

# 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 **TOMORROW, 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.

### 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/>).

### 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 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://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-qsqz8iE9czT-cjxKOUkr1Itsb0dpz>

### **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/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVlW1Dp2E-9TZLZ9UNq">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocOuhrTwoGdKH2xVlW1Dp2E-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>
Cheer-leading	Wed 5/25 8:00-9:00	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdeGqTgiEtxHwKJDWt_JkuWFhiPRw6aV">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdeGqTgiEtxHwKJDWt_JkuWFhiPRw6aV</a>
Softball	Wed 5/25 7:00-8:00	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcu2tqj0uHNb9HHW-D-PMS4zqbOgUllFr">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcu2tqj0uHNb9HHW-D-PMS4zqbOgUllFr</a>
Swimming	Wed 6/8 6:30-8:00	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpfuioDgiHddPpoTGRpCb5bIEWQwKnNEW">https://somid.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
  - Cheerleading
  - Flag Football
  - Soccer
  - Softball
  - Tennis
  - Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country Skiing

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

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  - Athletics
  - Bocce
  - Distance Running
  - Golf
  - Powerlifting
  - Snowshoeing
  - Locally Popular Sports: Dance, Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey

- **Ben President, Sports Director**

- [bpresident@somd.org](mailto:bpresident@somd.org), 410.242.1515
  - Alpine Skiing
  - Bowling (10 pin)
  - Cycling
  - Kayaking
  - Swimming
  - 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**

- [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x102
  - Summer Games
  - Winter Games
  - Fall Sports Festival
  - USA 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 (Track & Field)
  - IUS Indoor Bocce
  - IUS Outdoor Bocce
  - IUS Strength & Conditioning
  - IUS Tennis

### **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**

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