

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...

To our many partner educators and administrators and our area leaders who are educators and school administrators! Thanks for all you do, especially during this busy time of year...best wishes as we start the new school year!

Michael Mulcahy, Carroll County's Golf Coach hosted a great golf qualifier the Links at Challedon! Thanks for a great Sunday!

SOMD's Kayaking Coaches for an awesome season on the water! Thank you for engaging your athletes in a meaningful season of kayaking...and thanks to so many of you for driving trailers of kayaks across the Bay Bridge (in summer bridge traffic!) so that our athletes can compete---- definitely not an easy task!

Shout Out to Jack Brosius for all his work with the Kent County kayaking program this year! Jack brought on new Kent County athletes, coaches, and volunteers to participate this season. They got to experience a great training season, along with Time Trials and State Championships. Thanks for all you do for the Kent County program, Jack!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

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

(NEW) Congratulations, Captain Joe Alton

On Tuesday, Law Enforcement Torch Run Member, Captain Joe Alton of the Havre de Grace Police Department was honored with the 'Do Good Heroes' Award from the National Life Group, which recognizes police, fire, rescue, and EMS personnel for their community service activities that go above and beyond their public service duties.

Joe has been an enthusiastic member of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Community for many years---volunteering at competitions, presenting medals, and raising money through plunge and t-shirt efforts. Recently, Joe nominated SOMD- Harford Athlete, Stacey Hull, to participate in the 2023 World Games Torch Run Final Leg in Berlin, Germany and helped her train for that run.

See the WBAL story on Capt. Alton's award using the link below

<https://www.wbaltv.com/article/havre-de-grace-police-joe-alton-honored-special-olympics/44901859#>

Congratulations, Capt. Alton! And thank you for your commitment to our athletes and programs!

(NEW) Go Over the Edge in Howard County

Special Olympics Maryland-Howard County will be hosting their Over the Edge Fundraiser on September 23, 2023 at 6100 Merriweather in Columbia, MD. The Howard County program is offering this as a collaborative fundraising opportunity with other area programs. You can rappel down the highest building in Howard County while fundraising (70/30 net split) for your program!

Visit <https://www.classy.org/event/2023-special-olympics-maryland-howard-county-over-the-edge/e475475> for more information!

(NEW) Welcome new SOMD Staff Members

Casey Collins, Sports Director

We are very pleased to share the news that Casey Collins has joined the SOMD Sports Team as a Sport Director. Casey is a graduate of Our Lady of Counsel High School, Montgomery College and Towson University and has held several coaching and teaching positions in the Del-Mar-Va area. He most recently severed the Site Director for the Washington Nationals Baseball Camp, a part of Headfirst Professional Sports Camps. Many of you who were with us at the recent Kayaking Championships had the opportunity to meet Casey for his "second day on the job". Casey will be handling the sports of Athletics (Track & Field), Bocce, Distance Running, Golf, Powerlifting, and Snowshoeing, sports currently directed by Ryan Kelchner as he transitions to a new role outside of SOMD in the next six to eight weeks (*more on Ryan's plans in a future Area Memo*). Please join us in welcoming Casey to the SOMD family!

Abi Bauman, Manager, Young Athletes Program

Many of you have met Abi since she first started at SOMD as an intern in the 2022 Spring Semester as she completed her degree at Towson in Health Education and Promotion with a Minor in Deaf Studies. After her internship, Abi transitioned into the AmeriCorps Young Athletes Coordinator position from August 2022- August 2023, and is now staying on as full-time staff member as our Young Athletes Program Manager! Since first joining our team as an intern, Abi has showed great enthusiasm for our athletes, families, and mission and has successfully partnered with educators to create the "Future Champions" curriculum. In Abi's full time role, she'll continue to work with both community and school-based YAP programs.

Uniform Design Reminder

As programs start to design and order uniforms for the fall and winter seasons, please remember that all uniform designs must be approved by Jeff (jabel@somd.org) before ordering to ensure compliance with brand guidelines. Please send Jeff any uniform artwork/logos before placing your order.

Reminder: This is for logo/artwork design only. Jeff is not checking uniform/garment compliance with sport standards.

Area Program Sport & Activity Information Form

To more effectively capture the many programs and activities taking place in the community, we have put together a Training Program Information Form.

This form will help our state office stay more organized with up-to-date information on what programs are happening, where they're happening, and when they are happening.

Please submit 1 form for each sport/activity from your program using the link below:

<https://wkf.ms/3Kqg0Zp>

To avoid duplicate submissions, Coaches, Sport Volunteers, and Sport Coordinators, please work with your Area Leadership on submitting this form as they may have done so already.

We ask that this is submitted by the registration deadline during each sport season.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Abel (jabel@somd.org).

JTCC Special Olympics Tennis Program

Fall Tennis with JTCC is kicking off soon! We are excited to continue this partnership with JTCC to provide an additional training opportunity for Special Olympics athletes.

Location: JTCC- 5200 Campus Dr, College Park, MD 20740

Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm

Dates:

8/27, 9/3, 10, 17, 24, 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11/5

Pre-registration is REQUIRED! Register Here: <https://forms.gle/sLp8GPRDDVYhwswk7>

*You do not have to be registered in a fall tennis training program to participate. These sessions are open to all levels of play and tennis experience.

(UPDATED) CSOA and PoC Coaching Courses Offered Live and In-Person at SOMD HQ

We're very pleased to announce the return of Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA) and Principles of Coaching (PoC). These courses, offered free of charge, will serve to renew any existing Coach Sport Certification for 3 years.

Also, as you no doubt know, *CSOA is a required course for ALL coaches (no coach will earn a sport certification or have an existing certification renewed/extended unless they have completed CSOA once; only exception is for coaches who work exclusively with Unified sports, in which case they must complete the online Coaching Unified Sports (CUS) course).*

We must have a minimum of 7 registrants signed up at least 2 days in advance of each course due to the heavily "discussion-focused" nature of these courses. There will be a cap of 25 registrants per session.

Registration is required *at least 2 business days in advance* of the course so we can be sure we have a sufficient number to hold each class and to have an adequate number of packets and refreshments available.

Principles of Coaching (PoC)

Sunday, September 10, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Session will include a working lunch (lite lunch provided)

PoC requires previous competition of CSOA as well as a minimum of 2 years Special Olympics coaching experience

Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA)

Saturday, September 30, 9:00am – 1:00pm

To register for any of these sessions, please complete the following online registration survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSOA_PoC_Reg_2023

Tennis Growth Grant Available

Thanks to our friends at the WTA and TennisWarehouse, funds are available to programs interested to starting a new tennis program or expanding their existing program. Funds can be used to purchase equipment (racquets, balls, ball hoppers, and other teaching equipment) to help make your program successful.

If you are interested in adding/growing a tennis program and need equipment, please reach out to Jeff (Jabel@somd.org)

Area Program Fundraiser Info Form

As we discussed in our Area Director meeting and on Monday's call, we'd like to get a better idea of the many fundraisers taking place around the state in support of Special Olympics Maryland. This will also help us advertise your events while also consolidating state office requests for credit card machines, Classy Pages, and more.

[Moving forward, please fill out this form when you are planning a fundraiser.](#)

Area Directors- Please send Jeff 1 email address that will receive a confirmation email when a fundraiser is submitted for your local program (thanks to those who already have...you'll receive an activation email from Monday.com)

(NEW) Finance Corner

BUDGET 2024 – [Please use this link to review the recorded Martus Training](#), with a copy of the slide deck attached to this area memo. Budgets need to be submitted by Sept 15th. If you need any assistance, please reach out to the finance team.

(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)

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Golf	Wed, 07/19	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gby4uMQyFvc
Cycling	Tue, 08/01	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp5A4XGD1LI
Dist. Run.	Mon, 08/14	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH-ovuBylcU
Flag Football	Wed, 08/09	Recording: https://youtu.be/1qiPIDqIb7q
Powerlifting	Mon, 08/14	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhatbnWtilA
Soccer	Thu, 08/17	Recording: https://youtu.be/PyGqIjOvxg
Tennis	Wed, 08/09	Recording: https://youtu.be/kCzlx_Q07S8
Bowling	Thu, 09/07 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcuGuqjwrHdZh88vtahIBDc1lqM39Ijum

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

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Golf	Tue, 09/19 6:30-7:30pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEcumhpzwpEtDmWdRycUfWPvKnxLBLFXuc
Cycling	Thu, 10/12 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdOurrDMtGdNlj8zNzWMnXlIzaNx9WG9e
Dist. Run.	Wed, 10/11 7:00-8:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOggqT8uHdaMdlvPHhZnUkocHHvb67Bp
Flag Football	Tue, 10/10 7:00-8:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ufu2qqTMtHtcYEEjc1cJdOs7Pt4KgayZP
Powerlifting	Wed, 10/11 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuupqTsrE9VznaCqZSf5aX4Dudy4tWjg
Soccer	Tue, 10/24 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-yrqDMuGNbir12T_JkMboM2egRy-UHu
Tennis	Tue, 10/10 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcuivqjrsHNNH8xOq58FL_dXTYQdIT3Jw3
Bowling - Regionals	Thu, 11/02 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-GvqDoiGdTPAe6MQhPdfyWLLwbGrAyr
Bowling - Finals	Tue, 11/28 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeytrjrsPhtBoFx18GPTcbB5OPlqTICn

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**

- manger@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x122

Basketball Soccer
Cheerleading Softball
Flag Football Tennis

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

- **Casey Collins, Sports Director**
 - ccollins@somd.org, 410-242-1515 x171
(See sports below for Ryan Kelchner as Ryan transitions out)

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**
 - rkelchner@somd.org, 410-242-1515 x171

Athletics	Golf	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Dance,</i>
Bocce	Powerlifting	<i>Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey</i>
Distance Running	Snowshoeing	

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**
 - ekramer@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x127

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

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

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**
 - sbennett@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x102

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**
 - zcintron@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x161

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

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President, Local Programs**
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 - Any general question

- **Melissa Kelly, Senior Director, Unified® Champion schools**
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 - Young Athletes Program, Elementary School programming

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- **Abi Bauman, Manager, Young Athletes Program**
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 - Young Athletes Program in school, community, and home
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 - All Area Programs- Primary POC for BA, HO, MO, AA, SM, CH, CL
- **Kelven Spriggs, Region Director- Metro Programs**
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 - Baltimore City, Prince George's County
- **Allie Boyd, City Schools Coordinator**
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 - Baltimore City Schools APE Sports Program
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