

# COACHES HANDBOOK

# SPRING GAMES



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*Wisconsin*



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# 2025 Spring Games

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	FRIDAY, APRIL 11	
2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Tournament Central	Kolf (Upper Gym)
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Blackhawk Commons
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Torch Run	Lot #13
5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Kolf (Upper Gym)
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Performance Station	Kolf (Upper Gym, Court 1)
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Athlete Leadership Activation Station	Kolf (Upper Gym)
6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Competition – Half Court 3-on-3 Basketball	Kolf (Lower Gym)
6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Competition – Basketball Skills	Kolf (Upper Gym)
	SATURDAY, APRIL 12	
6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Blackhawk Commons
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Tournament Central	Kolf (Upper Gym)
9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Competition – Team Basketball	Kolf (Lower + Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Healthy Hearing	Kolf (Classroom 158)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Strong Minds	Kolf (Room 135)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Special Smiles	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-4:0 p.m.	Athlete Leadership Activation Station	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: FUNfitness	Kolf (Upper Gym, Court 1)
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Blackhawk Commons
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Victory Village	Kolf (Lower Lobby)
12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Competition – Swimming	Albee Hall + Pool
12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Remote Special Smiles & Strong Minds	Albee Hall + Pool
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Blackhawk Commons
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Dance	Culver Family Welcome Center
	SUNDAY, APRIL 13	
6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Blackhawk Commons
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Tournament Central	Kolf (Upper Gym)
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Competition – Team Basketball	Kolf (Upper + Lower Gym)
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Competition – Swimming	Albee Hall + Pool
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Athlete Leadership Activation Station	Kolf (Upper Gym)
10:00 a.m.-11:00 A.m.	Lunch Pickup	Albee Gym or Kolf Upper Gym

*Note: Schedules are approximate times for events and activities. Updates will be included in Coaches' Registration Packets. Subject to change due to the weather.*

## GETTING AROUND

### UW-OSHKOSH CAMPUS MAP

*Basketball Competition:* Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

*Dance:* Culver Family Welcome Center (625 Pearl Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – FUNFitness:* Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

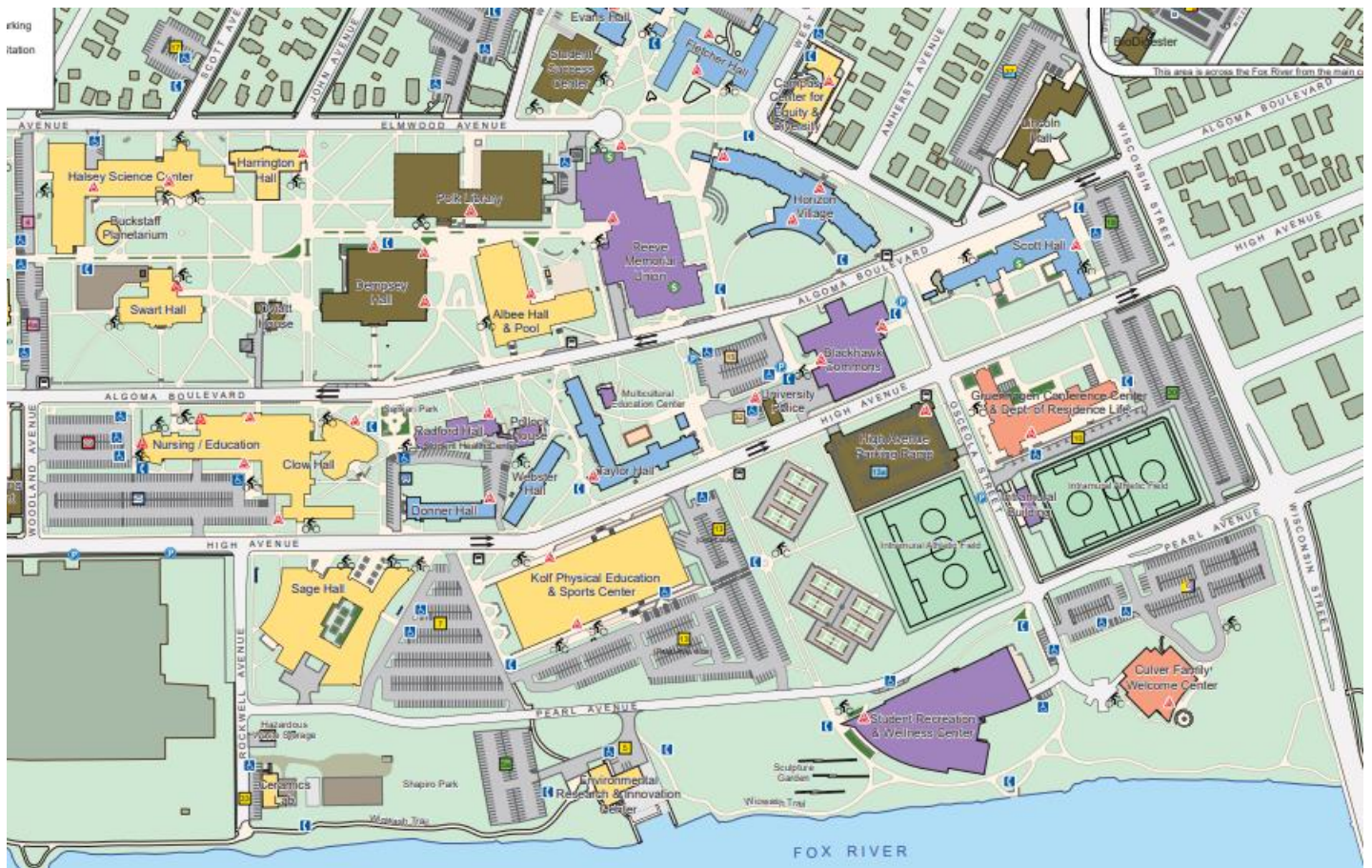
*Healthy Athletes – Healthy Hearing:* Kolf Sports Center, Room 158 (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – Special Smiles:* Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

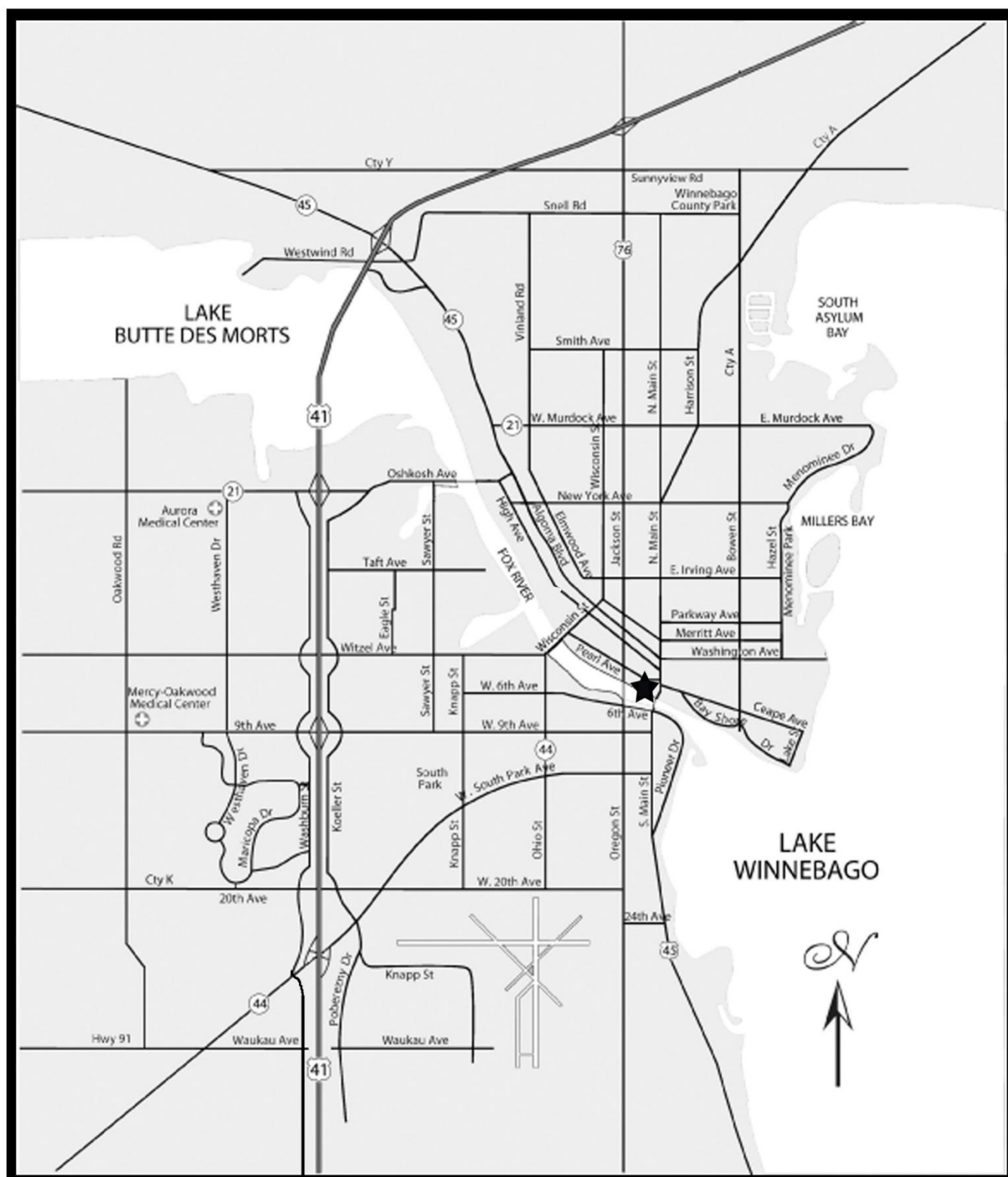
*Healthy Athletes – Strong Minds:* Kolf Sports Center, Room 135 (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

*Opening Ceremony:* Kolf Sports Center (785 High Ave, Oshkosh, WI)

*Swim Competition:* Albee Hall & Pool (776 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI)



# OSHKOSH AREA





## PARKING

★ Event Day Parking – Spectators, Fans, Commuter Delegations

All commuting delegates, Special Olympics Fans and Spectators should park in Lot 7 or Lot 13 next to the Kolf Sports Center. There is no overnight parking allowed in these lots.



## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

### OPENING CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating nearly 900 athletes competing this weekend at the 2025 Spring Games. The Opening Ceremony will take place Friday, April 11. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. in Kolf with competition to follow.

Preceding the Opening Ceremony will be a Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Participating law enforcement agencies will start at the ERIC lab lot area at 4:30 p.m. and follow a route towards Kolf to light the cauldron that will be placed outdoors between the tennis courts and Lot #13. Athletes are encouraged to run with law enforcement!

### SPORTS COMPETITION

#### Divisioning

Our primary obligation is to ensure athletes of similar abilities are competing with one another. To achieve this, we may create co-ed, junior, senior, or open divisions. Please be aware of this when reviewing your division lists.

#### Scratches

All scratches must be done at Tournament Central. No changes or additions will be made at competition sites. Scratch deadline – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### Uniforms

Any uniform modifications for medical or religious reasons must be submitted via Special Needs Form prior to competition. It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure athletes are in proper uniforms before competition. No athletes should compete while wearing hats, medals, jeans, or non-athletic street shoes.

It is against Special Olympics policy for commercial businesses to advertise on athlete uniforms. Uniforms with advertising may not be worn at Spring Games.

#### *Team & Half Court 3-on-3 Basketball*

SOWI follows rules outlined by NFSHA regarding team basketball uniform requirements. All players must be in proper uniforms including both a uniform top and shorts that match in trim, color, and style in order to compete. The uniform top must be worn with legal numbers on the front and back and may not contain any advertising. Hats, long pants and jewelry are not allowed. Proper court shoes are required. Undershirts, shorts, or leggings must be white, black, beige, or match the main color of the uniform. They may be worn by some or all of the players, but must be identical if worn.



### **HALF COURT 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL**

All games will utilize 10-minute running-time halves with a two-minute halftime. Games will be played to 20 minutes or 20 points, whichever comes first.

### **Venue**

All team games will take place at the Kolf Sports Center Courts.

### **Competition Information**

There will be an open divisioning period beginning at 5:45pm. This is to ensure teams have been assigned to the correct divisions. Teams that violate the honest effort rule during this period (do not play to your full potential, sandbag) will be disciplined for a Code of Conduct violation. The final schedule will be announced immediately following the divisioning period.

Official games will begin promptly following the divisioning period. Please remember to bring your own basketballs for warm-ups. Advise athletes to bring their own water bottle to be used throughout competition. **WATER ONLY will be allowed on the courts.**

### **Staging**

All teams should report to their assigned court no later than 5:45pm for the divisioning period. For remaining games, please arrive *at least* 15 minutes prior to game time to warm up and discuss game situations with officials. Line up cards must be submitted to the scorer's table 10 minutes prior to game time. Games will start as scheduled. Teams not ready to play 10 minutes after official designated starting times will forfeit the game.

### **Awards**

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Kolf. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in team competition. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Teams that would like a plaque should request one by emailing Danny Kuklinski at [Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org) within two weeks of the tournament.



### **3-on-3 Half Court Schedule**

#### **Friday, April 11**

6:00pm	Court 5A	Division 1	5-14 Dragons vs 5-06 Phantom Wolves
	Court 5B	Division 2	3-12 Bay City vs 8-44 Badgers
	Court 6A	Division 3	6-36 LAX Heat vs 5-06 Layup Legends
6:30pm	Court 5A	Division 1	6-36 LAX Bucks vs 8-44 Bucks
	Court 5B	Division 2	8-44 Badgers vs 6-36 LAX Chiefs
	Court 6A	Division 3	5-06 Dunkin Dynamos vs 6-36 WI Knights
7:00pm	Court 5A	Division 1	6-36 LAX Bucks vs 5-06 Phantom Wolves
	Court 5B	Division 2	3-12 Bay City vs 6-36 LAX Chiefs
	Court 6A	Division 3	5-06 Dunkin Dynamos vs 5-06 Layup Legends
7:30pm	Court 5A	Division 1	8-44 Bucks vs 5-06 Phantom Wolves
	Court 5B	Division 2	3-12 Bay City vs 8-44 Badgers
	Court 6A	Division 3	6-36 WI Knights vs 5-06 Layup Legends
8:00pm	Court 5A	Division 1	8-44 Bucks vs 5-14 Dragons
	Court 5B	Division 2	8-44 Badgers vs 6-36 LAX Chiefs
	Court 6A	Division 3	6-36 WI Knights vs 6-36 LAX Heat
8:30pm	Court 5A	Division 1	6-36 LAX Bucks vs 5-14 Dragons
	Court 5B	Division 2	3-12 Bay City vs 6-36 LAX Chiefs
	Court 6A	Division 3	5-06 Dunkin Dynamos vs 6-36 LAX Heat



## **BASKETBALL SKILLS**

### **Venue**

Basketball Skills competition will take place in the upper level of the Kolf Sports Center.

### **Competition Schedule**

Friday, April 11, 2025

5:45 p.m.

Staging Begins

6:00 p.m.

Level 1 Competition Begins

Following Level 1 Competition

Level 2 Competition Begins

### **Staging**

Staging for Basketball Skills will begin at 5:45 p.m. Please wait until your division is called to report to the staging area. The staging area will announce divisions being staged approximately 15 minutes before competition is scheduled. Coaches are responsible to bring their athletes to the staging area when the division, athlete name, or event is called.

Athletes will arrive in staging and be seated until it is time for them to compete. At that time, escorts will lead them to the event area.

At the conclusion of the event, coaches must pick up their athlete from the appropriate awards area. Any athlete who is not successfully checked in at staging in appropriate time will be disqualified.

### **Competition Information**

Following the Opening Ceremony, athletes should immediately prepare for competition. Observation of competition will be permitted from the bleachers only. **No coaches, parents or friends will be allowed on the basketball courts at any time.**

### **Awards**

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Upper Kolf Fieldhouse. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place.



## SWIMMING

### Venue

All Swim Competition, Staging and Awards will take place in the Albee Hall and Pool.

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Please Note: Distances are listed in meters due to how the computer system labels them on Rosters, etc., but distances are actually run in yards. For example, the 400m is actually the 400 yard race.

Please pay attention to the divisions in the pool and in staging to have your athletes ready for competition 20 minutes ahead of their race.

#### Saturday, April 12, 2025

11:30am	Warm-up*
12:30pm	4x50m Medley Relay
	100m Free
	25m Free
	100m IM
	50m Backstroke
	25m Butterfly
	4x50m Free Relay
	400m Freestyle
	4x25m Unified Free Relay
	15m Unassisted

#### Sunday, April 14, 2025

8:30am	Warm-up*
9:00am	4x25m Medley Relay
	100m Breaststroke
	100m Butterfly
	100m Backstroke
	50m Free
	25m Breaststroke
	200m Free
	4x25m Free Relay
	50m Breaststroke
	50m Butterfly
	25m Backstroke
	4x100m Free Relay

\*The Diving Well will stay open for warm-ups and cool-downs through the duration of competition.

**\*\*Rules governing pool safety will be posted and enforced at all times\*\***

### Staging & Warm-Ups

Athletes will be staged in chairs in the Albee Gym. Athletes should report to the staging area 15 minutes prior to competition. There will be bleachers assigned for teams not in staging to relax in the Albee Gymnasium.

Divisions that have an A or B after the number are different divisions that will swim in the pool during the same heat. These divisions will be awarded separately after the race. There will be at least one lane break in between division A and B to identify separation.

There will be warm-up times on Saturday and Sunday before competition in both the competition pool and diving well. The competition pool will be cleared prior to the start of races. The diving well will remain open for swimmers to warm-up and cool-down throughout competition.

### Competition Rules

- When participants arrive at the pool, they should go directly to the locker room, dress, shower, and be ready to report to the staging area on deck in time to compete.
- Observation of the races will be permitted from the pool bleachers only. **No coaches, parents, or spectators will be allowed on the pool deck at any time.**
- If an athlete is not in the staging area two heats prior to their heat, his/her name will be called; if still unavailable, the heat will proceed without the athlete. Athletes will be announced for each heat as they assume their position at the starting end of the pool.
- Starting blocks will not be used for this competition. Athletes may make diving starts from the pool deck.
- With the exception of orthopedically impaired athletes, swimmers should enter and exit the pool independently.
- The locker rooms will be open for use. For the security of the athletes, only coaches and athletes with proper credentials will be allowed in the locker rooms.
- **Athletes need to bring their own towels for the competitions.**

### Awards

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Albee Gym. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place.



### **TEAM BASKETBALL**

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHA), the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Associations (WIAA), and Special Olympics Rules will govern all Special Olympics Wisconsin tournament play. Reminder – all games will utilize six-minute, stop-time quarters with a five-minute halftime.

### **Venue**

All team games will take place at the Kolf Sports Center Courts. Courts 1-4 are located upstairs in the Fieldhouse and Courts 5-6 are located downstairs in the gymnasium.

### **Competition Schedule**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Staging**

Please arrive at your assigned court *at least* 15 minutes prior to game time to warm up and discuss game situations with officials. Line up cards must be submitted to the scorer's table 10 minutes prior to game time. Games will start as scheduled. Teams not ready to play 10 minutes after official designated starting times will forfeit the game.

### **Competition Information**

Please remember to bring your own basketballs for warm-ups. Advise athletes to bring their own water bottle to be used throughout competition. **WATER ONLY will be allowed on the courts.**

### **Awards**

Awards will be given at the end of competition for each division at the awards station in Upper Kolf. Medals will be presented to each athlete earning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in team competition. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Teams that would like a plaque should request one by emailing Danny Kuklinski at [Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org) within two weeks of the tournament.



## 2025 Special Olympics Wisconsin State Basketball at Spring Games

### Saturday, April 12

9:30 a.m.	Court 1	Division 3	8-28 OZ Eagles vs 8-05 Tosa Blaze
	Court 2	Division 3	8-04 Muk Mustangs vs 3-06 EC Bucks
	Court 3	Division 4	8-42 TM Blazers vs 5-04 Clippers
	Court 4	Division 4	4-25 Screaming Eagles vs 7-02 Swishers
	Court 5	Division 8	5-03 Kangaroos vs 8-42 TM Jaguars
	Court 6	Division 13	4-25 Falcons vs 6-12 Green Thunder
10:40 a.m.	Court 1	Division 1	8-42 TM Lakers vs 5-14 Badgers
	Court 2	Division 1	6-36 Showtime Lightning vs 3-36 Polk Lakers
	Court 3	Division 6	7-21 Blue Demons vs 7-25 Comets
	Court 4	Division 6	3-15 Dreamers vs 3-36 Polk Rockets
	Court 5	Division 10	7-04 Crusaders vs 5-19 Able Attack
	Court 6	Division 11	7-05 Lakeland Storm vs 7-08 Bulldogs
11:50 a.m.	Court 1	Division 2	7-15 Racine Hawks vs 3-30 BC Bears
	Court 2	Division 2	8-34 NB Bobcats vs 8-11 MPS WHS Gold
	Court 3	Division 7	7-09 Galaxy vs 8-05 Tosa Inferno
	Court 4	Division 7	3-25 Thunder vs 8-28 OZ Hawks
	Court 5	Division 8	8-42 TM Jaguars vs 4-06 Neenah White
	Court 6	Division 13	6-12 Green Thunder vs 8-02 NS Dancing Dinos
1:00 p.m.	Court 1	Division 3	8-40 Muk Mustangs vs 8-05 Tosa Blaze
	Court 2	Division 3	3-06 EC Bucks vs 8-28 OZ Eagles
	Court 3	Division 9	5-26 Navigators East vs 6-50 Superheroes
	Court 4	Division 9	4-25 Ravens vs 3-06 EC Wolverines
	Court 5	Division 12	5-04 Tigers vs 8-24 PWHO Dragons
	Court 6	Division 12	8-05 TOSA Heat vs 6-20 Shooting Stars
2:10 p.m.	Court 1	Division 1	6-36 Showtime Lightning vs 8-42 TM Lakers
	Court 2	Division 1	3-36 Polk Lakers vs 5-14 Badgers
	Court 3	Division 4	4-25 Screamin' Eagles vs 5-04 Clippers
	Court 4	Division 4	7-02 Swishers vs 8-42 TM Blazers
	Court 5	Division 10	5-19 Able Attack vs 8-35 GLS Pioneers
	Court 6	Division 11	7-08 Bulldogs vs 6-09 Beavers
3:20 p.m.	Court 1	Division 5	4-08 Stars vs 4-14 Fondy
	Court 2	Division 5	8-02 NS Dynamite vs 6-26 T-Wolves
	Court 3	Division 6	3-15 Dreamers vs 7-25 Comets
	Court 4	Division 6	3-36 Polk Rockets vs 7-21 Blue Demons
	Court 5	Division 8	5-03 Kangaroos vs 4-06 Neenah White
	Court 6	Division 13	4-25 Falcons vs 8-02 Dancing Dinos
4:30 p.m.	Court 1	Division 2	8-34 NB Bobcats vs 3-30 BC Bears
	Court 2	Division 2	8-11 MPS WHS Gold vs 7-15 Racine Hawks
	Court 3	Division 7	3-25 Thunder vs 8-05 Tosa Inferno
	Court 4	Division 7	8-28 OZ Hawks vs 7-09 Galaxy
	Court 5	Division 10	7-04 Crusaders vs 8-35 GLS Pioneers
	Court 6	Division 11	7-05 Lakeland Storm vs 6-09 Beavers

**Sunday, April 14, 2025**

8:00 a.m.	Court 1	Division 4	7-02 Swishers vs 5-04 Clippers
	Court 2	Division 4	4-25 Screamin' Eagles vs TM Blazers
	Court 3	Division 9	4-25 Ravens vs 6-50 Superheroes
	Court 4	Division 9	3-06 EC Wolverines vs 5-26 Navigators East
	Court 5	Division 8	5-03 Kangaroos vs 8-42 TM Jaguars
	Court 6	Division 13	4-25 Falcons vs 6-12 Green Thunder
9:10 a.m.	Court 1	Division 1	6-36 Showtime Lightning vs 5-14 Badgers
	Court 2	Division 1	3-36 Polk Lakers vs 8-42 TM Lakers
	Court 3	Division 10	7-04 Crusaders vs 5-19 Able Attack
	Court 4	Division 10	7-05 Lakeland Storm vs 7-08 Bulldogs
	Court 5	Division 12	8-05 Tosa Heat vs 8-42 PWHO Dragons
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	Court 2	Division 3	8-40 Muk Mustangs vs 8-28 OZ Eagles
	Court 3	Division 9	3-06 EC Wolverines vs 6-50 Superheroes
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	Court 3	Division 10	7-04 Crusaders vs 8-35 GLS Pioneers
	Court 4	Division 11	7-05 Lakeland Storm vs 6-09 Beavers
	Court 5	Division 12	6-20 Shooting Stars vs 8-24 PWHO Dragons
	Court 6	Division 12	8-05 Tosa Heat vs 5-04 Tigers

## Special Olympics Wisconsin State Spring Games Health Activities

When athletes are in their best physical health, they train and compete at their highest level. SOWI Health programs not only provide health services and education, they also train health care students and professionals who gain increased knowledge of and compassion for people with intellectual disabilities. **All athletes with a current medical on file with SOWI are invited to participate in the Health activities at Spring Games, even if they are not competing.** Unified players are welcome to attend with their teammates. Please share this information with your families.



**Performance Station:** 15-30 mins (not including wait times). Athletes compete at their best by connecting fitness to athletic performance. Athletes receive education in nutrition, hydration, physical activity and mental toughness. With improved overall fitness, everyone can improve his or her performance in sport and health, culminating in a better quality of life.

**When:** *Friday*, April 11, 2025 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** *Kolf Sports Center (Upper Level, court 1)*



**Special Smiles®:** 5-15 mins (not including wait times). Special Smiles (funding provided by Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation) performs dental screenings to increase awareness of oral health. At the screening, dentists and hygienists identify oral problems, while athletes are provided with hygiene education, a “goodie bag” with dental care items (automatic toothbrush while supplies last), fitted mouth guards and fluoride varnish!

**When:** *Saturday*, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** *Kolf (Upper Level), remote screen in Albee from 12:30-3:30pm*



**FUNfitness:** 30-45 mins (not including wait times). FUNfitness screenings are conducted by Physical Therapists and physical therapy students. They assess flexibility, functional strength and balance of the athlete. After the assessment, athletes will receive a take-home booklet and education on recommended stretches/exercises personalized to them based on the results of their strength, flexibility and balance tests.

**When:** *Saturday*, April 12, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** *Kolf Sports Center (Upper Level, court 1)*



**Strong Minds:** 10-20 mins (not including wait times). Strong Minds stresses how important taking care of one's emotional wellness is and how taking care of it should be practiced like any other important skill. Strong Minds aims to educate coaches and athletes on how to incorporate mindfulness exercises into athletic practices and one's everyday life. There will be mindfulness activity guides and other mindfulness tools available!

**When:** *Saturday*, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** *Kolf Sports Center room 135, remote screen in Albee from 12:30-3:30pm*



**Healthy Hearing:** 5-15 mins (not including wait times). Healthy Hearing conducts hearing screenings. Reduced hearing can have a significant negative impact on an athlete's ability to respond to directions, as well as understand verbal information from coaches at practice and competitions. Hearing loss affects one's safety and interpersonal relationships. A hearing screen is the first step in the process of identifying hearing loss and preventing its negative effects from occurring in sports and social events. Athletes that attend Healthy Hearing will receive a free gift!

**When:** Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Kolf Sports Center (lower level classroom 158)



SOWI is excited to have a collaboration with HEAR WI to bring additional Audiology services to this event! Athletes with a need identified during the Healthy Hearing screen will be referred to HEAR WI's Mobile Audiology Clinic (MAC) for further testing, earwax removal and/or hearing aid check & cleaning. MAC will be parked outside of Kolf.

HEAR WI staff welcome coaches and caregivers to take advantage of their services if there is not an athlete waiting to see them. To receive hearing services, check-in at Healthy Hearing located in room 158, please do not go directly to MAC. **Remember to bring your hearing aid with you to the event!**

***FREE gift for athletes that attend 3 of the 5 Health Activities!***

If an athlete attends 3 of the 5 Health Activities offered at Spring Games, they can choose one item from several Special Olympics logoed give-a-ways! A health coupon for each athlete will be in coaches' pick-up packets (extras will be at Health check-out stations). Health volunteers will verify the coupon for athletes to turn in at Tournament Central in Kolf to pick out a free gift for attending 3 or more Health Activities.

***Thank you Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation,  
the Golisano Foundation, and the CDC for making the  
Healthy Athletes program possible!***



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## **ATHLETE LEADERSHIP**



### **SOWI ATHLETE LEADERSHIP ACTIVATION STATION**

**OUR ATHLETE LEADERS WILL BE HOSTING AN ACTIVATION STATION AT THE SPRING STATE TOURNAMENT WHERE CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ATHLETE LEADERS CAN CONNECT, LEARN AND SHARE. ANYONE WITH AN ATHLETE LEADERSHIP STICKER ON THEIR NAMETAG HAS ATTENDED A CLASS IN RECENT YEARS AND WE INVITE THEM TO STOP BY TO:**

- **UPDATE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION AND PHOTO**
- **TELL US WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO IN LEADERSHIP**
- **LEARN ABOUT CLASSES AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024**

**FOR ATHLETES WHO HAVEN'T TAKEN AN ATHLETE LEADERSHIP CLASS, PLEASE STOP BY TO MEET OUR UNIFIED LEADERSHIP SPECIALISTS AND LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING CLASSES AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.**

### **TEAM CAPTAIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**THE SOWI ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (ALC) HAS CREATED THE TEAM CAPTAIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS SO THAT ATHLETES CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR PEER ATHLETES FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**



### **HOW IT WORKS:**

#### **TEAM CAPTAINS FOR 5V5 AND 3V3 BASKETBALL:**

1. **BEFORE EACH GAME, CHECK IN AT THE SCORE TABLE TO PICK UP A SPORTSMANSHIP STICKER THAT YOU CAN PRESENT TO A MEMBER OF THE OTHER TEAM.**
2. **DURING THE GAME, WATCH MEMBERS OF THE OTHER TEAM FOR SIGNS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**
3. **AFTER THE GAME WHEN YOU ARE SHAKING HANDS WITH THE OTHER TEAM, PRESENT THE SPORTSMANSHIP STICKER TO THE MEMBER OF THE OTHER TEAM WHO YOU THOUGHT SHOWED THE BEST SPORTSMANSHIP.**
4. **BETWEEN GAMES, STOP BY THE ACTIVATION STATION TO SIGN OFFICIAL THANK YOU CARDS.**



**MERCHANDISE/SOUVENIRS**

Get your official Special Olympics Wisconsin gear and check out the great selection of exciting souvenirs including t-shirts, hats, sports bags, glass wear, water bottles, collectibles and much more.

Friday: 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Kolf

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Kolf  
6:30pm-9:00pm at Culver Family Welcome Center

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Kolf

**CONCESSIONS**

Food will be available for purchase at the Kolf Concessions Stand located on the upper level of the Kolf Sports Center.

Friday Hours	4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday Hours	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Hours	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**VICTORY DANCE**

Grab your Glow gear for the Victory Dance! Souvenirs will be available for purchase.

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Culver Family Welcome Center.

**VICTORY VILLAGE**

Special Olympics Wisconsin invites athletes and spectators to visit Victory Village at Spring Games! Victory Village will be located in the Upper Kolf gym on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Victory Village will include fun and engaging activities provided by Special Olympics Wisconsin partners!

## **STAYING SAFE**

In case of emergency, the Special Olympics Wisconsin Reunification Site will be Parking Lot #13.

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Coaches are responsible for having updated medical information available for each athlete in attendance. This information is to be provided by the coach if the athlete is sent to the hospital. Please make sure that the information on file regarding the athletes' medical condition, medications and physician's name and telephone numbers are current. SOWI has provided medical information forms that may be filled out and updated as necessary for each athlete. This can be found in the Competition Guide. SOWI does not require the use of these cards, but does provide them as a resource.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

An emergency medical team will be located in the dorms and competition sites. Medical personnel will be wearing red shirts or red arm bands. The medical team members are equipped to handle emergency medical problems. It is important that you locate the first aid station at your venue site so you know where they are if you need them. If an athlete has a language problem and you are their translator, be sure to stay with the athlete in an emergency. SOWI will not provide medical information on athletes attending the games.

### **MEDICATION**

If you have athletes who are on medication, it is essential that you know what the medication is, how much is to be taken in each dosage, and when it is to be taken.

Many Local Programs request that family members divide medication for each time it is to be taken and seal it in envelopes with all the vital information (name, number of pills, kind of medication, when it is to be taken, etc.) written on the outside of the envelope. Remember that during travel time all medication should be kept with the chaperone or athlete – not packed in a suitcase!

### **IF CONFRONTED WITH A SEIZURE:**

1. Stay Calm. Do not leave the athlete alone.
2. Protect the athlete from injury by involuntary muscle movements.
3. Do not put anything in the athlete's mouth.

Most seizures are self-limited and end after two minutes.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ILLNESSES**

If you, a coach or an athlete with your delegation is sick, or has recently (within seven days) been sick with flu-like symptoms (fever with cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, body aches), please ask them to stay home. We know this is a difficult decision to make, but it is for the safety of everyone that attends Spring Games. Please contact Danny Kuklinski at 608-442-5670 or [Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org) if someone from your delegation will not be attending. Please practice thorough hand washing and other sanitary measures throughout the duration of the Games to help prevent the spread of germs.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The Games Management Team monitors weather conditions. In case of severe weather, follow the signage posted in each building for where to go. Any lost or separated athletes should be brought to Tournament Central.

### **UWO MOBILE APP**

UWO strongly recommends that all event attendees on campus download the UWO Mobile App on their mobile phone. The UWO Mobile App provides a number of resources to help you stay safe while on campus.



### App Features

- Titan Alerts: Communicates all Titan Alerts through push notifications including weather and emergency alerts. Make sure your settings allow for UWO Mobile App to send push notifications.
- Chat with UWOPD: Chat discreetly with UWOPD in non-emergency situations. Request a Safewalk or Saferide to move about campus safely.
- Campus Map: View an interactive campus map to load information about parking lots, accessible entrances, emergency phones and building information.

## TEAM INFORMATION

### TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

Located in the Upper Gym of Kolf Sports Center. Special Olympics Wisconsin staff will assist individuals during the following scheduled times. The registration site for the Spring Games will be Tournament Central.

<u>Tournament Central</u>	(608) 442-5662
Friday, April 11:	2:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 12:	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13:	7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found area will be located at Tournament Central and at the residence halls' main desks. Please make sure athletes' clothes are clearly marked with their name and Local Program number. Remember to keep a close eye on glasses, watches, rings, etc.

### DINING

- All dining (with the exception of Sunday lunch) will be at Blackhawk Commons.
- Be prepared to show your ID badge at the door. Your meal ticket is attached to your credential. Dining services are for athletes and coaches/chaperones only.
- Please utilize SOWI designated serving buffet lines. The specialty food areas (i.e. Pizza/Pasta line, Hot Grill Line, etc.) are not open to SOWI Delegates.
- Remember that there will be many people to serve and a limited number of tables and chairs. Please encourage athletes to leave the dining room as soon as they finish eating. Be sure trays are removed from the tables when you are finished.
- It is requested that the groups not competing in the early morning events give priority to the groups that will be competing. For example, if your group does not compete until 9:00 a.m., do not plan to eat breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Also, for dinner, remember there is enough time scheduled and it is probably more comfortable to wait in your room than in line.
- If an athlete or coach has special dietary needs, please contact Danny Kuklinski at [Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:Dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org) as soon as possible to give the university time to prepare for those needs.

### SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday's boxed lunch is available to those who registered and paid with their registration form. The add-on boxed lunch distribution will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Kolf.

**MEAL SCHEDULE AND MENU**

*Menu items are subject to change.*

<b>FRIDAY DINNER</b> <b>April 12, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SATURDAY BREAKFAST</b> <b>April 13, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b>
Salad bar with toppings Fruit bar – fresh cut fruit Chicken and Rice Casserole* Salisbury Steak & Gravy Stir-Fried Tofu and Rice* Oven Roasted Potatoes* Corn* Dinner Rolls*	Fruit and Yogurt Bar Scrambled Eggs* Sausage Links* Obrien Potatoes* Oatmeal
<b>SATURDAY LUNCH</b> <b>April 13, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>SATURDAY DINNER</b> <b>April 13, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Salad bar with toppings Fruit bar – fresh cut fruit Sloppy Joes* Vegetarian Sloppy Joes* Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Steamed Vegetables*	Salad bar with toppings Fruit bar – fresh cut fruit Whole Grain Pasta* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meatballs and Marinara</li> <li>• Chicken Strips in Alfredo</li> <li>• Marinara</li> </ul> Steamed Vegetables* Garlic Breadsticks
<b>SUNDAY BREAKFAST</b> <b>April 14, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>SUNDAY BOXED LUNCH (extra fee)</b> <b>April 14</b>
Fruit and Yogurt Bar Scrambled Eggs* French Toast Sausage Patties* Breakfast Potatoes* Oatmeal	To Be Determined

*\* Item is gluten free, or a gluten free version is available upon request. If you requested special dietary needs, please inform the servers as you enter the service line.*



## COACH AND CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Coaches and chaperones coming to Spring Games must accept and adhere to:

- I. Provide for the general welfare, safety, health and well-being of each Special Olympics athlete in your charge.
  - A. Make sure your athletes are properly attired for weather conditions.
  - B. Make sure your athletes are assembled at the proper time and place for the ceremony and competition events.
- II. Be thoroughly familiar with all of the information in this handbook.
- III. Provide the following specific services to each athlete in your care:
  - A. **Supervision 24 hours a day**, in cooperation with the other chaperones in your delegation.
  - B. Assistance in accounting for luggage and personal items at all times.
  - C. Assistance in getting to meals during scheduled times.
  - D. Assistance in reporting to competition areas at the proper times.
  - E. Assistance in taking full advantage of clinics and other events.
  - F. Making sure prescribed medications are taken at the proper times.
- IV. Dress and act at all times in a manner which will be a credit to Special Olympics and your delegation.
- V. Report all emergencies to appropriate authorities after taking immediate action to insure the health and safety of athletes.
- VI. Be aware of the location of the nearest medical service personnel.
- VII. Contact Danny Kuklinski at the State Office prior to the scratch deadline at (262) 518-9232 if any Local Program requires special arrangements for physically handicapped participants or special diets.
- VIII. Be aware that the following are strictly prohibited anywhere within the UW-Oshkosh Campus:
  - A. The possession or use without a physician's prescription of any drugs defined as a "regulated drug" (including any narcotic, depressant, stimulant or hallucinogenic drug).
  - B. The possession or use of candles, lanterns, firearms, volatile solutions, explosives, fireworks or other dangerous materials.
  - C. The consumption of alcoholic beverages.

**Any violations of the above will result in immediate expulsion from Spring Games.**

## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

A coach's verbal and physical behavior reflects a positive and constructive attitude toward Special Olympics competition and toward those volunteers, coaches, officials and event coordinators whose time and efforts provide that competitive opportunity. This attitude reflects the confidence that decisions of the games committee and sports officials are made with the best interests of a fair, competitive experience in mind and are keeping with the goals and philosophies of Special Olympics.

A coach accepts the responsibility for the behavior of their athletes, parents and spectators both in and out of the competitive arena while attending a Special Olympics event. The coach should be recognized by their athletes, parents and spectators as the sole representative in dealing with the sports officials.

Should the behavior and/or attitude of any coach or faction of the member organization be contrary to these principles or to the goals and philosophies of Special Olympics, then one or more of the following steps may be taken by Special Olympics Wisconsin in an effort to alleviate the situation without further affecting Special Olympics athletes:

1. The coach may be notified of the undesirable behavior and requested to remedy the situation for continued participation.
2. The coach may be requested to withdraw personally, or as an organization, from the remainder of the event or tournament.

In the event of extreme or repeated behavior contrary to the best interests of Special Olympics, Special Olympics Wisconsin may:

1. Prevent the coach or organization from participating in any or all Special Olympics events for a specified period of time.
2. Prevent the coach or organization from participating in Special Olympics Wisconsin indefinitely.

Specific complaints against a coach or other factions of a member organization must be filed with the Special Olympics Wisconsin competitions director in writing. Such a written complaint will be signed by the head coach of the filing organization and cite specific behaviors inconsistent with the philosophy outlined in this section.

The state staff will meet to review a formal complaint and determine action for non-compliance with the code of conduct.

## IN RECOGNITION

### THANK YOU TO THE 2025 GAMES MANAGEMENT TEAM

Dan Clark  
Karen Clark  
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Debbie Hoff  
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Ashley Dorsey

Jamie Meints  
Rachel Mordeszewski  
Rebecca Rausch  
David Bigelow  
Deb Moore-Gruenloh

### THANK YOU TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

On behalf of Special Olympics Wisconsin Staff and Athletes from across the state we sincerely want to thank all of the officers for their countless hours they put in every year. The athletes look forward to seeing you at their practices, tournaments and events! We wouldn't be the same without you!

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Wisconsin is to raise funds for and awareness of the Special Olympics movement. Special Olympics is a program which reaffirms our beliefs that with hope and dedication, we can see achievement and self-worth realized by any individual. It is our belief that persons with intellectual disabilities, by their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community at large there are no limits to human potential or the human spirit.



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Post photos using hashtags #SpringGames #sowi and #inclusion

## **I am a Champion of Change.**

I believe all people of all abilities are to be valued, respected, and included.

I believe all athletes of all abilities are to be celebrated.

I pledge to support Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes of today and tomorrow.

