Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo April 18, 2019



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Welcome

Welcome to the April 18, 2019 edition of 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 dweddle@somd.org to have them included in future distributions.

Welcome, Pat Cullinan, Northern Chesapeake Region Director

We are very pleased to announce that Pat Cullinan will join Special Olympics Maryland as the Director of the Northern Chesapeake Region, effective Wednesday, April 3rd. In this new role for the organization, Pat will be supporting the programs of Harford, Cecil, and Kent Counties as part of the Northern Chesapeake Region. Pat will work closely with management teams in each of those counties to develop sports programs across the region, recruit new athletes, and engage more volunteers, especially in leadership roles.

Pat is a familiar name and face, having enjoyed a 20 year volunteer relationship with SOMD. Starting with the athletics team, he eventually founded and managed the softball program in Harford County for many years. Originally from Ohio (Cincinnati), Pat is a graduate of Ohio University. He has lived in Ohio, New Jersey and Maryland over the course of a 30+ year field sales management career with Hallmark.

Please join us in welcoming Pat back to SOMD in his new capacity.

(NEW) SOI Strategic Plan Survey

SOI is embarking on their 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. As part of their process, they are looking for feedback from athletes, families, and volunteers. Please distribute the link below throughout your program! SOMD will also be doing some targeted distribution to sub-groups of Athletes, Volunteers, and Families, so you may receive a notification multiple times.

https://specialolympics.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 2nRxOZWgJLR26oZ

Your feedback is valuable as our international organization plans for our future!

(NEW) GMS Resource Page Launched on Coach Resource Section of SOMD Website

We're pleased to announce that we have launched a very basic page of GMS related resources, connected with the new Coach Resource section of the SOMD website. There are a few resources posted now and more "how to" items will be available within the next two weeks. Access the site via the coach resource page or directly using this link: https://www.somd.org/coach/coach-resources/gms resources/

(NEW) Towson Tigers Tennis Clinic

Calling all tennis players! The Towson Tigers Women's Tennis Team will be hosting a spring tennis clinic for Special Olympics Maryland on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00am-11:30am at Towson University. Athletes of all abilities are welcome. Interested athletes should register here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019TigersTennis

Contracts Reminders

Please remember that all contracts (facilities, events, programs, products, etc) MUST be submitted to the state office to be signed by Jim Schmutz. Please send all contracts to Rhonda Garrison (regarrison@somd.org) for review and signature. If something is time sensitive, please also call her at 410-242-1515.

Spring Inspiration Walks

We have Inspiration Walks coming up across the state! Support our local programs and check out these great events!

- Howard County: 4/27/19 at Centennial Park
 Register here: https://www.firstgiving.com/event/somdhc/Special-Olympics-Howard-County-2019-Inspiration-Walk
- Prince George's County: 5/11/2019 at University of Maryland
- Calvert County- 5/11/2019 at the Calvert Marine Museum
 Register here: https://www.classy.org/event/2019-special-olympics-maryland-calvert-county-inspiration-walk-run-5k/e227236

Remember, if you have an upcoming event that you would like announced, please send it to Danielle Weddle (dweddle@somd.org)

Reminder: SOMD- Howard County Athletics Qualifier

Howard County Athletics Qualifier will be held on 5/4/2019 at Wilde Lake HS. The Qualifier Fact Sheet and Concessions Information is attached to this email. *Please distribute this information to your Athletics Coaches and Coordinators*. Please contact Lavonne Smith (Lavonne smith@hcpss.org) to register and with questions.

Spring Tennis Clinics

Our friends at JTCC will continue to provide **FREE** weekly tennis clinics this Spring and Summer in College Park, MD. These clinics are open to all athletes! This is a great way for new athletes to try tennis before the season starts! *Please distribute the attached flyer to your tennis coaches and coordinators*.

Reminder: SOMD- Howard County Spring Softball Tournament

Zach Decker will be taking over from Dave Fagan as Director of the Howard County Special Olympics Spring Softball Invitational Tournament. Dave is relocating to Denver, Colorado. (Thank you, Dave, for your many years of service!).

This year's tournament will be held Sunday, May 19 at the same location as in prior years, Kiwanis-Wallas Park, Ellicott City. We will be following the same venue with our opening ceremony, presentation of the colors, ever popular raffle, softball play, and team pictures. Lunches and drinks will be provided for athletes and coaches. Zach requests that the Area Directors forward this tournament announcement to their county softball team coordinators and/or coaches as a calendar reminder, and also ask that coordinators, coaches and assistant coaches please return an email to Zach (contact info below) with their name, email addresses and phone contact numbers. This will allow him to send to them directly, the tournament registration and other details as we get closer to the play date.

Please don't hesitate to contact Zach (zachandcheryl@verizon.net) with questions or concerns.

Medical Volunteers...Join the Team!

Our Medical Team is looking for a few additional volunteers to join the medical team. Volunteers must have a valid medical credential (EMT, Nurse, Doctor) and be willing to provide volunteer medical support at both state and local competitions. If you know someone ready to volunteer, please have them email Pam Greenwood, SOMD Medical Coordinator (medicaldir@somd.org) OR direct them to the Medical Team VolunteerHub page at www.medicalteam.somd.volunteerhub.com.

Local Program Resource Page Launched on SOMD's Website

To provide greater access to the documents and forms used by our area programs, we have built the local program resource page, available at www.somd.org/localprogramresources. Organized by topic, you will be able to find up-to-date copies of frequently used documents. As this will be ever changing, if there is a resource you don't see currently, but feel should be on here, please send an email to Jeff so he can include it!

Area Memo Open to Area Announcements

Do you have an upcoming event that you'd like to announce, a volunteer that deserves a special shout out, or maybe a recent 'win' for your program that you'd like to share with other area programs. Your contributions to the Area Memo are welcomed and appreciated! Please send any announcements that you'd like included in the Area Memo to Danielle Weddle (dweddle@somd.org).

(UPDATED) 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

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link				
Athletics	Tue 3/12	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=163raymPbVg&t=8s				
Bocce	Tue 3/12	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUjF2AnrkQ				
Cheerleading	Wed 3/13	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-jrvJHkBCk&t=1s				
Softball	Wed 3/13	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMDe2u7m4M4				
Swimming	Tue 3/05	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_NGflQwF_c				

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Athletics	Tue 5/28	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8774146066784069378
	8:00 p.m.	Tittps://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8774146066784069378
Bocce	Tue 5/28	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1236577143472654082
	7:00 p.m.	Tittps://register.gotowebiliar.com/register/12505//1454/2054082
Cheerleading	Wed 5/29	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5129801582254238978
	7:00 p.m.	Tittps://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5129801582254238978
Softball	Wed 5/29	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1178993520376040962
	7:00 p.m.	Tittps://register.gotowebiliar.com/register/11/89935203/6040962

Swimming	Wed 5/22	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/417381608237161740
	7:00 p.m.	inteps.// attendee.gotoweoman.com/register/ +173010002371017+0

Community Sports Registration Deadlines Set Through End of 2019

Registration Deadlines for community sports through the end of 2018 have been set and are incorporated into the Sports Calendar included with this email. They are summarized below for your convenience as well.

Event/Sports	State Championship	Training Registration	Outstanding Forms	Competition Registration	
Summer Games (athletics, bocce, cheerleading, softball, swimming)	6/7-9/2019	4/25/2019	5/6/2019	5/16/2019	
Kayaking	8/24/2019	7/11/2019	7/18/2019	8/1/2019	
Golf	9/29/2019	8/15/2019	8/22/2019	9/5/2019	
Fall Sports Festival (cycling, distance running, flag football, powerlifting, tennis)	10/19/2019	8/29/2019	9/10/2019	10/3/2019	
Soccer	10/27/2019	8/29/2019	9/26/2019	10/3/2019	
Bowling – Regionals	11/10/2019	0/22/2010	10/2/2010	10/17/2019	
Bowling - Championships	12/08/2019	9/23/2019	10/3/2019	11/28/2019	

Sports Directors – Assigned Sports

As reviewed during the Area Leader webinar and in-person meeting in mid-July, SOMD HQ has undergone some staff restructuring in support of driving the developing strategic initiative of improved and increased sports programming and competitions as well as building the capacity for overall growth in the number of athletes we serve. One step in the process was the change in the role of the former "Regional Sports Directors" into positions focused strictly on sports programming. Here is their contact information and their sport assignments (some have changed)

Melissa Anger, Sports Director

- o 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

- o <u>zcintron@somd.org</u>, 410.242.1515 x161
 - Bowling (10 pin)
 - Cycling
 - Kayaking
 - Snowshoeing
 - Swimming
 - Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Volleyball

• TBD, Sports Director

- sbennett@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x102
 - 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 new Local Program Development department for assistance

- Jeff Abel, Vice President of Local Program Development
 - o jabel@somd.org, 410-242-1515 ex. 121
 - o All Areas with the exception of the Baltimore Region and Western Maryland
- Pat Cullinan, Northern Chesapeake Region Director
 - o pcullinan@somd.org, 410-242-1515
 - o Harford, Cecil, and Kent Counties
- Ron Freeman, Baltimore Region Director
 - o rfreeman@somd.org, 410.598.1027
 - o Baltimore City and Baltimore County
- Ryan Kelchner, AmeriCorps Western Region Coordinator
 - o rkelchner@somd.org, 410-242-1515
 - Western Maryland (Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties)

2019 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 04/12/2019									
Туре	Event	Location	Facility	Competition Date(s)	Pre-Season Webinar Date(s)	Pre-Competition Webinar Date (s)	Training Registration Deadline (in GMS)**	Last Date To Submit Missing Forms**	Competition Registration Deadline (in GMS)**
IUS	Unified Outdoor Bocce Championships	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	4/30/2019					
IUS	Unified Track & Field Invitational	Hyattsville	Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex	5/14&15/19					
Community	2019 Summer Games	Towson, MD	Towson University and other locations	6/7-9/2019	Athletics: 3/12 Bocce: 3/12 Cheerleading: 3/13 Softball: 3/13 Swimming: 3/05	Athletics: 5/28 Bocce: 5/28 Cheerleading: 5/29 Softball: 5/29 Swimming: 5/22	4/25/2019	5/6/2019	5/16/2019
Community	Kayaking Time Trials (Required)	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/10/2019		TBD	7/11/2019	7/18/2019	8/1/2019
Community	Kayaking Championships	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	8/24/2019	TBD	TBD			
Community	2019 Softball NIT	Nashville, TN	TBD	8/15-18/19	NA	NA			
Community	2019 Golf NIT	Nashville, TN	TBD	9/22-25/19	NA	NA			
Community	Golf Championship	Queenstown, MD	Queenstown Harbor Golf Course	9/29/2019	TBD	TBD	8/15/2019	8/22/2019	9/5/2019
Community	Fall Sports Festival (Cycling, Distance Running, Flag Football, Powerliftina. Tennis)	Emmitsburg, MD	Mount St. Mary's University Fort Richie (Cycling) (Ft. Ritchie Tentative)	10/19/2019	TBD	TBD	8/29/2019	9/10/2019	10/3/2019
Community	Soccer Tournament	Fruitland, MD	Crown Sports Center	10/27/2019	TBD	TBD	8/29/2019	9/26/2019	10/3/2019
IUS	Unified Tennis Championships	Towson, MD	Towson University (tentative)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community	Bowling - Regional Tournaments	Various locations	Various locations	11/10/2019	TBD	TBD	9/23/2019	10/3/2019	10/17/2019
Community	Bowling - State Championships	Gaithersburg, MD	Bowl America Gaithersburg	12/8/2019	עפו	TBD			11/28/2019
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #1	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	1/11/2020					
Community	Winter Games - On-Snow Training #2	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/8/2020					
Community	Winter Games - Time Trials and Winter Games	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Resort	2/23-25/2020					
lf you have any Director: - Melissa Anger - Zach Cintron (: - Kendall Zeswit	Questions or additions? If you have any questions regarding this calendar, additions of local/regional competitions, or any other sports related issue, please contact the appropriate Sports Director: In Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org): Basketball, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis In Jack Cintron (zcintron@somd.org): Bowling, Cycling, Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Swimming In Kendall Zeswitz (kzeswitz@somd.org): Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Bocce, Distance Running, Golf, Powerlifting Cara Maronek (cmaronek@somd.org): All Interscholastic Unified Sports (IUS)				**These are the dates by which entries must be entered into GMS or medical/volunteer forms submitted to SOMD HQ. Coaches must have this information to their Area Leadership a minimum of one week prior to these dates to allow for timely submission. (No athlete may participate in any way in a Special Olympics program without an up-to-date medical; no volunteer may participate in any way in a Special Olympics program without an up-to-date of special Olympics program without an up-to-date of special Olympics program without an up-to-date volunteer application and completed background screening.) at these dates are also the deadlines for Coaches to have completed the requirements for Special Olympics Coach Certification and to have submitted the required documentation to SOMD HQ.				

2019 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 04/12/2019 **2019 Coach Education & Development Events** Location Facility Comments To Register Date Course/Sport TBD https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G8XD89F 6/2/2019 Kayaking Coaches Live Training Chestertown Washington College 6/18/2019 Soccer Coaches Training Webinar Webinar Webinar 7:00pm-9:00pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2363903117712189709 7:00pm-9:00pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8449113937754715917 Webinar Webinar 6/20/2019 Flag Football Coaches Training Webinar 7:00pm-9:00pm https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4498680809341631245 Webinar 6/27/2019 Tennis Coaches Training Webinar Webinar 10:00am-12:30pm https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BDRBYH 6/29/2019 Golf In Person Coaches Training Phoenix Hillendale Country Club coming soon 6/29/2019 Ellicott City TBD TBD Soccer In-Person Coaches Training 7/13/2019 TBD TBD coming soon Soccer In-Person Coaches Training Montgomery County 10:00am-1:00pm 7/13/2019 Flag Football In-Person Coaches Training ΓBD coming soon Frederick Tennis In-Person Coaches Training 7/14/2019 College Park JTCC TBD coming soon Areas Interested in Hosting Coach Training Events - Please Contact the Appropriate Sport Director 2019 Area / Regional / District Competions & Events Competition Facility Notes Type Event Location Sport Date(s) Westminister HS 4/17/2019 Athletics Community **CR Spring Games** Westminister Only open to CR. Community WA Bocce Doubles Competition Hagerstown Pangborn Park 4/27/2019 Bocce Contact Tracy Speaker (mspeaker@dmpine.net Contact Gregg Meade (greggmeade@verizon.net) **AA Spring Games** Annapolis Naval Academy 4/27/2019 Swimming Community 4/28/2019 Contact Gregg Meade (greggmeade@verizon.net) Community AA Spring Games Annapolis Naval Academy Athletics, Bocce **BC Bocce Doubles Competition Baltimore City** Myers Pavilion 4/27/2019 Contact Bob Signor (robert.signor@baltimorecity.gov) Community Bocce Closed Qualifier Community **HO Swimming Qualifier** Columbia Howard CC 4/28/2019 Swimming Community CH Bocce Competition La Plata Turkey Hill Park 4/29/2019 Bocce Only open to Calvert and Charles. Open to other areas. Contact Bob Baker (bobbaker@somdhc.org) Community **HO Long Distance Swimming Qualifier** Columbia Howard CC 5/3/2019 Swimming Community **HO Track and Field Competition** Columbia Wilde Lake High School 5/4/2019 Athletics Contact Bob Baker (bobbaker@somdhc.org) Athletics, Bocce Contact Casey Ryan (specialolympicscharlescounty@gmail.com) Community **CH Spring Games** Indian Head Adm. Lackey High School 5/4/2019 Swimming Frostburg FSU 5/4/2019 Swimming/ Contact Dottie Turner (dottie21532@gmail.com) Community **AL Spring Games** 5/7-9/2019 Open to BC participants only Community **BC Spring Games** Baltimore City Poly-Western High School Athletics Only open to GA and AL; contact Donna Holt (somdgarrettco@yahoo.com) Community GA Bocce and Swim Competition Garrett CARC & College 5/11/2019 Bocce, Aquatics 5/18/2019 Closed Qualifier Community MO Swimming Qualifier Bethseda Stone Ridge School Swimming Required Cheer Qualifier Frederick Urbana High School 5/18/2019 All Teams Registered Community Cheerleading MO Spring Games Bethesda Landon School 5/19/2019 Athletics, Bocce contact Shelly Bogasky (sbogasky@somdmontgomery.org) Community Required Softball Qualifier Ellicott City Kiwanis Wallas Park 5/19/2019 Softball All Teams Registered Community Community **BC Bocce Doubles Competition** Baltimore City Myers Pavilion 5/18/2019 **Bocce** Contact Bob Signor (robert.signor@baltimorecity.gov) Contact Jane Lacosse (lacossej@calvertnet.k12.md.us) Community CL Swimming Qualifier Prince Frederick Edward T Hall Aquatic Center 5/19/2019 Swimming Closed Qualifier Community **BA Swimming Qualifier Baltimore County** Gilman Pool 5/19/2019 Swimming

5/25/2019

3/22/2020

Rocce

Duckpin Bowling

Community

Community

FR Bocce Competition

Duckpin Bowling

Frederick

Hagerstown

620 B Research Dr.

Southside Lanes

Open to FR and WA only

Locally Popular Sport- Contact Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org)

2019 Event Calendar



2019 MSP Polar Bear Plunge January 24th, 25th & 26th 2019 Sandy Point State Park www.plungemd.com

2019 Deep Creek Dunk February 23rd 2019 Deep Creek Lake www.dunkmd.com

2019 Winter Games February 24th – 26th 2019 Whitetail Resort www.somd.org

2019 Basketball Tournament March 30th – 31st 2019 Hood College and FCPS Sites www.somd.org

2019 Summer Games June 7th – 9th 2019 Towson University www.somd.org

2019 Kayaking Championships August 24th 2019 Washington College www.somd.org

State Golf Championships September 29th 2019 Queenstown Harbor Golf, Queenstown Md www.somd.org

11th Annual Tunnel Run Fall 2019 Fort McHenry Tunnel Baltimore, Md www.tunnelrun.org

11th Annual Big Bats Open September 2019 Queenstown, Md www.somd.org Fall Sports Festival October 19th 2019 Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md www.somd.org

State Soccer Tournament October 27th 2019 Crown Sports, Fruitland Md www.somd.org

Over The Edge November 3rd 2019 Bethesda, Md www.somd.org

Interscholastic Unified High School Team Tennis November 2019 Loyola University www.somd.org

6th Annual Maryland Rockfish Open October 2019 Mike's Crabhouse South-Riva www.somd.org

State Regional Bowling Tournaments November 10th 2019 Various Locations in Maryland www.somd.org

State Bowling Championships December 8th 2019 Bowl America, Gaithersburg, Md www.somd.org

St. Mary's Splash
December 2019
Point Lookout State Park, Scotland, Md
www.somd.org