

# **Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo**

## **December 27, 2022**

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### **Welcome**

This is the last Area Memo of 2022!

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season with family and friends! There was much to celebrate in 2022--- the continued return to typical sports and competitions, re-engaging athletes, Unified Teammates, coaches and volunteers on the field of play, a large Team Maryland Delegation competing at USA Games, new health and fitness opportunities across the state, celebrating 3 new National Banner Unified Champion Schools, successful fundraisers like Jersey Mike's, Over the Edge Howard County, The Plunge, the Splash...and so much more! As you celebrate the holidays, I hope you take some time to celebrate our shared accomplishments for our athletes and look forward to a great year of programming ahead! Thank you for all you do to make programs possible----- enjoy the season, and best wishes for a great start to 2023!

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).

### **Shout out a volunteer**

This memo's shout outs go to...

St. Mary's County Management Team for a successful St. Mary's Splash! A great kick off to Plunge season!

Ericka Gannon- YAP Coordinator and Super Plunger Extraordinaire! Thank you for your efforts with YAP Assessments and your enthusiasm as a new Super Plunger this year!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

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

### **(NEW) Washington College Basketball Clinic**

the Washington College Women's Basketball team will be hosting another clinic this January! The clinic will be held at Washington College in Chestertown, MD on Sunday, January 22, 2023. All athletes that play 3v3 basketball and above are eligible for this clinic. The Shorewomen will put the athletes through different skill stations to help improve their basketball skills with shooting, dribbling, passing, etc. After the skill stations, we will place the athletes on teams with the Shorewomen to play some mini unified games.

Registration will start at 10:15am with the clinic starting at 11am.

Below are the links for registration to the Athlete Clinic. Please pass this along to all your players and think about registering soon!

**Registration Link-** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W6BQDDK>

***(NEW) Plunge and Dunk Reminder***

If last week's polar weather didn't get you thinking about the Plunge and Dunk, I'm not sure what will! Remember, there's still time to sign up your local program teams and recruit new teams! And we are committed to the 70/30 net revenue split with new teams recruited by local programs for any of the plunge properties!

Visit: [www.plungemd.com](http://www.plungemd.com) and [www.dunkmd.com](http://www.dunkmd.com) to register!

**Welcome New Board Members & Officers**

The SOMD Board of Directors met on December 9, 2022 for their final meeting of the year. Included in the agenda was the election of new board members, the election of officers for 2023, second term elections, and a 1-year term extensions for Board Members because of the impact of COVID-19.

Welcome to new board members (starting 1/1/2023)...

- Paula Burr
- Senator Mary Beth Carozza
- Chief Melissa Hyatt
- Bryan Mulford

Congratulations to our 2023 officers:

- Chair: Bob Marino
- Vice Chair: Dave Sweiderk
- Secretary: Celia Van Lenten
- At-Large: Jen Herwig
- At-Large: Natasha Moulton-Levy
- At-Large: Will Kelly

Congratulations to board members elected to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term:

- Dave Sweiderk
- Senator Doug Peters

Thank you to board members agreeing and being elected to a 1-year term extension:

- Jen Herwig
- Natasha Moulton-Levy
- Chief John Nesky

Thank you to board members completing their 2<sup>nd</sup> term of service:

- Mack McGee

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their continued leadership of and commitment to our organization.



Elizabeth Kramer	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Megan Larson	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Lindsey Marinzal	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Kyler Mellott	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Mike Myers	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Dottie Rush	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Jason Schriml	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Kayla Shields	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

**Finance Corner**

2023 BUDGETS – On Friday the Board of Directors approved the 2023 Area Budgets. I have loaded them into the accounting software. When open your Dashboard, enter 1/1/2023 as the date and you will see the Annual budget in the first column on the second report.

END OF YEAR – This is a reminder to continue to reach out to any vendors that have supplied the program with In Kind contributions during the calendar year. This is very important. In kind is used for organizational match for our grants and is reported in the annual audit.

Any Invoices that you may have for 2022 need to be entered into the accounting system just as soon as possible so that they are recorded for the end of the fiscal year.

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

**Reminder: AmazonSmile**

As we approach Cyber Monday and the holiday shopping season, it’s a good time to remind you and your programs that AmazonSmile is a great way to support Special Olympics Maryland! When you designate Special Olympics Maryland as your AmazonSmile charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Special Olympics Maryland with no additional cost to you!

A reminder for Area Leaders: Because of how AmazonSmile sends and reports on donations through AmazonSmile, we cannot allocate specific donations/individuals to local programs through AmazonSmile, but remind your families that funds through AmazonSmile support state-wide competition for our athletes!

**(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**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Alpine	Wed, Nov 30	Recording: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEDme1liaeg">www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEDme1liaeg</a>
Snowshoeing	Wed, Nov 16	Recording: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOK0vbwKxE">www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOK0vbwKxE</a>
Basketball	Tue, Dec 6	Recording: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZSK6DkTYQI">www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZSK6DkTYQI</a>

## Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Registration / Recording Link</b>
Alpine	TBD	
Snowshoeing	Thu, Feb 23 6:30-7:30pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/join/9127572118">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoceuopjljGdLh-WXsRFkRGpN6EH-sd37I</a>
Basketball	Wed, Mar 15 6:00-7:00pm	<a href="https://somed.zoom.us/join/9127572118">https://somed.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXP8qGTmqr--X8usF</a>

### **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](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x122

Basketball	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Flag Football	Tennis

*Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball,  
Cross Country Skiing*

- **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

- [rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org), 410-242-1515 x171

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**

- [sbennett@somd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 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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  - Unified Champion Schools, Youth Leadership, and School Engagement
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  - Community Young Athletes Programs
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  - Unified Physical Education
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