc-9yQHaPhR">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvcuugrj0qHdCluXQZWHnCWuc-9yQHaPhR</a>
Cheerleading	Wed Jun 14 6:00-7:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrd-mhrTlqEt2dfYaty_BD-BP8-0G8De6R">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrd-mhrTlqEt2dfYaty_BD-BP8-0G8De6R</a>
Softball	Wed Jun 14 6:00-7:00 pm	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcOmspj4iG9z3KU3hYVqUdw59K15Ebkgi">https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcOmspj4iG9z3KU3hYVqUdw59K15Ebkgi</a>
Swimming	TBD	

### **Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports**

Your Area Director and Area Leadership should always be your first point of contact. However, should you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

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Basketball	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Flag Football	Tennis

*Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball,  
Cross Country Skiing, Pickleball*

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

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Athletics	Golf
Bocce	Powerlifting
Distance Running	Snowshoeing

*Locally Popular Sports: Dance,  
Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey*

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**

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Alpine Skiing	Kayaking
Bowling (10 pin)	Swimming
Cycling	

*Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating,  
Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating,  
Duckpin Bowling*

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

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**

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Summer Games	Fall Sports Festival	USA Games
Winter Games		World Games

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

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified Sports**

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IUS Athletics (T&F)	IUS Outdoor Bocce	IUS Tennis
IUS Indoor Bocce	IUS Strength & Conditioning	

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

- **Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President, Sports**

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### **Questions?**

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

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