

2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

Section 2

Sport Specific Information



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Area Basketball

State Basketball



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

- All rules will be the same for Area and State.
- Area participation is required to be eligible for participation at state.

Northeast Area Basketball Tournament

Date: February 13, 2026

Location: Hamlin High School, Hayti

Time: 8:30 am

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2026

Send registration to State Office

Black Hills Area Basketball Tournament

Date: February 14, 2026

Location: Central High School, Rapid City

Time: 9:00 am

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2026

Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman

Southeast Area Basketball Tournament

Date: February 28, 2026

Location: Harrisburg High School

Time: 9:00 am

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2026

Send registration to State Office

State Basketball Tournament

Date: March 28 & 29, 2026

Location: Various Gyms, Mitchell

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2026

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 28 & 29, 2026
Mitchell

EVENTS OFFERED:

- Team Basketball
- Unified Team Basketball
- Individual Basketball Skills Contest
- Team Basketball Skills Contest
- Cheer Competition
- 3x3 Half - Court Basketball Traditional (3 athletes vs. 3 athletes)
- 3x3 Half - Court Basketball Unified (2 athletes/1 unified partner vs. 2 athletes/ 1 unified partner)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Participate in Area Basketball Tournament

ELIGIBILITY:

Any South Dakota school/agency that can field a team of 5-15 (**15 maximum**) Special Olympics athletes is eligible to participate in the State Basketball Tournament. There is no limit to the number of teams a school/agency may enter in the tournament. If you cannot field a team due to insufficient numbers, you can combine with another school/agency, subject to approval from the State Office. ***Participation in your Area Tournament is required.***

DIVISIONING:

- A team's division is determined by the oldest person on that team. Age Divisions: Senior 22 years & older / Schoolers 16 – 21 years / Junior 8 – 15 years
- Male and Coed will compete together

MEALS:

The following meals will be provided for all registered Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones: Saturday lunch and dinner / Sunday lunch.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

SPIRIT & SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

We would like to recognize those players who epitomize sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is the practice of playing fair, of accepting defeat without complaint or victory without gloating, treating opponents with respect, fairness, generosity, and courtesy. "Winning is for a day. Sportsmanship is for a lifetime."

Coaches will be asked to submit one player from each of their team(s) to be on the Spirit & Sportsmanship Team. From these nominees, one player from each division will be chosen to receive the Spirit & Sportsmanship Award. These players will be presented with a T-shirt during team awards.

BASKETBALL & BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Basketball Handbook”

Version: January 1, 2026

CHEER COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Cheer Handbook”

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA
2026 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *Tentative*
Mitchell**

Saturday, March 28

7:30 am – 8:15 am	Delegation Registration	TBD
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cheer Skills Clinic	TBD
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Tournament Games	TBD
10:00 am	Basketball Skills Contest	TBD
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Souvenirs Available	TBD
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided*	
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Shift #1 5:00p / Shift #2 5:30p / Shift #3 6:00p	TBD
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Athlete Leadership Council Meeting	TBD
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dance	TBD

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am	Tournament Games Continue	TBD
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Souvenirs Available	TBD
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided*	

Awards will be distributed following the completion of each division at your competition site.

*Meals will be provided for registered athletes, coaches and chaperones only

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS STATE & AREA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State & Area Basketball Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **State & Area Basketball Form 2: Basketball Team Registration and Roster**
 3. **State & Area Basketball Form 3: Cheer Registration and Roster**
 4. **State & Area Basketball Form 4: Individual Basketball Skills Contest Reg**
All requested information is required for athletes participating in the skills contest.
 5. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**
Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
 6. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**
A number of minimum training hours have been established for each sport. Please be sure your athletes have met these training requirements.
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These forms must be up-to-date at the State Office. Forms can be found at www.sosd.org under the "Competition" Tab

Form A: US Athlete Registration Form

This 4 page document must be completed annually for every athlete who is competing in Special Olympics South Dakota. A copy should be: 1. Kept on-file by the delegation 2. Submitted to the State Office.

Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

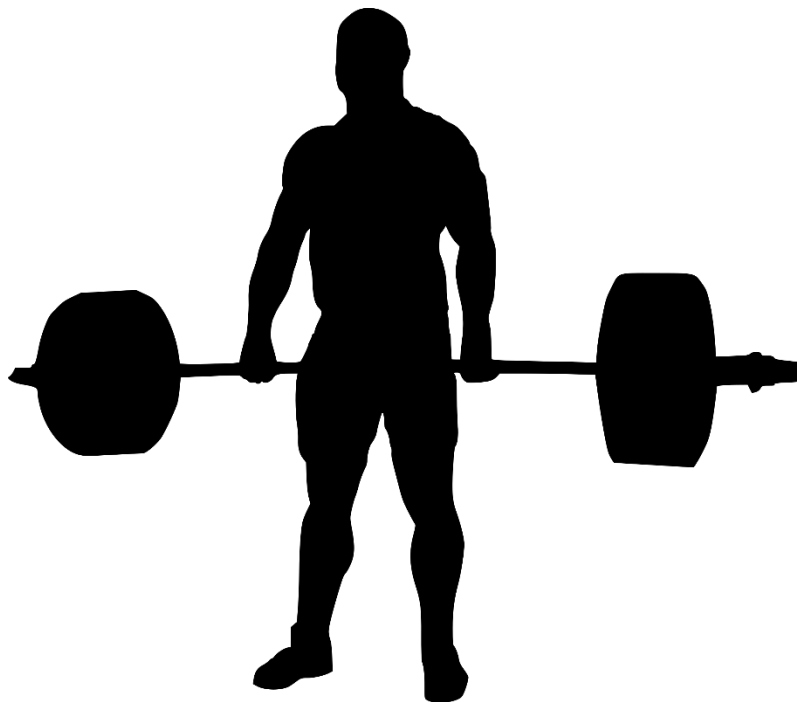
This form must be completed by all new Volunteers and Unified Partners in advance of their initial event so the background check can be completed and cleared. Thereafter, it must be re-submitted every 3 years.

All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. See individual forms for further submission instructions.

You will receive registration confirmation and Tournament/Competition updates by Email. Please check often.

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State Powerlifting



STATE POWERLIFTING COMPETITION

March 7, 2026
Brookings

EVENTS OFFERED:

- Squat
- Bench
- Deadlift
- Double Combination
- Triple Combination

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Submit registration by February 2, 2026

DIVISIONING:

- Male Levels: 111lb, 130lb, 145.5lb, 163lb, 183lb, 205lb, 231lb, 264.5lb, 264.5lb+
- Female Levels: 95.75lb, 103lb, 114.5lb, 125.5lb, 139lb, 158.5lb, 185lb, 185.25lb+

MEALS:

TBD

AWARDS:

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POWERLIFTING COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Powerlifting Handbook”

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA
2026 STATE POWERLIFTING COMPETITION
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *Tentative*
Brookings**

Date: Saturday, March 7

Location: Miller Wellness Center 1440 N Campus Dr. (SDSU Campus)

8:00 am	Delegation Registration	Miller Wellness Center
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Weigh-ins & Rack Heights	Miller Wellness Center
9:00 am	Competition Begins	Miller Wellness Center

- NOTE:
- Park in the main parking lot NE of the Miller Wellness Center. Overflow parking available at the Dana J Dykhouse Stadium.
 - ALL athletes must be available for the 8:00 am weigh-in, regardless of your lifting session.
 - The warm-up area will be shared with the public.
 - Concessions will not be available.
 - Athletes will be judged critically. Pay attention to depth on lifts.

Awards will follow the completion of all lifts. Competition will be a rolling schedule

*Lunch will be provided for registered athletes, coaches and chaperones only

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

STATE POWERLIFTING COMPETITION

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State Powerlifting Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **State Powerlifting Form 2: Athlete Event Registration**
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Area Athletics

Area Swimming

State Summer Games



AREA ATHLETICS & SWIMMING COMPETITION

	Athletics	Swimming
Northeast Area	May 1, 2026 Location: High School Track, Milbank Time: 8:00 am-3:30 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to State Office	April 24, 2026 Location: Prairie Lakes Wellness Center, Watertown Time: 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to State Office
Southeast Area	April 25, 2026 Location: Brandon High School, Brandon Time: 8:00 am-3:30 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to State Office	April 24, 2026 Location: Midco Aquatics Center, Sioux Falls Time: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to State Office
Black Hills Area	April 24, 2026 Location: Sioux Park, Rapid City Time: 8:30 am-4:00 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman	May 2, 2026 Location: Young Center, Spearfish Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman
Central Area	TBD Location: TBD Time: 1:00 pm-3:30 pm Registration Deadline: April 8, 2026 Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman	
Area Specific Information LODGING: Should not be necessary but this is not provided. MEALS: Lunch is typically provided at Area track meets. AWARDS: Ribbons will be awarded for all places in all events. EVENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All events within the sports offered at Area Athletics & Swimming are the same offered at State. All rules are the same for Area and State. • The following sports are offered only at State: Cornhole (demonstration), Team Soccer, Soccer Skills, Volleyball, and Volleyball Skills. • Area participation is required to be eligible for participation at state. 		
State Summer Games Date: May 14-16, 2026 Location: Black Hills State University, Spearfish Registration Deadlines: April 8, 2026 Registration Fee: There could potentially be a small fee assessed for staying in the dorms. This is yet to be determined.		

2026 Southeast Area Athletics

Tentative Schedule of Events

Location: Brandon High School, Brandon

Schedule: 8 - 8:30 am Delegation Registration
 8:30 am Line up for Opening Ceremony
 8:45 am Opening Ceremony

9:00 am	Male & Female 3000 M Run	12:15 pm	Male & Female 1500 M Run
	Female 100 M Dash		Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom
	Female 100 M Wheelchair		Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay
	Male & Female 50 M Assisted Walk	12:30 pm	Female Softball Throw
	Female 50 M Walk		Female Tennis Ball Throw
	Female 50 M Dash		Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP
	Female 200M Dash		Female Shot Put
	Female 200M Wheelchair		Female Mini Jav
	Female 800M Run	12:45 pm	Male 400 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk		Male 100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair		Pentathlon-100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M MATP Race		Male 100 M Wheelchair
	Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk		Male 50 M Walk
	Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair		Male 50 M Dash
	Male & Female 25 M MATP Race		Male 200 M Dash
	Female 400 M Dash		Male 200 M Wheelchair
9:00 am	Male Softball Throw		Male 800 M Run
	Male Tennis Ball Throw		Pentathlon-800 M Dash
	Male Shot Put		Female 4 X 100 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Shot Put		Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Mini Jav		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay
10:00 am	Male Standing Long Jump		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Running Long Jump		Female 4 X 400 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Long Jump		Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay
11:00 am	Male High Jump	1:30 pm	Female Standing Long Jump
	Pentathlon-High Jump		Female Running Long Jump
	Female High Jump		
11:45 pm	Lunch		

- This is a rolling schedule, i.e. times are an ESTIMATE. As soon as one event is over the next event will begin even if ahead of schedule.
- We anticipate there could be some of these events in which there are no participants. You will be made aware of these once registrations are processed.
- A minimum of 3 athletes must be registered for the Pentathlon for it to be contested.

2026 Black Hills Area Athletics

Tentative Schedule of Events

Location:	Sioux Park, Rapid City	
Schedule:	8 - 8:30 am	Delegation Registration
	8:30 am	Line up for Opening Ceremony
	8:45 am	Opening Ceremony
9:00 am	Male & Female 3000 M Run	12:15 pm Male & Female 1500 M Run
	Female 100 M Dash	Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom
	Female 100 M Wheelchair	Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay
	Male & Female 50 M Assisted Walk	12:30 pm Female Softball Throw
	Female 50 M Walk	Female Tennis Ball Throw
	Female 50 M Dash	Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP
	Female 200M Dash	Female Shot Put
	Female 200M Wheelchair	Female Mini Jav
	Female 800M Run	12:45 pm Male 400 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk	Male 100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair	Pentathlon-100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M MATP Race	Male 100 M Wheelchair
	Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk	Male 50 M Walk
	Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair	Male 50 M Dash
	Male & Female 25 M MATP Race	Male 200 M Dash
	Female 400 M Dash	Male 200 M Wheelchair
9:00 am	Male Softball Throw	Male 800 M Run
	Male Tennis Ball Throw	Pentathlon-800 M Dash
	Male Shot Put	Female 4 X 100 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Shot Put	Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Mini Jav	Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay
10:00 am	Male Standing Long Jump	Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Running Long Jump	Female 4 X 400 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Long Jump	Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay
11:00 am	Male High Jump	1:30 pm Female Standing Long Jump
	Pentathlon-High Jump	Female Running Long Jump
	Female High Jump	
11:45 pm	Lunch	

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- A minimum of 3 athletes must be registered for the Pentathlon for it to be contested.

2026 Northeast Area Athletics

Tentative Schedule of Events

Location:	High School - Milbank		
Schedule:	8 - 8:30 am	Delegation Registration	
	8:30 am	Line up for Opening Ceremony	
	8:45 am	Opening Ceremony	
9:00 am	Male & Female 3000 M Run	12:15 pm	Male & Female 1500 M Run
	Female 100 M Dash *		Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom
	Female 100 M Wheelchair		Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay
	Male & Female 50 M Assisted Walk	12:30 pm	Female Softball Throw
	Female 50 M Walk		Female Tennis Ball Throw
	Female 50 M Dash		Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP
	Female 200M Dash		Female Shot Put
	Female 200M Wheelchair		Female Mini Jav
	Female 800M Run	12:45 pm	Male 400 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk		Male 100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair		Pentathlon-100 M Dash
	Male & Female 10 M MATP Race		Male 100 M Wheelchair
	Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk		Male 50 M Walk
	Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair		Male 50 M Dash
	Male & Female 25 M MATP Race		Male 200 M Dash
	Female 400 M Dash		Male 200 M Wheelchair
9:00 am	Male Softball Throw		Male 800 M Run
	Male Tennis Ball Throw		Pentathlon-800 M Dash
	Male Shot Put		Female 4 X 100 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Shot Put		Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Mini Jav		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay
10:00 am	Male Standing Long Jump		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male Running Long Jump		Female 4 X 400 M Relay
	Pentathlon-Long Jump		Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay
11:00 am	Male High Jump	1:30 pm	Female Standing Long Jump
	Pentathlon-High Jump		Female Running Long Jump
	Female High Jump		
11:45 pm	Lunch		

- This is a rolling schedule, i.e. times are an ESTIMATE. As soon as one event is over the next event will begin even if ahead of schedule.
- We anticipate there could be some of these events in which there are no participants. You will be made aware of these once registrations are processed
- A minimum of 3 athletes must be registered for the Pentathlon for it to be contested.

2026 Central Area Athletics

Tentative Schedule of Events

Location: TBD

Schedule: 12 - 12:30 pm Delegation Registration
12:45 pm Opening Ceremony

1:00 pm	Female Softball Throw Male Softball Throw Female Tennis Ball Throw Male Tennis Ball Throw Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP Female Shot Put Male Shot Put * Female Mini Jav Male Mini Jav	2:00 pm	Female 50 M Walk Male 50 M Walk Female 50 M Dash Male 50 M Dash Male & Female 50 M Assisted Walk
1:30 pm	Female Running Long Jump Male Running Long Jump * Female Standing Long Jump Male Standing Long Jump Female High Jump Male High Jump *	2:30 pm	Female 100 M Wheelchair Male 100 M Wheelchair Female 100 M Dash Male 100 M Dash * Male 200 M Wheelchair Female 200M Wheelchair Female 200M Dash Male 200 M Dash Female 400 M Dash Male 400 M Dash
2:00 pm	Male & Female 3000 M Run Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair Male & Female 10 M MATP Race Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair Male & Female 25 M MATP Race Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom Male & Female 1500 M Run	3:00 pm	Female 800M Run Male 800 M Run * Female 4 X 100 M Relay Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay Female 4 X 400 M Relay Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay

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- We anticipate there could be some of these events in which there are no participants. You will be made aware of this once registrations are processed.

2026 Southeast Area Swimming Competition Tentative Schedule of Events

(subject to change based on registrations)

Location: Midco Aquatics Center, Sioux Falls

Schedule:	12:30 pm	Delegation Registration
	12:45 pm	Opening Ceremony
	4' 1:00 pm	15M Assisted Swim 15M Walk 15M MATP Walk 15M Flotation 15M Freestyle 15M MATP Swim 25M MATP Swim 25M Flotation 25M Assisted Swim Males in these events swim in 9' Pool Females in these events swim in 4' Pool
	1:00 pm	4 X 25 Meter Unified Relay 4 X 50 Meter Relay 4 X 25 Meter Relay 25M Freestyle 50M Freestyle 100M Freestyle 25M Backstroke 50M Backstroke 100M Backstroke 25M Butterfly 50M Butterfly 25M Breaststroke 50M Breaststroke 100M Individual Medley

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2026 Northeast Area Swimming Competition Tentative Schedule of Events

(subject to change based on registrations)

Location: Prairie Lakes Wellness Center, Watertown

Schedule: 12:15 pm Delegation Registration
12:45 pm Opening Ceremony
1:00 pm 15M MATP Swim
15M Assisted Swim
15M Walk
15M MATP Walk
15M Flotation
15M Freestyle
25M MATP Swim
25M Flotation
25M Assisted Swim
4 X 25 Meter Unified Relay
4 X 25 Meter Relay
4 X 50 Meter Relay
25M Freestyle
50M Freestyle
100M Freestyle
25M Backstroke
50M Backstroke
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2026 Black Hills Area Swimming Competition

Tentative Schedule of Events

(subject to change based on registrations)

Location: Young Center, Spearfish

Schedule:	8:00 am	Delegation Registration
	8:45 am	Opening Ceremony
	9:00 am	15M MATP Swim 15M Assisted Swim 15M Walk 15M MATP Walk 15M Flotation 15M Freestyle 25M MATP Swim 25M Flotation 25M Assisted Swim 4 X 25 Meter Unified Relay 4 X 25 Meter Relay 4 X 50 Meter Relay 25M Freestyle 50M Freestyle 100M Freestyle 25M Backstroke 50M Backstroke 100M Backstroke 25M Butterfly 50M Butterfly 25M Breaststroke 50M Breaststroke 100M Individual Medley

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2026 State Summer Games - Campus of BHSU – Spearfish

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 14, 2026

3:00p – 5:30p Delegation Registration
 6:00p Opening Ceremony
 7:00p – 9:00p Athlete Entertainment

Friday, May 15, 2026

6:30a – 8:30a	Delegation Breakfast	9:00a cont.	Volleyball Skills
8:00a – 2:00p	Delegation Registration	9:00a	Soccer Skills
8:00a – 1:30p	Volunteer Registration	9:00a	Swimming
9:00a – 4:00p	Healthy Athletes	11:00a – 1:00p	Delegation Lunch Pick-Up
9:00a – 4:00p	Souvenirs	1:00p	Team Volleyball
9:00a – 4:00p	Volunteer Hospitality	4:30p – 7:30p	Delegation Dinner
9:00a	Cornhole Tentative	5:30p	Athlete Leadership Council Meeting
9:00a	Team Soccer	7:30p – 9:00p	Dance

Saturday, May 16, 2026

6:30a – 8:30a	Delegation Breakfast	10:45a	Female 400 M Dash
7:30a – 1:30p	Volunteer Registration		Female 4 X 100 M Relay
8:00a – 9:00a	Delegation Registration		Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
9:00a – 2:00p	Souvenirs		Female 4 X 400 M Relay
9:00a – 2:00p	Volunteer Hospitality	11:00a – 1:00p	Lunch Available
7:45a	Male & Female 3000 M Run		
8:00a	Pentathlon – Shot Put	11:30a	Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom
	Male 30+ Shot Put		Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay
			Male & Female 1500 M Run
8:30a	Female 100 M Dash	12:30p	Male 100 M Dash
	Female 100 M Wheelchair		Pentathlon – 100 M Dash
	Female 800 M Run		Male 100 M Wheelchair
	Male & Female 50 M Assisted Walk		Male 800 M Run
	Female 50 M Dash		Pentathlon – 800 M Run
	Female 200 M Dash		Male 50 M Walk
	Female 200 M Wheelchair		Male 50 M Dash
8:45a	Pentathlon – Running Long Jump		Male 200 M Dash
			Male 200 M Wheelchair
9:00a	Male 8 – 15 Softball Throw		Male 400 M Dash
	Male 8 – 15 Tennis Ball Throw		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay
	Male 8 – 15 Shot Put		Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay
	Male 8 – 15 Mini Jav		Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay
	Male 16+ Standing Long Jump	1:00p	Female 8 – 15 Softball Throw
	Male 16+ Running Long Jump		Female 8 – 15 Tennis Ball Throw
10:15a	Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk		Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP
	Male & Female 10 M MATP Race		Female 8 – 15 Shot Put
	Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk		Female 8 – 15 Mini Jav
	Male & Female 25 M MATP Race		Female 16+ Standing Long Jump
	Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair		Female 16+ Running Long Jump
	Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair		Pentathlon – Female Running Long Jump
	Male 16+ Softball Throw	1:30p	Female High Jump
	Male 16+ Tennis Ball Throw		
	Male 16 – 29 Shot Put	2:00p	Female 16+ Softball Throw
	Male 16+ Mini Jav		Female 16+ Tennis Ball Throw
	Male 8 – 15 Standing Long Jump		Female 16+ Shot Put
	Male 8 – 15 Running Long Jump		Female 16+ Mini Jav
10:30a	Male High Jump		Female 8 – 15 Standing Long Jump
	Pentathlon – High Jump		Female 8 – 15 Running Long Jump

STATE SUMMER GAMES

May 14-16, 2026

Black Hills State University, Spearfish

EVENTS OFFERED AT STATE:

1. VOLLEYBALL:

1. Traditional Team (p.m.) 2. Unified Team (p.m.) 3. Skills (a.m.)

2. SWIMMING:

1. 50 M Freestyle 4. 100 M Backstroke 7. 50 M Breaststroke 10. 4 X 25 M Relay
2. 100 M Freestyle 5. 100 M Individual Medley 8. 4 X 25 M Unified Relay
3. 50 M Backstroke 6. 50 M Butterfly 9. 4 X 50 M Relay

The following events provide meaningful competition for athletes with lower ability levels:

11. 15 M Assisted Swim 15. 15 M MATP Swim 19. 25 M Freestyle
12. 15 M Walk 16. 15 M MATP Walk 20. 25 M Backstroke
13. 15 M Flotation 17. 25 M Flotation 21. 25 M Butterfly
14. 15 M Freestyle 18. 25 M Assisted Swim 22. 25 M Breaststroke
23. 25 M MATP Swim

3. SOCCER:

1. Individual Skills Contest 2. 5 A-side Team Soccer 3. Unified Team Soccer

4. ATHLETICS (Track & Field):

1. 100 M Dash 6. 3000 M Run 11. High Jump
2. 200 M Dash 7. 4 X 100 M Relay 12. Shot Put
3. 400 M Dash 8. 4 X 100 M Unified Relay 13. Mini Jav
4. 800 M Run 9. 4 X 400 M Relay 14. Pentathlon (100M, 800M, RLJ, High Jump and Shot Put)
5. 1500 M Run 10. Running Long Jump

The following events provide meaningful competition for athletes with lower ability levels:

15. 50 M Dash 18. 10 M MATP Race 21. 50 M Assisted Walk 24. Tennis Ball Throw MATP
16. 50 M Walk 19. 25 M Assisted Walk 22. Softball Throw 25. Standing Long Jump
17. 10 M Assisted Walk 20. 25 M MATP Race 23. Tennis Ball Throw

Wheelchair Events (Motorized and Non-Motorized)

25. 100 M Wheelchair Race 26. 200 M Wheelchair Race

The following events provide meaningful competition for wheelchair athletes with lower ability levels (Motorized and Non-Motorized):

27. 10 M Wheelchair Race 29. 30 M Wheelchair Slalom
28. 25 M Wheelchair Race 30. 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete mandatory training hours
- Participation in Area Spring Games

DISQUALIFICATION RULE:

- Any scores turned in that appear to be padded (sandbagging) in order to give an athlete an advantage in their particular division will be grounds for disqualification.
- Softball Throw - We would encourage athletes who can throw the softball more than 24.39m (80ft.) to advance to the Shot Put. This is not a requirement.
- All athletes participating in the State Games must participate in their Area Spring Games

MEALS: The following meals will be provided to all *registered* Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones: Friday breakfast, lunch and dinner / Saturday breakfast, lunch

LODGING: Campus housing is available to registered Athletes, Coaches, and Chaperones. There will be a minimal fee assessed at the conclusion of our event. The exact amount will be communicated before your stay.

LIMITS ON SPORTS AND EVENTS:

1. On Friday, certain sports are held simultaneously. Athletes cannot enter events that over-lap.
NOTE: Cornhole, Swimming and Team Soccer are all day events. In other words, if entered in Swimming, you will be unable to participate in any other event on Friday

<u>Friday Morning</u> Soccer Skills *Volleyball Skills	<u>Friday Afternoon</u> *Team Volleyball	<u>Friday All Day</u> Swimming Cornhole Soccer
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2. Athletes competing in Athletics are limited to 3 individual events and one relay, i.e. One field event, two running/wheelchair and a relay or two field events, one running/wheelchair event, and a relay.
3. Athletes competing in Swimming are limited to 3 individual events and one relay.
4. Athletes entered in MATP events are not eligible to participate in any other individual or relay event. Entering an MATP swim event does not mean you have to enter MATP track & field events and vice versa.
5. *Volleyball Athletes will be required to compete in Volleyball Skills in the morning and Team Volleyball in the afternoon.

DIVISIONING:

- Athletes are divided into competition divisions based upon their age, sex and ability.
- Athletes will compete against members of their own sex unless participating in a coed event or if numbers warrant combining equally skilled divisions.
- The number of divisions established will depend on the number of athletes entered and their ability levels.
- Divisions will typically consist of no less than 3 and never more than 8 athletes.
- Athletes entered in events without times/distances/scores recorded on their registration form will automatically be put in the top division for their age group.
- Age Groups: (Age is determined as on the first day of the games)

Individual Events:	1. 8-11	4. 22-29	Relays & Team Sports:	1. 15 and Under	Divisions may be combined or subdivided based on the number of registered athletes.
	2. 12-15	5. 30+		2. 16-21	
	3. 16-21			3. 22+	

- Juniors (15 and under) may compete on a senior team, but seniors may not compete on a junior team.
- Coed relays automatically compete with the male relays.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

The training requirement for all summer games competitions must include a minimum of 15 hours over a minimum of 8 weeks. The number of hours required can be divided among sports.

For example: 3 sports - 5 hours per sport / 2 sports - 7.5 hours per sport / 1 sport - 15 hours
Training requirements must be strictly enforced. Training materials are available; contact the state office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Volleyball Handbook
Version: January 1, 2026

SWIMMING COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Swimming Handbook
Version: January 1, 2026

SOCCER COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Soccer Handbook
Version: January 1, 2026

CORNHOLE COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Cornhole Handbook
Version: January 1, 2026

TRACK & FIELD (Athletics) COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Track & Field Handbook
Version: January 1, 2026

If attending Area Athletics and/or Swimming ONLY

2026 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Area Spring Games Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **Summer Games/Area Form 2: Individual Athlete Event Registration**
 - a. One per Athlete
 - b. ***Please print clearly with red ink or hi-lite. This helps ensure we do not miss an event.***
 - c. Submit one per athlete (both sides completed)
 - d. All distances must be recorded in meters and centimeters.
 3. **Summer Games/Area Form 5: Swimming Relay Registration Section**

Complete a registration form for each swim relay that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each relay beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the relay has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 4. **Summer Games/Area Form 6: Athletics Relay Registration**

Complete a registration form for each athletics relay that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each relay beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the relay has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 5. **Form L: Volunteer Roster for Area Athletics, Area Swimming, and Summer Games**

Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
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These forms must be up-to-date at the State Office. Forms can be found at www.sosd.org under the "Competition" Tab

Form A: US Athlete Registration Form

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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

This form must be completed by all new Volunteers and Unified Partners in advance of their initial event so the background check can be completed and cleared. Thereafter, it must be re-submitted every 3 years.

All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. See individual forms for further submission instructions.

You will receive registration confirmation and Tournament/Competition updates by Email. Please check often.

If attending Area Athletics, and/or Swimming, and State Summer Games

2026 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Area Spring Games Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **Summer Games Form 1: State Delegation Summary Form**
 3. **Summer Games/Area Form 2: Individual Athlete Event Registration**
 - a. One per Athlete (both sides completed)
 - b. Please print clearly with red ink or hi-lite. This helps ensure we do not miss an event.
 - c. **All distances must be recorded in meters and centimeters.**
 4. **Summer Games Form 3: Team Volleyball Registration**

Complete a registration form for each volleyball team that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each team beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the team has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 5. **Summer Games Form 4: Team Soccer Registration**

Complete a registration form for each soccer team that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each team beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the team has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 6. **Summer Games/Area Swimming Form 5: Swimming Relay Registration**

Complete a registration form for each aquatics relay that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each relay beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the relay has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 7. **Summer Games/Area Athletics Form 6: Athletics Relay Registration**

Complete a registration form for each athletics relay that you enter. Please assign a 2-digit number for each relay beginning with 01. Also, make sure that each athlete participating on the relay has the correct 2-digit team id number marked on his/her individual athlete event form (Summer Games/Area Form 2).
 8. **Summer Games Form 7: State Summer Games Housing Registration**

If you are staying in the dorms, this form is required when Summer Games are held in Spearfish. When in Vermillion, you will be emailed with your dorm housing registration form based on the information you provide us in Summer Games Form 1.
 9. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**

This form should have been included in your Area Registration. Update as needed. Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
 10. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**

A number of minimum training hours have been established for each sport. Please be sure your athletes have met the minimum training requirements.
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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional, but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

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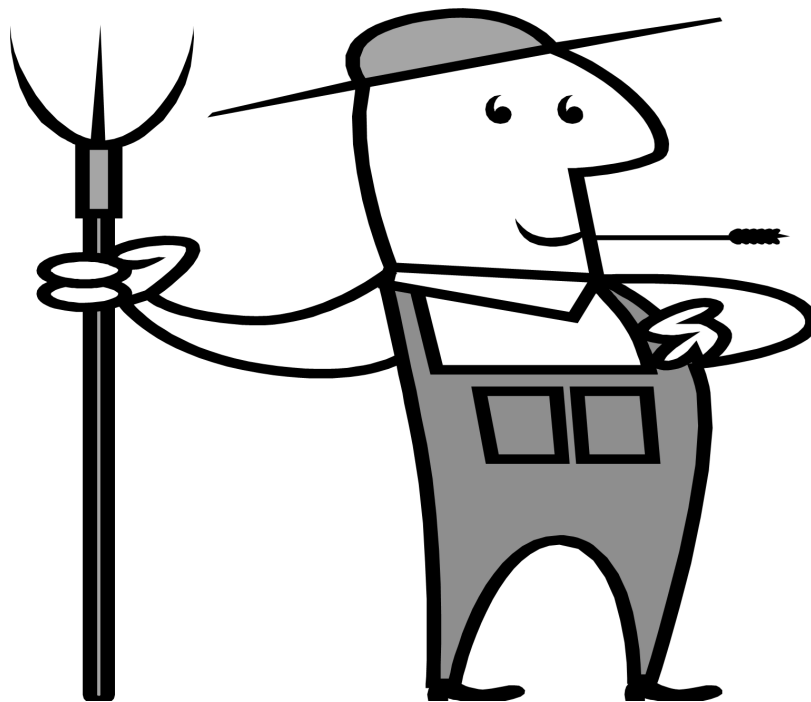
All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. See individual forms for further submission instructions.

You will receive registration confirmation and Tournament/Competition updates by Email. Please check often.

2026

East River Equestrian Competition

West River Equestrian Competition



EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

EVENTS OFFERED:

- English Equitation
- Western Equitation
- Flat Surface Equitation
- Working Trails
- Barrel Racing
- Showmanship at Halter
- Showmanship at Bridle

MATP EVENTS OFFERED:

- Working Trails
- Showmanship at Halter or Showmanship at Bridle (You cannot do both)

DIVISIONING:

Age Divisions: 8-11, 12-15, 16-21, 22-29, 30+

Divisions may be combined or subdivided according to the number of riders. Divisions will have a maximum of 8 riders.

MEALS:

To be determined

AWARDS:

Ribbons will be awarded for all places.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Equestrian Handbook”

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2026 West River Equestrian Competition July 11, 2026 Rapid City

***TENTATIVE* Schedule of Events**

9:00 am	Delegation Check-In
9:15 am	Line-up for Opening Ceremony
9:30-9:45 am	Opening Ceremony
10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Flat Surface Showmanship MATP Showmanship at Halter Showmanship at Halter Showmanship at Bridle English Equitation Western Equitation MATP Working Trail Working Trail Barrel Racing
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Break for Lunch

2026 East River Equestrian Competition July 18, 2026 Watertown

***TENTATIVE* Schedule of Events**

8:30 am	Delegation Check-In
8:45 am	Line-up for Opening Ceremony
9:00-9:15 am	Opening Ceremony
9:30 am - 5:00 pm	Flat Surface Showmanship Showmanship at Halter Showmanship at Bridle English Equitation Western Equitation Working Trail Barrel Racing
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Break for Lunch

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

2026 EAST RIVER & WEST RIVER EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State Equestrian Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **State Equestrian Form 2: Equestrian Sports Rider Profile**
One per rider - Athletes may be entered in three (3) events. They may enter only one level of an event. MATP athletes can only enter (2) events.
 3. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**
Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
 4. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**
A number of minimum training hours have been established for each sport. Please be sure your athletes have met the minimum training requirements.
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These forms must be up-to-date at the State Office. Forms can be found at www.sosd.org under the "Competition" Tab

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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

This form must be completed by all new Volunteers and Unified Partners in advance of their initial event so the background check can be completed and cleared. Thereafter, it must be re-submitted every 3 years.

All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. Email to: Forms@sosd.org

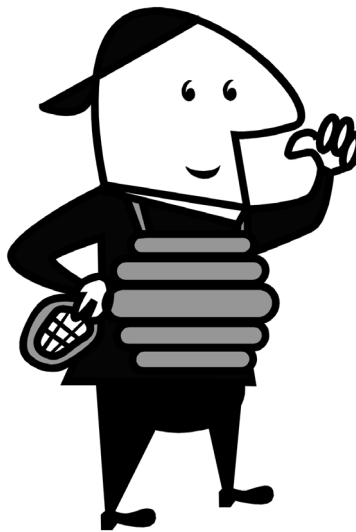
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2026

Fall Classic

Area Softball & Area Bocce

State Softball & State Bocce



BOCCE / SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

- All rules will be the same for area and state.
- Area participation is required to be eligible for participation at state.

Area Bocce Tournaments	Area Softball Tournaments
<p>Black Hills Area Bocce Tournament Date: August 22, 2026 <i>tentative</i> Location: Rapid City Bocce Complex at West Memorial Park, Rapid City Time: 8:00 am Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman</p>	<p>Southeast Area Softball Tournament Date: August 15, 2026 Location: Sherman Park Softball Complex, Sioux Falls Time: 9:30 am Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send registration to State Office</p>
<p>Southeast Area Bocce Tournament Date: August 16, 2026 Location: McCart Fields, Sioux Falls Time: 9:30 am Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send registration to State Office</p>	<p>Black Hills Area Softball Tournament Date: August 15, 2026 <i>tentative</i> Location: Star of the West, Rapid City Time: 9:30 am Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman</p>
<p>Northeast Area Bocce Tournament Date: August 23, 2026 Location: Memorial Park, Lake Norden Time: 9:30 am Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send registration to State Office</p>	
<p>Fall Classic</p>	
<p>Bocce Date: September 18, 2026 Location: Rapid City Bocce Complex at West Memorial Park, Rapid City Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send NE & SE registration to State Office Send BH AREA registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman</p>	<p>Softball Date: September 19 & 20, 2026 Location: Star of the West, Rapid City Registration Deadline: July 27, 2026 Send NE & SE registration to State Office Send BH AREA registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman</p>

FALL CLASSIC: Softball

September 20 & 21, 2026
Rapid City

EVENTS OFFERED:

- Slow Pitch
- Softball Skills
- Unified Slow Pitch
- Coach Pitch
- Tee Ball

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Participate in Area Softball Tournament

ELIGIBILITY:

Any South Dakota school/agency that can field a team of 10-15 (**15 maximum**) Special Olympics athletes is eligible to participate in the State Softball Tournament. There is no limit to the number of teams a school/agency may enter in the tournament. If you cannot field a team due to insufficient numbers, you can combine with another school/agency, subject to approval from the State Office. ***Participation in your Area Tournament is required.***

DIVISIONING:

- A team's division is determined by the oldest person on that team. Age Divisions: Senior 16 and over / Junior 8 – 15 years
- Male and Coed will compete together. Using a tee for batting is allowed for the following formats only: Traditional Tee Ball and Coach Pitch.

TYPE OF PLAY:

Game schedules will be determined based on registrations. These will be emailed to HOD's prior to the tournament. When possible, a round-robin format will be used

MEALS:

The following meals will be provided for all registered Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones: Saturday lunch and dinner / Sunday lunch.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

SPIRIT & SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

We would like to recognize those players who epitomize sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is the practice of playing fair, of accepting defeat without complaint or victory without gloating, treating opponents with respect, fairness, generosity, and courtesy. "Winning is for a day. Sportsmanship is for a lifetime."

Coaches will be asked to submit one player from each of their team(s) to be on the Spirit & Sportsmanship Team. From these nominees, one player from each division will be chosen to receive the Spirit & Sportsmanship Award. These players will be presented with a T-shirt during team awards.

SOFTBALL COMPETITION:

See "Special Olympics South Dakota Softball Handbook"

2026 State Bocce & Softball Tournament Schedule of Events *Tentative*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Bocce

Rapid City Bocce Complex at West Memorial Park, Rapid City

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Delegation Registration
8:15 am	Session #1 – Volunteer Check-in & Training
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Session #1 – Tournament Games
12:15 pm	Session #2 – Volunteer Check-in & Training
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Session #2 – Tournament Games

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – Softball

Star of the West, Rapid City

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Delegation Registration
8:30 am	Line-up for Opening Ceremony
8:45 am	Opening Ceremony
9:15 am	Volunteer Check-in & Training
9:45 am – 4:30 pm	Tournament Games
10:00 am	Individual Softball Skills Contest
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Dance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – Softball

Star of the West, Rapid City

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Games Continue
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Available

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

STATE & AREA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State & Area Softball Registration Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **State & Area Softball Registration Form 2: Team Registration**
 3. **State & Area Softball Registration Form 3: Softball Skills Contest**
 4. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**
Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
 5. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**
A number of minimum training hours have been established for each sport. Please be sure your athletes have met these training requirements.
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Form A: US Athlete Registration Form

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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

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All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. See individual forms for further submission instructions.

You will receive registration confirmation and Tournament/Competition updates by Email. Please check often.

FALL CLASSIC: Bocce

September 19, 2026
Rapid City

EVENTS OFFERED:

- Traditional Doubles
- Unified Doubles
- MATP Doubles

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Participate in Area Softball Tournament

ELIGIBILITY:

Competition is for doubles teams only. Traditional Teams will be made up of two Athletes.

- MATP Bocce Teams can be made-up of one athlete and one UP, or two Athletes. One or both athletes could require assistance outside of what is allowed per Bocce rules. For example, an athlete may not be able to pick up a Bocce ball themselves.
- Unified Teams shall consist of one Athlete and one Unified Partner.

Participation in your Area Tournament is required.

DIVISIONING:

- A team's division is determined by the oldest person on that team. Age Divisions: Senior 16 and over / Junior 8 – 15 years
- Male and Coed will compete together.

MEALS:

The following meals will be provided for all registered Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones: Friday

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

BOCCE COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Bocce Handbook”

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

STATE BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State Bocce Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
 2. **State Bocce Form 2: State Bocce Doubles Registration**
 3. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**
Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.
 4. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**
A number of minimum training hours have been established for each sport. Please be sure your athletes have met these training requirements.
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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

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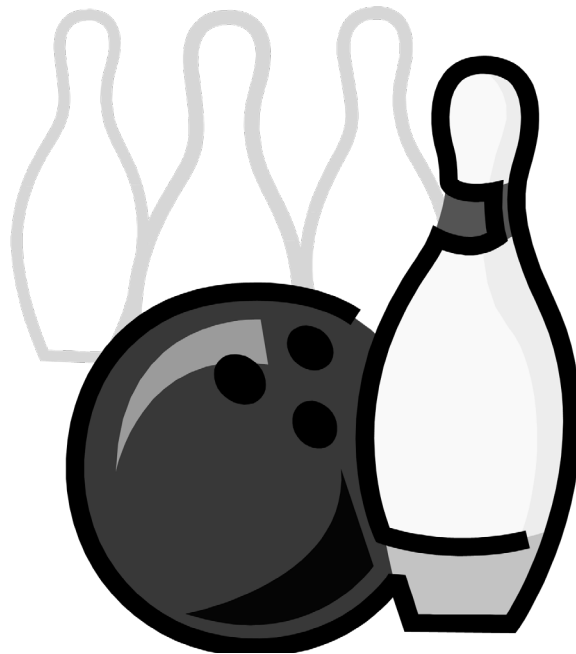
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2026

Traditional Area Bowling

Traditional State Bowling



TRADITIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

- All rules will be the same for Area and State.
- Participation in an Area Singles Tournament qualifies an athlete to bowl in the State Traditional Tournament held in Aberdeen.

Northeast Area Traditional Singles

Date: October 9, 2026

Location: Village Bowl, Aberdeen

Time: 9:00am-11:30am / 11:30am-2:00pm / 2:00pm-4:30pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to State Office

Black Hills Area Traditional Singles

Date: October 9, 2026

Location: Meadowood Lanes, Rapid City

Time: 9:00am-11:30am / 11:30am-2:00pm / 2:00pm-4:30pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman

Southeast Area Traditional Singles

Date: October 10, 2026

Location: Eastway Bowl, Sioux Falls

Time: 9:00am-11:30am / 11:30am-2:00pm / 2:00pm-4:30pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to State Office

State Traditional Bowling Tournament

Date: November 6 - 8, 2026

Location: Village Bowl, Aberdeen

Competition: Individual, Team, Doubles & Ramp

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2026

- Athletes must choose between participating in Traditional Bowling or Unified Bowling. You cannot participate in both tournaments.
- Athletes bowling in the State Traditional Tournament must have registered and participated in their respective Area Traditional Singles Tournament.
- Athletes may participate in any or all of the three events offered at the State Traditional Tournament: Singles, Doubles, and Team.

Send NE & SE registration to State Office

Send BH registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

2026 AREA SINGLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **Area Bowling Form 1: Delegation Summary**

2. **Area Bowling Form 2: Area Singles**

3. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**

Please list all chaperones and coaches who will accompany your group. Each person on this list must have the appropriate applications on file with the State Office.

These forms must be up-to-date at the State Office. Forms can be found at www.sosd.org under the "Competition" Tab

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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

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All registration forms must be submitted electronically. This will be the ONLY format accepted. See individual forms for further submission instructions.

You will receive registration confirmation and Tournament/Competition updates by Email. Please check often.

STATE TRADITIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

November 6-8, 2026
The Village Bowl, Aberdeen

EVENTS OFFERED

- Friday Singles
- Saturday Doubles
- Sunday Team

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Participate in Area Singles Bowling Tournament.

DIVISIONING:

Singles: Male, Female, & Ramp – Age groups 8-15, 16-29, 30+

Doubles and Team: Male/Co-ed, Female, & Ramp – Age groups 8-15, 16+

Divisions may be combined or subdivided according to the number of bowlers. They will be comprised of a minimum of 3 athletes/teams and a maximum of 8.

MEALS:

The following meals will be provided for all registered Athletes, Coaches, and Chaperones: Saturday dinner.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events. Athletes will receive awards on the lanes immediately after the completion of their division.

CORRESPONDENCE:

You will receive your registration confirmation and tournament/competition updates through e-mail. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OFTEN.

TRADITIONAL BOWLING COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Bowling Handbook”

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**2026 State Traditional Bowling Tournament
Schedule of Events *Tentative*
Aberdeen, South Dakota**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

(Singles)

10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Delegation Registration - Village Bowl
8:30 am - 11:30 am	1st Shift Singles Bowling
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	2nd Shift Singles Bowling
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	3rd Shift Singles Bowling
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Opening Ceremony –TBD
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Entertainment – TBD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

(Doubles)

8:00 am - 10:00 am	Delegation Registration - Village Bowl
8:30 am - 11:30 am	1st Shift Doubles Bowling
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	2nd Shift Doubles Bowling
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	3rd Shift Doubles Bowling
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Banquet – TBD
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	SOSD Annual Awards Presentations – TBD
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Dance – TBD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

(Team)

8:30 am - 11:30 am	1st Shift Team Bowling
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	2nd Shift Team Bowling
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	3rd Shift Team Bowling

Awards will be presented on the lanes following each division's completion

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

2026 STATE TRADITIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **State Traditional Bowling Form 1: Delegation Summary Form**
2. **State Traditional Bowling Form 2: Athlete Event Summary**
3. **State Traditional Bowling Form 3: State Traditional Doubles**
 - > Do not send incomplete registrations.
 - > An athlete must be entered on **each** registration form for **each** event they are entering
4. **State Traditional Bowling Form 4: State Traditional Team**
 - > Do not send incomplete registrations.
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5. **State Traditional Bowling Form 5: State Traditional Ramp Doubles**
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6. **State Traditional Bowling Form 6: State Traditional Ramp Team**
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7. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**

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8. **Form M: Certificate of Training / Acknowledgment of Policies**

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Form A: US Athlete Registration Form

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Form C: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)

This information is optional but greatly appreciated.

Form D: Class A Volunteer & Unified Partner Registration

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Unified Area Bowling

Unified State Bowling



UNIFIED BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

- All rules will be the same for Area and State.
- Participation in an Area Unified Tournament qualifies an athlete to bowl in the State Unified Tournament.

Northeast Area Unified Tournament

Date: October 8, 2026

Location: The Lanes, Brookings

Time: 9:00am-11:30am / 11:30am-2:00pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to State Office

Black Hills Area Unified Tournament

Date: October 10, 2026

Location: Meadowood Lanes, Rapid City

Time: 12:30pm-3:00pm / 3:00pm-5:30pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman

Southeast Area Unified Tournament

Date: October 11, 2026

Location: Eastway Bowl, Sioux Falls

Time: 9:00am-11:30am / 11:30am-2:00pm / 2:00pm-4:30pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2026

Send registration to State Office

State Unified Tournament

Date: November 14 & 15, 2026

Location: Eastway Bowl, Sioux Falls

Competition: Doubles, Team

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2026

- Athletes must choose between participating in Traditional Bowling or Unified Bowling. You cannot participate in both tournaments.
- Athletes bowling in the State Unified Tournament must have registered and participated in their respective Area Unified Tournament.
- Athletes may participate in one or both events offered at the State Unified Tournament: Doubles and Team.

Send NE & SE registration to State Office

Send BH registration to Black Hills Area Director Carrie Gerdeman

AREA UNIFIED BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The following forms must be included for your registration to be complete:

1. **Area Unified Bowling Form 1: Delegation Summary**
2. **Area Unified Bowling Form 2: Unified Doubles**
3. **Form L: Volunteer Roster**
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STATE UNIFIED BOWLING TOURNAMENT

November 14 & 15, 2026
Eastway Bowl, Sioux Falls

EVENTS OFFERED

- Doubles
- Ramp Doubles
- Team
- Ramp Team

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- 1) Complete required training hours
- 2) Participate in Area Unified Doubles Bowling Tournament.

DIVISIONING:

Doubles and Team: Male/Co-ed, Female, & Ramp – Age groups 8-15, 16+

Divisions may be combined or subdivided according to the number of bowlers. Unified doubles must be comprised of 1 athlete and 1 Unified partner. A unified team must be comprised of 2 athletes and 2 Unified Partners.

MEALS:

The following meals will be provided for all registered Athletes, Coaches, Chaperone and Unified Partners: Saturday dinner.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places; 4th through 8th places will receive ribbons in all divisions for all events. Athletes will receive awards on the lanes immediately after the completion of their division.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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UNIFIED BOWLING COMPETITION:

See “Special Olympics South Dakota Bowling Handbook”

Version: January 1, 2026

2026 State Unified Bowling Tournament Tentative Schedule of Events

Unified Doubles Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:15 am	Opening Ceremony
8:30 am – 11:00 am	Shift 1 Doubles
11:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Shift 2 Doubles
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Shift 3 Doubles
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner and entertainment TBD

Unified Team Sunday, November 15, 2026

8:30 am – 11:00 am	Shift 1 Team
11:00 am – 1:30 pm	Shift 2 Team
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Shift 3 Team

Awards will be presented on the lanes following each division's completion.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS 2026 STATE UNIFIED BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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