

# SUMMER GAMES



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COACHES HANDBOOK  
SUMMER GAMES 2026  
JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 2026

UW-WHITEWATER

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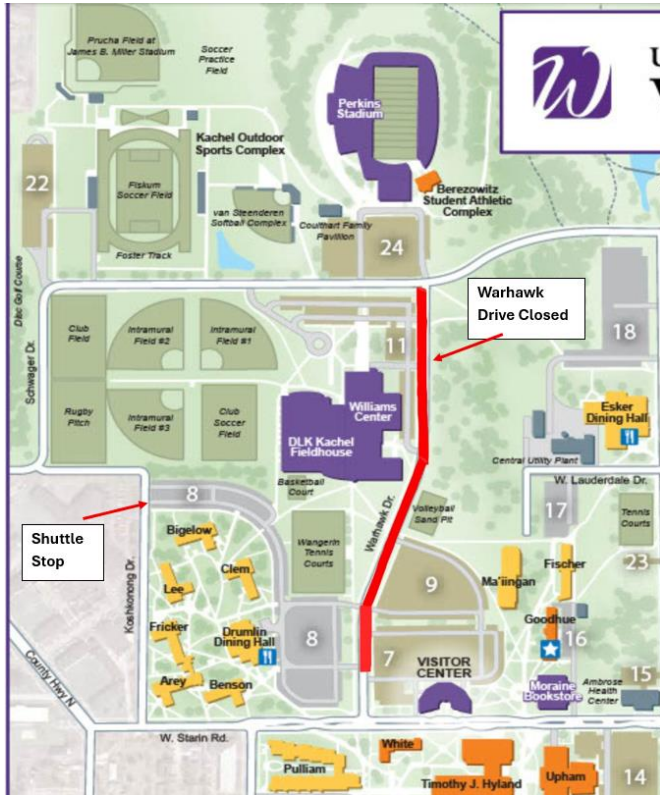
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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 4</b>		
2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Housing Check-in & Tournament Central	Williams Center Room 106
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Dinner	Drumlin Dining Hall
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Final Leg Torch Run	
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Parade Line-Up	Parking Lot 24
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Parade of Athletes	Perkins Stadium
7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Perkins Stadium
8:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Tournament Central – Late Check-in	Williams Center Room 106
11:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.	Quiet Hours	
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 5</b>		
6:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Drumlin Dining Hall
7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Tournament Central	Williams Center Room 106
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Competition – Cornhole	Kachel Fieldhouse
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Competition – Track & Field	Palmyra High School
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Special Smiles	Kachel Fieldhouse
9:30 a.m.-3:30 pm	Healthy Athletes: Opening Eyes	Williams Center- Volleyball Gym
9:30 a.m.-3:30 pm	Healthy Athletes: Strong Minds	Williams Center Room 183
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Remote Special Smiles	Palmyra High School (weather permitting)
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	HEAR Wisconsin Mobile Audiology Clinic	Next to Williams Center
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Victory Village	Kachel Fieldhouse
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Kachel Fieldhouse OR Palmyra High School
4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Drumlin Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Dance	Kachel Fieldhouse
11:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.	Quiet Hours	
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 6</b>		
6:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Drumlin Dining Hall
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Tournament Central	Williams Center Room 106
7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Competition – Powerlifting	Kachel Fieldhouse
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Competition – Track & Field	Palmyra High School
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Healthy Athletes: Fit Feet	Williams Center Room 183
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Pickup	Williams Center

*Note: Schedules are approximate times for events and activities. Subject to change due to the weather.*

## GETTING AROUND



### UW-WHITWATER CAMPUS MAP

*Competition – Cornhole:* Kachel Fieldhouse (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Competition – Powerlifting:* Kachel Fieldhouse (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Dance:* Kachel Fieldhouse (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – Health Promotions:* Williams Center, Room 183 (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – Opening Eyes:* Williams Center, volleyball gym (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – Special Smiles:* Kachel Fieldhouse (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Healthy Athletes – Fit Feet:* Williams Center, Room 183 (907 Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

*Opening Ceremony:* Perkins Stadium (910 W Schwager Dr, Whitewater, WI)

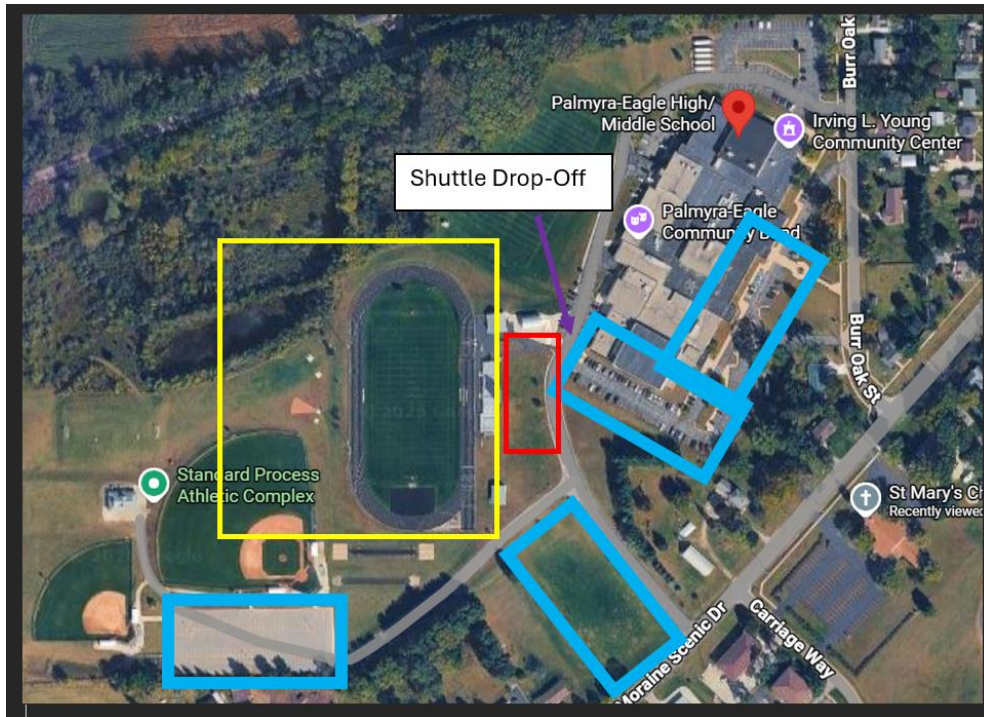
**\*Please park in Lots 7, 8, 11, 22 or 24.**

**\*\*Parking Lot 9 are closed due to the construction on Warhawk Drive**

## PALMYRA HIGH SCHOOL \*TRACK & FIELD ONLY\*

Shuttles will be provided to help shuttle athletes, coaches, chaperones and spectators to Palmyra High School from UW-Whitewater. The High School is a 15 minute drive from the Williams Center. The address for the High School is – 123 Burr Oak St, Palmyra, WI 53156

Here is an overview map of the High School.



Yellow – Track & Field Events

Blue – Parking lots

Purple – Shuttle Drop Off

Red – Special Smiles Remote Station \*Friday ONLY

## SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Special Olympics Wisconsin will provide ADA shuttles throughout high traffic times on campus. Priority will be given to athletes with physical limitations that require assistance moving across campus.

### Thursday, June 4 Schedule:

ADA shuttles will run on Thursday, June 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stops will include:

- Perkins Stadium (Opening Ceremonies)
- Fricker, Clem, Bigelow, and Benson (Housing)

### Friday, June 5 Schedule:

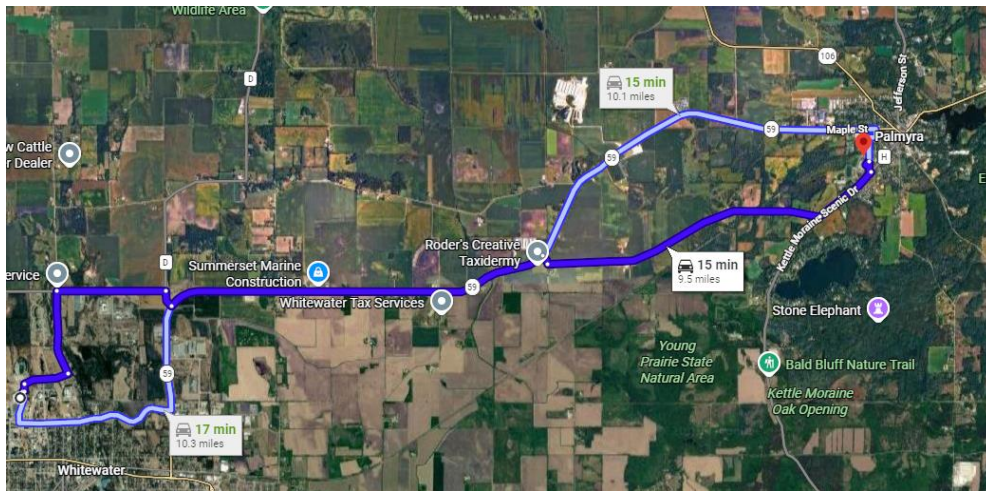
ADA shuttles will run on Friday, June 5 from 8:15am- 5:00pm. Stops will include:

- Fricker, Clem, Bigelow, and Benson (Housing)
- Palmyra High School

### Saturday, June 6 Schedule:

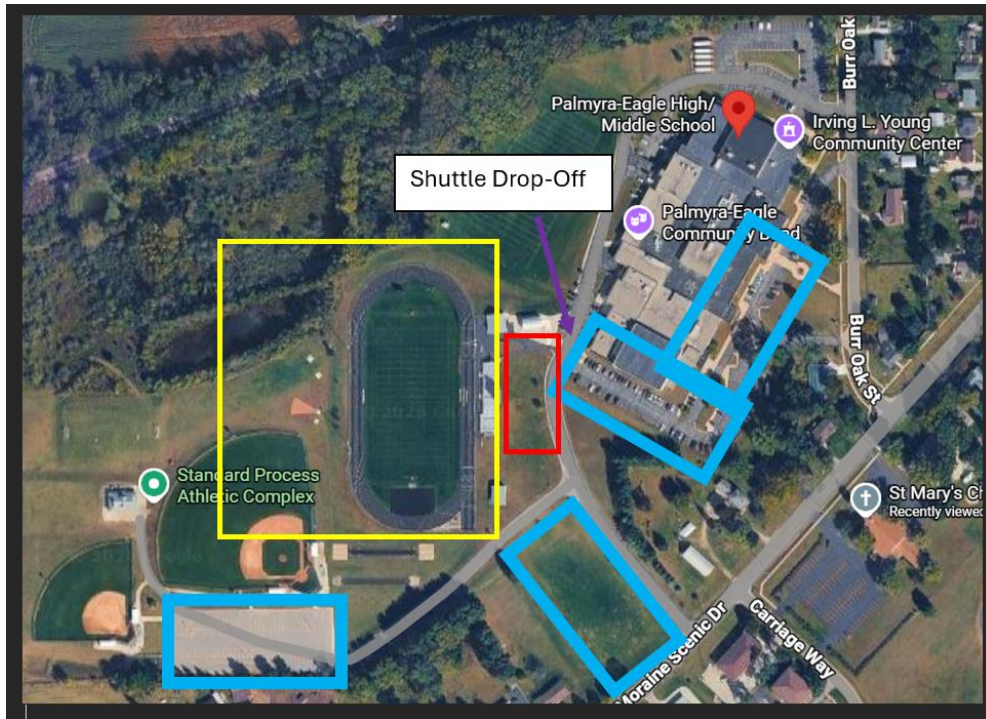
ADA shuttles will run on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stops will include:

- Palmyra High School
- Fricker, Clem, Bigelow, and Benson (Housing)





**PARKING - PALMYRA HIGH SCHOOL \*TRACK & FIELD ONLY\***



**Blue – Parking lots**

Yellow – Track & Field Events

Purple – Shuttle Drop Off

Red – Special Smiles Remote Station \*Friday ONLY

## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

### OPENING CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating more than 1,500 athletes competing at the 2026 State Summer Games. The Opening Ceremony will take place Thursday, June 4. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. in Perkins Stadium.

Preceding the Opening Ceremony will be the Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Participating law enforcement agencies will start at the Cravath Lakefront Park at 5:00 p.m. and follow a route towards Perkins Stadium for the Opening Ceremonies.

All athletes should be taken, with their Local Program banner, to the Parade of Athletes Lineup in Parking Lot 24 at 6:00 p.m. to line up for the parade. The Parade of Athletes will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Opening Ceremony will start at 7:15 p.m. Athletes will enter the track with their banner in order by Region.

In the case of inclement weather, the Opening Ceremony will be held indoors at the Kachel Fieldhouse on the first floor of the Williams Center beginning at 7:15 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited and attendance is optional.

### 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 during registration at Tournament Central. No changes or additions will be made at competition sites.

#### 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 Special Olympics competitions or Opening Ceremony.



**ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD)**

**Venue**

All Track & Field competition will take place at the Palmyra High School (123 Burr Oak St, Palmyra, WI 53156)

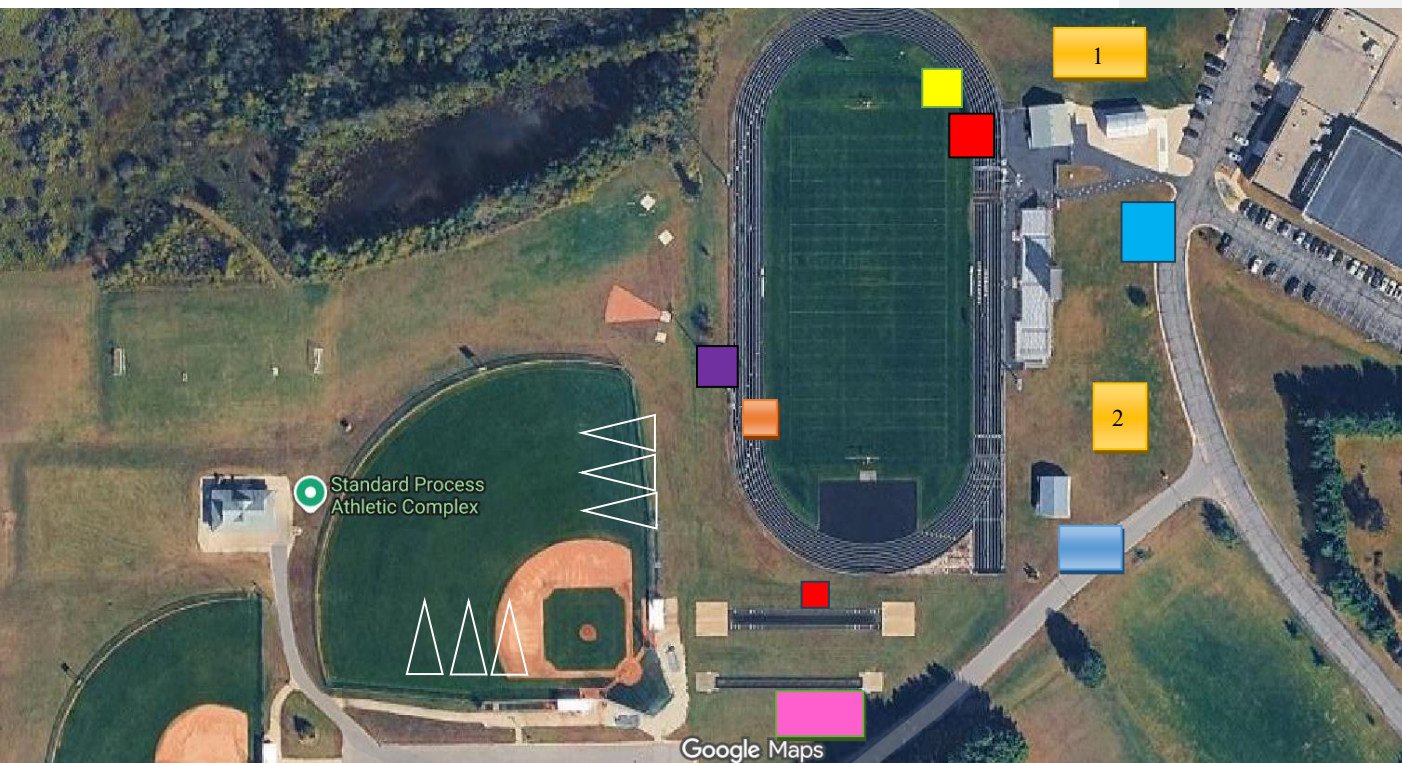
**Friday Start Time – 9:30am**

**Saturday Start Time – 9am**

<b>Friday, June 5th</b>					
Time	Blue Staging Awards 1 Tent	Orange Staging Awards 2 Tent	Pink Staging Awards 2 Tent	Awards 2 Tent Open Pit Awards Schedule	Time
9:30 AM	3000m Run	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM		9:30 AM
9:45 AM		Standing Long Jump - Female 59 athletes	Softball Throw - Male		9:45 AM
10:00 AM	200m Walk	Div 150-159	79 athletes		10:00 AM
10:15 AM			Div 197-208		10:15 AM
10:30 AM	All Wheelchair Events -				10:30 AM
10:45 AM	200m, 50m Motor, 30m				10:45 AM
11:00 AM	NM Slatom, 25m Motor	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	11:00 AM
	Obstacle, 25m NM, 100m	Running Long Jump	Softball Throw - Female	Standing Long Jump - Female Div 150-159	
	NM	58 athletes	81 athletes		11:15 AM
11:15 AM	4 X 100M Walking Relay	Div 176-184	Div 185-196		11:15 AM
11:25 AM	200M Run – Female				11:25 AM
11:30 AM					11:30 AM
11:45 AM	200M Run – Male			11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	11:45 AM
12:00 PM		12:00 PM		Softball Throw - Male	12:00 PM
12:15 PM		WCH Shot Put Div 242		Div 197-208	12:15 PM
<b>COMPETITION BREAK</b>					
				1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	1:15 PM
1:30 PM	800M Run		1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Softball Throw - Female	1:30 PM
1:45 PM			Mini Jav - Female	Div 185-196	1:45 PM
2:00 PM	800M Walk	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Mini Jav- Male 8-15	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	2:00 PM
2:15 PM		Standing Long Jump - Male	92 athletes	Running Long Jump	2:15 PM
2:25 PM		107 athletes	Div 209-224	Div 176-184	2:25 PM
2:30 PM	100M Walk – Female	Div 160-175			2:30 PM
2:45 PM					2:45 PM
2:55 PM	100M Walk – Male		2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	2:55 PM
3:00 PM			Mini Jav Male 16+	Mini Jav Female & Male 8-15	3:00 PM
3:15 PM	25M Walk		117 athletes	Div 209-224	3:15 PM
3:25 PM	400M Run		Div 225-241		3:25 PM
3:30 PM				3:30 PM - 4:20 PM	3:30 PM
3:45 PM				Standing Long Jump-Male	3:45 PM
3:50 PM	400M Walk			Div 160-175	3:50 PM
4:00 PM					4:00 PM
4:20 PM	4 x 200M Relay			4:20 PM - 5:00 PM	4:20 PM
4:30 PM				Mini Jav - Male 16+	4:30 PM
4:45 PM				Div 225-241	4:45 PM
5:00 PM					5:00 PM

**Saturday, June 6th**

Time	Blue Staging Awards 1 Tent	Orange Staging Awards 2 Tent	Pink Staging Awards 2 Tent	Awards 2 Tent Open Pit Awards Schedule	Time	
9:00 AM	1500M Walk				9:00 AM	
9:30 AM	1500M Run				9:30 AM	
9:45 AM		50M Run – Female	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Shot Put – Male 91 athletes Div 243-255		9:45 AM	
10:00 AM	100M Run – Female 8-15			50M Run – Female	10:00 AM	
10:15 AM	100M Run - Female 16-21	50M Run – Male				10:15 AM
10:30 AM	100M Run - Female 22-29			50M Run- Male		10:30 AM
10:45 AM	100M Run - Female 30+					10:45 AM
11:00 AM					11:00 AM	
11:15 AM	100M Run – Male 8-15		11:15 AM - 12:30 PM Shot Put – Female 54 athletes Div 256-263	Shot Put Male Div 243-255	11:15 AM	
11:30 AM	100M Run - Male 16-21				11:30 AM	
11:45 AM	100M Run - Male 22-29				11:45 AM	
12:00 PM	100M Run - Male 30+			Shot Put Female Div 256-263	12:00 PM	
12:15 PM					12:15 PM	
12:30 PM	4x100M Relay				12:30 PM	
12:45 PM	4x100M Unified Relay				12:45 PM	



#### Competition Information

- WHCH indicates a wheelchair event.
- For events with few competitors, and with all relay events, age and gender groups may be combined to create competition. A “+” after an age signifies all who are that age and older.
- Relay teams must present its official entry relay card to stagers upon arrival at the tent.
- All track and field events will receive awards following the completion of all divisions in that specific event at the designated award time.

#### Staging

Coaches are responsible to bring their athletes to the appropriate staging area when the event, division, or athlete name is called. Staging tents will be marked by colored feather banners. Athletes will arrive to the staging area and be seated until it is time for them to compete. At that time, escorts will lead them to the event area. If an athlete is announced to be staged and is in competition, the coach must report the status of the athlete to the appropriate staging area. Competition should take priority over awards.

*Wheelchair races will begin on Friday at 9:30 a.m. on the East Side of the track. Athlete staging will take place at the Northwest corner entry to the track (Blue Staging). Awards for wheelchair races will be presented in Awards Tent 1.*

### Awards

Awards for track events will be given at the end of competition for each division in either Awards 1 Tent or Awards 2 Tent. Participants are NOT expected to stay in the venue until awards are presented. If an athlete misses their awards presentation with their division, it will be presented to them and announced when they are available.

*Times are approximate. Events may start early if running ahead of schedule.*



#### **CORNHOLE Venue**

All Cornhole competition will take place in the Kachel Fieldhouse inside the Williams Center at UW-Whitewater.

### Competition Information

Friday, June 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. -- Coaches Meeting

9:00 a.m. -- Level 1 (Courts 1-18) and Unified (Courts 19-22) Competition Begins

1:00 p.m. -- Developmental (Courts 1-8) and Level 2 (Courts 13-22) Competition Begins

- Courts will be pre-assigned for each match.
- There will be a coaches meeting at 8:30am on Friday.

### Awards

All Cornhole awards will take place at the Awards Stage inside Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center following the completion of each division.



#### **POWERLIFTING**

##### **Venue**

All Powerlifting competition will take place in the Kachel Fieldhouse inside the Williams Center at UW-Whitewater.

### Competition Information

Saturday, June 6, 2026

7:30 a.m. -- Participants report for weigh-in

8:00 a.m. -- Equipment Check

9:00 a.m. -- Coaches Meeting

9:30 a.m. -- Competition Begins (lift order – Squat, Bench Press, Dead Lift)

### Awards

Awards will be presented for all events at the end of competition. Athletes in the Combined Events will have their totals from the Squat Lift, Bench Press, and Dead Lift added together (no extra lifting).

## Special Olympics Wisconsin State Summer Games Healthy Athletes

When athletes are in their best physical health, they train and compete at their highest level. Healthy Athlete disciplines 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. Check out the 4 Healthy Athlete disciplines offered at Summer Games!



**Special Smiles:** 5-15 minutes (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:** Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm (weather permitting remote screening by track from 10:30am-2:30pm)

**Where:** Fieldhouse (Cornhole Competition), Williams Center, UW Whitewater



**Opening Eyes:** 60-75 minutes (not including wait times). Opening Eyes (sponsored by Lions Club International Foundation) performs vision evaluations and dispenses *free glasses* to those athletes who are in need. For athletes that do not need prescription glasses, they receive a pair of designer sunglasses. Walk-ins are welcome!

**When:** Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Where:** Volleyball Gym, Williams Center, UW Whitewater



**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:** Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Where:** Room 183, Williams Center, UW Whitewater



The **HEAR WI Mobile Audiology Clinic (MAC)** will be available for free hearing screenings! Athletes, coaches, family and friends stop by to receive a free hearing screen. HEAR WI staff are also available for hearing aid checks/cleaning.

**When:** Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

**Where:** MAC will be parked next to the Williams Center in the cul-de-sac



**Fit Feet:** 15-30 minutes (not including wait times). Fit Feet screens the medical wellness of athlete's feet. Education on foot and nail care will be provided by podiatrists and podiatry students. Socks in a variety of men's and woman's sizes will be given away to athletes that attend Fit Feet (provided their size is in stock) and no tie shoelaces (while supplies last). We also have orthotics available for those athletes in need. Stop by the Fit Feet venue to take advantage of this fantastic service!

**When:** Saturday 9:30am to 1:00pm

**Where:** Room 183 Williams Center, UW Whitewater

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**MERCHANDISE/SOUVENIRS**

Get your official Special Olympics Wisconsin gear and check out the great selection of exciting souvenirs including t-shirts and other collectibles.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday, June 5	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kachel Fieldhouse
Saturday, June 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Kachel Fieldhouse

**CONCESSIONS**

Details to come...

**VICTORY DANCE**

Dress up for 'Party in the USA' themed Victory Dance featuring a local DJ. Friday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Kachel Fieldhouse. No dress shoes or high heels allowed – sneakers encouraged.

**VICTORY VILLAGE**

Victory Village will be located inside Kachel Fieldhouse on Friday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The village will feature a variety of vendors with activities, giveaways, and information for athletes, coaches, families, and fans.

## **STAYING SAFE**

### **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.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

An emergency medical team will be located in the dorms and competition sites. Medical personnel will be wearing red shirts or red volunteer 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.

Medical Cell Phone Numbers:

Dr. Michael Clark: (715) 218-5774

### **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 Summer Games.

Please contact Danny Kuklinski at 262-518-9232 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 & COMPETITION WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLANS**

The Games Management Team monitors weather conditions with assistance from the National Weather Service. In case of severe weather, make your way to the nearest building as quickly as possible. Any lost or separated athletes should be brought to Tournament Central.

#### Plan A

If weather is severe enough, GMT will delay competition. In the event the decision to clear outdoor games areas is made, all athletes and chaperones should proceed to the nearest building – either their assigned residence halls or inside the Williams Center. The gym at Palmyra High School will be used as the inside space. The announcement to clear outdoor games areas or shelter will be made on all the public address systems.

If delayed, events will be delayed and restarted from the stop point as long as conditions improve. If event delay lasts longer than two hours, Plan B will go into effect.

#### Plan B

Significant delays due to weather may cause delays, modifications, or cancellation of some competitions. Rescheduling of any canceled events would be on a sport-by-sport basis.

- Athletics: Competition will be delayed and later resumed as weather permits. The sport coordinator may reschedule or cancel events to finish within a reasonable span of time. No indoor plan will be available for athletics.
- Cornhole: Competition will continue as planned unless severe weather necessitates evacuation into the Fieldhouse. Competition will be suspended until evacuation orders have lifted. The sport coordinator may reschedule, modify, or cancel events to finish within a reasonable span of time.
- Powerlifting: Competition will continue as planned unless severe weather necessitates evacuation into the Fieldhouse. Competition will be suspended until evacuation orders have lifted. The sport coordinator may reschedule, modify, or cancel events to finish within a reasonable span of time.
- If Plan B is implemented, weather updated schedule changes will be posted at Tournament Central. If necessary, a coaches meeting will be held on Friday evening to discuss schedule changes.

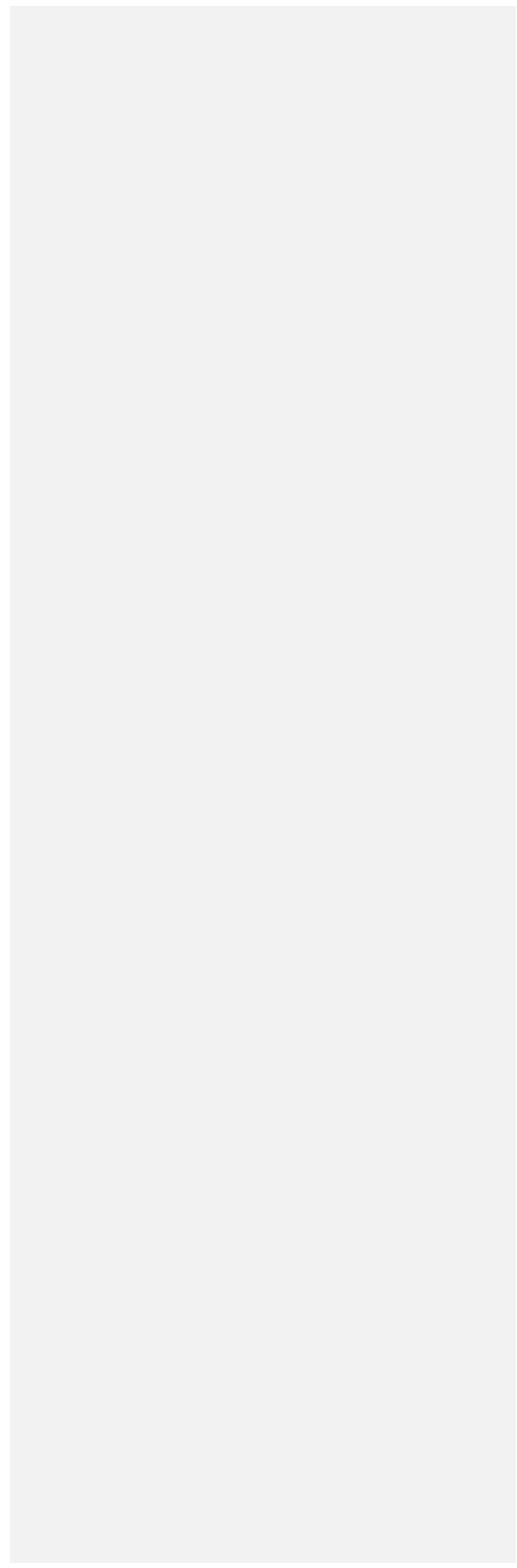
The following weather conditions will merit the indicated actions:

- Rain: No evacuation
- Severe Thunderstorm Watch: activities continue and weather is closely monitored
- Severe Thunderstorm Imminent: Evacuate to shelters when storm is 30 minutes away
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Evacuate to shelters upon issue of warning
- Tornado Watch: activities continue and weather is closely monitored
- Tornado Warning: Evacuate to shelters upon issue of warning

#### Shelter Locations:

Do not seek shelter in tents! All athletes and chaperones should proceed to the nearest building for shelter – either their assigned residence halls or inside the Williams Center or Palmyra Gym. After an “all clear” signal from local weather officials, the shelter areas will be secured and normal activities resumed, if possible.





**SATURDAY LUNCH**

Saturday's lunch is available only to delegates registered for Plan C, Plan F, or those who registered and paid for the meal add-on with their registration form. The lunch distribution will begin at 11:00 am in Williams Center or Palmyra High School, both at the respective Tournament Central locations.

## HOUSING

### Benson

1008 West Starin Road  
Whitewater, WI 53190

### Bigelow

441 Koshkonong Drive  
Whitewater, WI 53190

### Clem

444 Warhawk Drive  
Whitewater, WI 53190

### Fricker

423 Koshkonong Drive  
Whitewater, WI 53190

Housing Assignments: Coaches are responsible for individual room assignments to be turned in with state registration forms at the registration deadline. Minors and adults cannot room together. Males and females cannot room together. Coaches and athletes cannot room together.

**Housing Check-in:** All housing check-in will take place at Tournament Central - Williams Center Room 106.

- Housing Check-in Hours:
  - Thursday, June 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Friday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Keys will be handed out at Tournament Central upon check in. All keys must be turned into the locked key box in your building upon check-out. Lost keys will result in a **\$50 fee.**
- Due to new Whitewater policy, dorms are required to be locked down 24/7. Each Local Program will receive 1 to 2 access cards for their dorm building, that **MUST** remain with Local Program Manager or coach throughout the event.
- Sheets and towels are furnished. Each bed will have either a blanket or a bedspread. If you feel you need another blanket, bring one. **There will be no pillows provided. If you feel you need a pillow, bring one.**
- If you have an athlete that is a chronic bed wetter, you must bring your own plastic sheets. The local program will be charged for a ruined mattress. Remember to bring your own towels, toilet articles and other personal items. Please label everything with the athlete's name and Local Program number.

**Housing Check-out:** Programs will self-check-out of your rooms. All rooms must be cleared by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. Programs will receive a return envelope with keys for check-out. Keys must be returned to tournament central upon check-out. The following procedure should be followed:

- Remove all personal items from each room. Please double-check rooms for items left behind.
- All linens need to be brought from each room to the main lobby in your hall. Dirty linen bins will be located in the lobby. The Local Program will be charged for any missing articles.
- Lost key charges (\$50) will be billed to the Local Program responsible.

## **SAFETY AND FIRE PROCEDURES**

### **If you discover a fire:**

1. Activate the nearest fire alarm. Take appropriate precautions to ensure your personal safety.
2. Evacuate the building by the nearest safe exit.
3. Call the fire department at 911. Give your name and the exact location of the fire (building, floor, room). Stay on the phone until released by the emergency operator.
4. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.
5. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 500 feet away from the affected building. Continue to follow the directions of fire, police and residence hall personnel. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
6. Do NOT RETURN TO AN EVACUATED BUILDING unless authorized by an official from the fire department.

### **Building Evacuation for Individuals with Disabilities:**

1. Remain calm. Go to the nearest exit or preferred area of rescue to await the arrival of emergency personnel, police, or the fire department.
2. Call 911. Give your name and the exact location of where you are (building, floor, and room).

### **If you can leave your room:**

1. Take a wet cloth for your face to aid in breathing if you run into smoke.
2. Close the door behind you and take your keys.
3. Proceed to the nearest exit. If the exit is blocked with smoke or fire, proceed to another exit. Keep low to the ground if smoke is present. Cover face with wet cloth and take short breaths.

## COACH AND CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Coaches and chaperones coming to State 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 [dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:dkuklinski@specialolympicswisconsin.org) 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-Whitewater 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 Summer 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. Submit complaints at Tournament Central during the event, or to Mark Wolfram at [MWolfram@SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org](mailto:MWolfram@SpecialOlympicsWisconsin.org) after the event.

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 2026 GAMES MANAGEMENT TEAM

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### 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.

### EVENT EVALUATION

Special Olympics Wisconsin invites all event attendees to complete an event evaluation. Please complete one (1) evaluation per person attending the games. Providing feedback and additional comments will help Special Olympics Wisconsin continue to improve Tournaments and Games in the future.



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

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

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

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