

Spring Season

Basketball Skills, 3
Swimming

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**Happy New
Year!**

Change of format of these meetings

- Changing the style of these meetings so that they aren't Danny & I repeating information that has been sent out to programs & coaches, and is easily accessible on the website.
- Instead of repeating word for word what is on the website, we are trying to make it more worthwhile for everyone attending.
- We want to meet the needs of our coaching community in areas they are struggling in or need clarity on.
- Allow for a greater coach collaboration from between experienced coaches and coaches who are new to Special Olympics or a particular sport.

Vital Information - Recap

- **Medical Deadline – February 1st 2026**
- Spring Games: April 17th – 19th

Tentative Schedule:

- Friday – Basketball Skills & 3-on-3 Basketball
- Saturday & Sunday – Team Basketball & Swimming

Regional Events - Basketball

Half-Court 3-on-3

Basketball Skills

Team Basketball

All teams wishing to compete automatically qualify for Spring Games.

Region 2/3 – Sunday, February 15th @ UW Stout

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Matches are played on the Friday evening. (Apr. 17th)

Region 4/5 – Sunday, March 1st @ Neenah Middle School

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Region 6/7 – Saturday, February 14th @ Badger High School

Region 6 – Sunday, March 8th @ Verona High School

Region 8 – Saturday, February 14th @ Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS

Region 7 – Sunday, February 15th @ Wilmot-Union High School

Region 8 – Sunday, March 8th @ Homestead High School



Team Basketball Quota

- Potential of adding more teams to State competition due to no longer having Sectional Basketball. We are looking at increasing the amount of teams to 56.
- This will slightly change the timing of the previous schedules.

Regional Events - Swimming

Swimming

Regions 2, 3 & 6 –
Saturday, March 21st
@ Lincoln High
School

Regions 4 & 5 –
Saturday, March 21st
@ Neenah Middle
School

Regions 7 & 8 –
Saturday, March 21st
@ YMCA Pabst Farms



Where to find Sport Information & Coaches Resource Page

- Where to find?
- What is on there?
- Can I contribute to the resources?

Questions on Navigating the Resource & Sport Pages?

Coaching Basketball - Questions

This is the point in the webinar that we are going to open the floor to help answer the most common questions we have had.

Basketball – Uniform Clarifications

- Team Basketball / 3-on-3 Basketball:
 - All players must be wearing identical uniforms.
 - Any undershirts and/or compression shorts, must be; black, white, beige or the same color as the jersey. They may be short sleeved, tank top or long sleeve. They can be worn by some players, but they have to be identical. Any request for full length pants/tights will require a special needs form.
 - Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, must be; black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey. They can NOT be multi-colored. They can be worn by some players, but they have to be identical.

Basketball – Uniform Clarifications

- Basketball Skills:
 - Athletes must wear flat rubber sole athletic shoes.
 - Shirts may not have any logos (i.e. professional team logos)
 - Shorts or sweatpants are acceptable competition bottoms. **NO DENIM.**

Basketball – Absentee Advancement Form

- An Athlete Absentee form is required for any athlete that misses Regional event.
- In the rules it is stated that: "The team roster must remain the same for the two qualifying games, district and State competition."
- This form is designed for Unforeseen circumstances. Funeral, confirmed sickness etc. Vacations **do not** count as an unforeseen circumstance.
- This has to be submitted by the Monday following the event.

Basketball Skills - Reminder

Athletes who are 16 & older, must use a 10ft hoop. This includes wheelchair athletes. Athletes who are in the Junior category (8-15) can choose between 8ft & 10ft. Please make sure this is appropriately marked on the registration form:

Reminder: athlete to coaches/chaperone ratio is minimum of 4:1

	ATHLETE NAMES (ALPHABETICAL: LAST NAME, FIRST)	EVENT CODE	*QUALIFYING SCORE	LEVEL 1 AGE – 15 OR UNDER	LEVEL 1 HOOP HEIGHT**	LEVEL 1 BALL SIZE MEN/WOMEN**	LEVEL 1 10M DRIBBLE OR SPEED DRIBBLE	LEVEL 2 BOUNCE OR CHEST PASS
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2.								
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Submitted Question #1

What are the rules for Full Court Press?

Team Basketball - Pressing

- Pressing is allowed in Team Basketball. Officials are not able to punish teams that press as it is in the rules of Basketball.
- However, SOWI encourages teams to not full court press when one team has a significant scoring lead, or for some lower level teams.
- It is advised to discuss with the opposing teams coach before the game if you intend to initiate a full court press or not.

Submitted Question #2

- Can you clarify how many feet need to go over the line in the Basketball Skills event – Catch & Move?
 - Only one foot is required to cross the line.

Open floor Questions?

Coaching Swimming - Questions

This is the point in the webinar that we are going to open the floor to help answer the most common questions we have had.

Swimming Question / Reminder

- When filling out the registration form for Swimming, please remember to check the box indicating if the pool is measured in Meter or Yards, located on Page 2:

These times were taken in a pool with length measured in (check one) Meters Yards

*Use best performance for the qualifying time

MAXIMUM: FOUR EVENTS • 2 INDIVIDUAL & 2 RELAY	CHECK FOR WATER START	1ST EVENT	*QUALIFYING TIME	2ND EVENT	*QUALIFYING TIME	1ST RELAY	*QUALIFYING TIME	2ND RELAY	*QUALIFYING TIME
		EVENT CODE	MIN: SEC. 1/10	EVENT CODE	MIN: SEC. 1/10	EVENT CODE	MIN: SEC. 1/10	EVENT CODE	MIN: SEC. 1/10
ATHLETE NAME (ALPHABETICAL: LAST NAME, FIRST)						RELAY TEAM NAME (15 CHAR. MAX)		RELAY TEAM NAME (15 CHAR. MAX)	
<i>Example, John</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SW100MF</i>	<i>0:49.3</i>	<i>SW200MF</i>	<i>1:25.1</i>	<i>SW4X1CMF</i>	<i>3:45.2</i>	<i>SW4X25MR</i>	<i>2:20.3</i>
						<i>R1. Wave Runners</i>		<i>R2. Dolphins</i>	

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REGIONAL, DISTRICT & SECTIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

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- Can you clarify the starting signal for swim events?
 - All events start with the Countdown of “Take your Mark” followed by the starting signal to indicate the beginning of the race. Athletes should NOT start on ‘1’. Athletes who false start are disqualified.

Submitted Question #2

- Does anyone have any advice over stroke or event selection for athletes?

Open floor Questions?

Thank You!
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Good Luck for the
season!