



BLACK HILLS AREA

TRACK & FIELD

Rapid City

04.24.26



OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony.....	Brandyn Crawford Dani Herring
SOSD Flag Bearer.....	Eric Colvin Rapid City Riptide
National Anthem.....	JJ Pelletier Spearfish Peaks With Jake Siptroth on flute
Torch Bearer.....	Nate Dickerson Rapid City Flame
Athlete Oath.....	June Schneider Sturgis-BHSSC
Sportsmanship Statement....	David Tanner Rapid City Storm
Welcome & Declaration.....	Correna Templar Rapid City Riptide

Thank You!

We would like to recognize those responsible for the success of these Games... *You're the best!*

Jennie Del Soldato
Area Competition Coordinator

Ellsworth Air Force Base

Kevin Wolfe

AAA Rapid Storage

All Other Volunteers

Parents, Coaches & Athletes



Without VOLUNTEERS, we would not exist as an organization.

They are not paid, they are just generous. We ask you to be respectful, and most of all, please be kind.

If you feel an error has been made, seek out staff so we can problem solve.

Remember, there are only four roles during a game: spectator, competitor, official and coach. Everyone involved in athletics would be wise to choose only one of those roles at a time.



A Note To Our Volunteers

Volunteers do everything there is to do for Special Olympics and more. You are fundraisers, cheerleaders, administrators, chauffeurs, chaperones, trainers, coaches, policy makers, trash collectors, referees, food servers, score keepers and everything in-between.

You serve without salary, without recognition, without honors or awards. Special Olympics could not do without you - your dedication, your work, and your love.

You represent the highest values of the human spirit and we are grateful for your service!

Thank You!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE SUMMER GAMES
May 14-16, 2026 Spearfish



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Location: Sioux Park - Rapid City
8 - 8:30am Delegation Registration
8:30am Line up for Opening Ceremony
8:45am Opening Ceremony

9:00am Male & Female 3000 M Run (3)
Female 100 M Dash (25)
~~Female 100 M Wheelchair~~
Male & Female 50M Assisted Walk (4)
Female 50 M Walk (31)
Female 50 M Dash (33)
Female 200M Dash (9)
~~Female 200M Wheelchair~~
~~Female 800M Run~~
Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk (3)
Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair (1)
Male & Female 10 M MATP Race (14)
Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk (4)
Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair (1)
Male & Female 25 M MATP Race (14)
Female 400 M Dash (3)

9:00am Male Softball Throw (59)
Male Tennis Ball Throw (12)
Male Shot Put (20)
~~Pentathlon - M & F Shot Put~~
Male Mini Jav (16)

10:00am Male Standing Long Jump (46)
Male Running Long Jump (15)
~~Pentathlon - M & F Running Long Jump~~

11:00am ~~Male High Jump~~
~~Pentathlon - M & F High Jump~~

11:30am Lunch Available

12:15pm Male & Female 1500 M Run (2)
~~Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom~~
~~Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay~~

12:30pm Female Softball Throw (46)
Female Tennis Ball Throw (23)
Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP (15)
Female Shot Put (6)
Female Mini Jav (8)

12:45pm Male 400 M Dash (5)
~~Male 100 M Wheelchair (1)~~
~~Pentathlon - M & F 100 M Dash~~
Male 100 M Dash (60)
Male 50 M Walk (27)
Male 50 M Dash (42)
Male 200 M Dash (19)

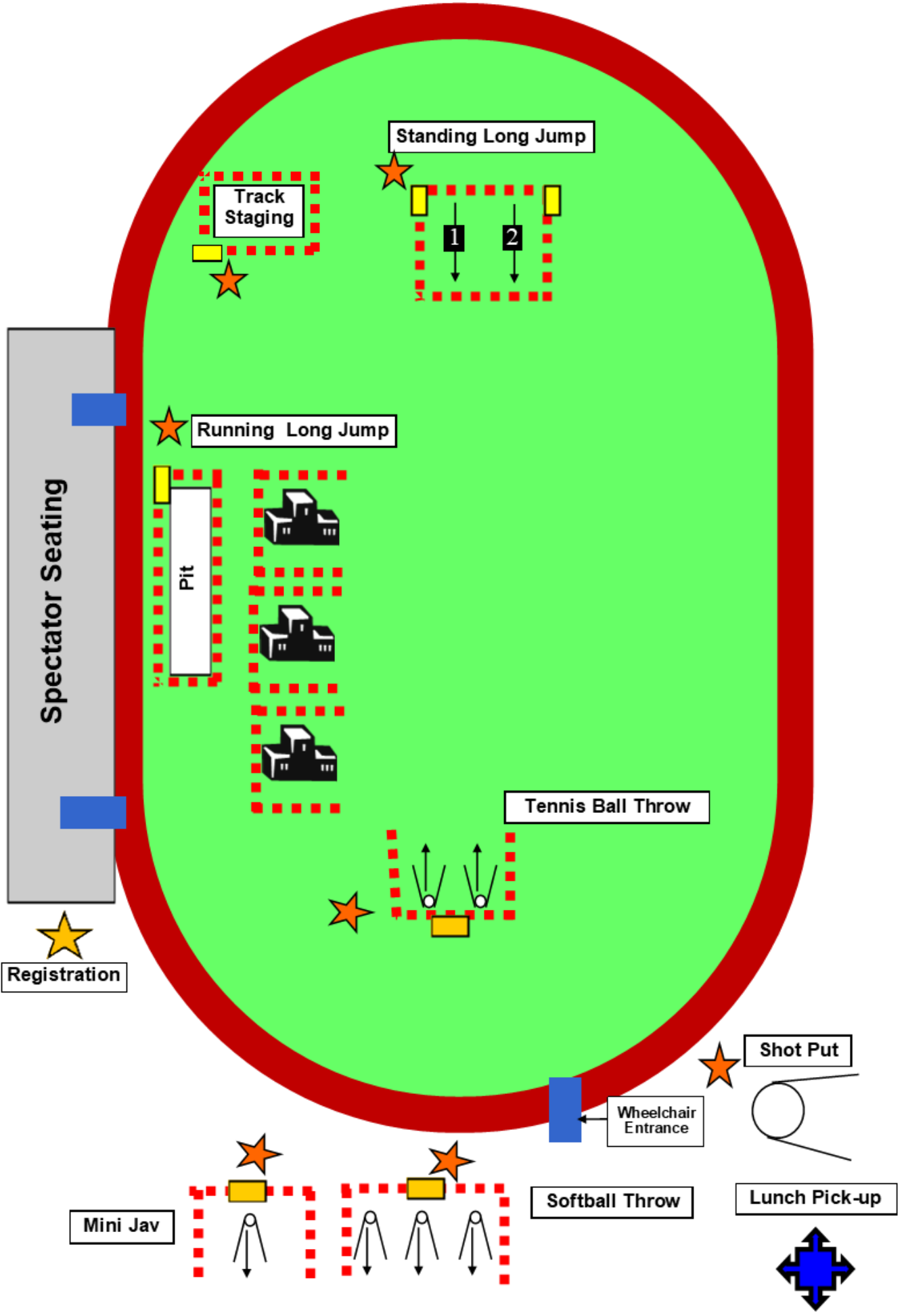
~~Male 200 M Wheelchair~~
Male 800 M Run (2)
~~Pentathlon - M & F 800 M Run~~
Female 4 X 100 M Relay (3)
Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay (1)
Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay (9)
Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay (4)
~~Female 4 X 400 M Relay~~
~~Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay~~

1:30pm Female Standing Long Jump (27)
Female Running Long Jump (4)

This is a rolling schedule, ie. Times are *estimates*. As soon as one event is over the next will begin even if ahead of schedule.

If an event is crossed through, there were no athletes registered and it will not be run.

Track & Field



PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

Belle Fourche

Bricker, Fara
Carson, Logan
Dahn, Echo
Hunt, Evan
Juelfs, Emma
Keil, Sadee
Pierce, Brady

Hot Springs

Beagley, Kempton
Duarte, Logan
Haskvitz, Ella UP
Neugebauer, Sheldon UP

Meade

Bright, Myleeah
Douglass, Zion
Jesienouski, Grayson
Lefebre, Dusty
Perschbacher, Ruegar
Rusk, Sucre
Rusk, Winter
Schulte, Ella
Schulte, Perry
Stoltenberg, Lincoln
Stoltenberg, Parker

Newell-Vale

Raduenz, Racheal
Schoch, Oe

Rapid City Flame

Albers, Aksel
Baldwin, Matthew
Barclay, Kelsey
Bartels, Jacob
Beltran, Andrew
Bomford, Justin
Bucki, Samantha
Cherenzia, Gianna
Dickerson, Nathaniel
Dockter, Preston
Dryden, MacKyla
Eixenberger, Larry
Gomez, Alejandro

Heriger, Kylee
Herz, Jackson
Jesperon, Jazmyn
Knutsen, Kai
Lassegard, Aric
Marling, Trevor
Matthiessen, Ian
Miles, Alicyn
Miller, Nathaniel
Montgomery, Greyson
Mousel, Zane
Mudlin, Rowan
Nichols, Katelyn
O'Reilly, Benjamin
Ott, Tyrel
Otten, Morgan
Peterson, Blake
Price, Zander
Rasmussen, Deborah
Reitzel, Austin
Rowcliffe, John
Sabrowski, Patrick
Saucedo, Gabriel
Slusser, Kjersten
Smith, Tabatha
Stanley, Mathurian
Steele, Caleb
Steele, Cameron
Steele, Jordan
Sterling, Elizabeth
Thomson, Matthew
Tipps, LilyAnna
Trojanowski, Ryan
Whitney, Addison
Woodward, Karole

Rapid City Riptide

Aulner, Sarah
Colvin, Eric
Gerry, Molly
Griffith, Sheldon

Rapid City Storm - Black Hills Works

Adamson, Colby
Adkins, Claud

Blauvelt, Matthew
Boheman-Gehl, Manika
Boll, Joshua
Brought Plenty, Thomas
Bultena, Christopher
Carlisle Roberts, Avery
Carpenter, Kevin
Cousins, Daniel
Doran, Olivia
Dvorak, Joe
Edmonds, Michael
Fast Wolf, Justin
Flannery, Alyssa
Fuller, Jeffery
Hammer, Shannon
Hansen, Nathaniel
Harmon, David
Henschel, Freida
Hirsch, Brent
Holien, Jill
Howard, Waylon
Johns, Aimee
Johnson, Carl
Kopp, Edward
Kopp, Tim
Kraft, John
Leithauser, Mike
LeRoy, Eugene
Lester, Carmen
Molitor, Todd
Moller, Renae
Mousseaux, Don
Neff, Sierra
Nichols, Robert
Perez, Linda
Pringle, Joleen
Reynolds, Russell
Richmond, Melissa
Rogers, Clifford
Rollins, Bronco
Romero, Dakota
Ronfeldt, Kandie
Sanders, Anne
Satterlee, Chevy
Schofield, Jackie
Schreiber, Courtney

Schroeder, Scott
Shema, Gregory
Steffen, Andrew
Stimes, Rebecca
Stoff, Arianna
Stratton, Shawn
Sumner, Michael
Vigil, Jeremiah
Voigt, Christina
Walker, Joshua
Whipple, Michael
White Lance, Whitney
Wolfblack, Tialana
Wright, Troy

Spearfish Peaks

Asheim, Robby
Bowers, Eric
Burr, Ashley
Charlson, Colby
Davidson, Sheila
Droppers, Searraha
Fontenot, Stephen
Foote, Michael
Fossen, Todd
He Crow, Hayley
Heckel, Melissa
Hines, Keoanna
Hoffman, Sarah
Jackson, Jared
Krebs, Kourtney
Krebs, Kyle
McGaa, William
Pelletier, Justin
Reinert, Lance
Rodriquez, Maxine
Rosales, KeeLee
Rossow, Tessa
Scharles, Jonas
Schuldies, Gerad
Smith, Carol
Striepeke, Jesse
Swift, Samantha
Syers, Kathy
Trudo, Ernie
Valenzuela, Katelyn

PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

Varns, Tucker
Voorhees, Mary
West, Carla
West, Marla
Whiteman, Lorraine

Spearfish Schools

Albonico, Micah
Avila, Leonardo
Avila, Roberto
Batt, Tate
Benson, Brody
Bradley, Madison
Davis, Leo
Donald, Grayson
Donovan, Lydia UP
Duncan, Willow UP
Eagle, Jayde

Eddie, Morgan
Espinoza, Rowan
Etzkorn, Lydia
Ginsbach, Ariel
Haivala, Max UP
Heubrock, Jonathan
Hinders, Cassie
Ingalls, Molly
Ingalls, Noah
Jennings, Claire UP
Keyes, Brinley UP
Locati, Jordan
Lyon, Caitlin UP
Purvis, Cynthia
Stamps, Capri
Suda, Noah UP
Tennant, Taylor UP
Tiger, Samuel

Vitto, Taylor UP
Wharton, Cortez

Sturgis - BHSS

Adam, Larissa
Albright, Sarah
Beck, Hannah
Benedict, Keith
Bieber, Shana
Collins, Aaron
Covell, Tyler
Fairbanks, Lori
Ford, Clayton
Freeman, Rosetta
Janis, Ty
Karpinen, Jeremiah
Kukal, Teggan
McCauley, Natalia

Means, Sam
Miller, Ricky
O'Connor, Elizabeth
Peterson, Lauren
Reddest, Edward
Roden, Christopher
Rosenberger, Nicole
Schneider, June
Smith, Lynn
Thompson, Parker
Utter, Susan
Wilson, Tracy

**Help us leave it better
than we found it...**

Please pick up your trash



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ONLY are
allowed at
SOSD events

**Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.**

Athlete Oath

Special Olympics South Dakota
Newsworthy:
timely. important. interesting.



STAY INFORMED!

Athletes, Coaches, Family Members, and anyone else with an interest in Special Olympics South Dakota, please sign-up to receive our weekly newsletter

NEWSWORTHY. This is your most efficient way to stay up to date on SOSD news, events, and information.

Newsworthy is published every Tuesday afternoon by Constant Contact.



WHAT:

SOSD invites you to participate in our Annual Step Challenge!

WHEN:

Annually. Our next Challenge will run from **May 11 - July 05, 2026.**

WHO:

Athletes, parents, unified partners, brothers, sisters... everyone is encouraged to participate.

How:

Registration will close **April 27, 2026.**



SCAN TO REGISTER



2026

OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Please show your love for Special Olympics by nominating the deserving people in your life for an SOSD Outstanding Award!

Spirit of a Champion Award (Outstanding Athlete)

The nominated athlete must have attended at least one competition during the year.

Don Baker Award

The "Don Baker Award" is the highest honor presented by Special Olympics South Dakota. The award is given annually to an individual, organization, business, or agency that has given outstanding support to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Family Of The Year

Presented to family members – including parents; brothers; sisters; other relatives.

Outstanding Coach (Ron Stewart Award)

Presented to a Special Olympics Coach who best demonstrates a high degree of technical skill and personal commitment to their program.

Volunteer Of The Year (Lyle Farrand Award)

Presented to the person who has exhibited the best example of voluntary action to improve the quality of Special Olympics.

Champion Award (DJ Mertens Award)

Presented to any business, organization, or media outlet which has made a major contribution to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Unity Award

Presented to a Unified Partner, individual, or entity that promotes inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

All award recipients will be recognized at our State Bowling Tournament banquet held in November.

Only electronic nominations will be accepted and are due no later than May 21, 2026.

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Thank you for your service!

Schedule of Events 2026

April 24	BH Area Track & Field	Rapid City
April 24	NE Area Swimming	Watertown
April 24	SE Area Swimming	Sioux Falls
April 25	SE Area Track & Field	Brandon
May 1	NE Area Track & Field	Milbank
May 2	BH Area Swimming	Spearfish
May 14-16	State Summer Games	Spearfish
July 11	West River Equestrian	Rapid City
July 18	East River Equestrian	Watertown
August 15	SE Area Softball	Sioux Falls
August 15	BH Area Softball	Rapid City
August 16	SE Area Bocce	Sioux Falls
August 22	BH Area Bocce	Rapid City
August 23	NE Area Bocce	Lake Norden
September 18	Fall Classic (Bocce)	Rapid City
September 19 & 20	Fall Classic (Softball)	Rapid City
October 8	NE Area Unified Doubles	Brookings
October 9	NE Area Singles	Aberdeen
October 9	BH Area Singles	Rapid City
October 10	BH Area Unified Doubles	Rapid City
October 10	SE Area Singles	Sioux Falls
October 11	SE Area Unified Doubles	Sioux Falls
November 6-8	Traditional Bowling	Aberdeen
November 14 & 15	Unified Bowling	Sioux Falls

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ATTENTION ATHLETES!
 Your State Summer Games dance
 theme is Sports Teams



ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

What is an Athlete Leadership Council?



We are a group of athletes who meet using a well-thought-out agenda to discuss Special Olympics topics important to us. We then make recommendations to program leadership. We have been organized and meeting since 2013. Three members of the ALC also serve on the SOSD Board of Directors.

Fellow athletes, if you have an idea or concern, talk to one of us... let's work together!

Meet your ALC members. We are here to serve YOU!



Zach Bevers
Brookings Area



Ashley Clark
Sioux Falls



Jamie Davey
Rapid City Flame



Trevor Hayes
Aberdeen Area HCE



Melissa Heckel
Spearfish Peaks



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Hunters



Kyle Hegge
SESDAC Vermillion



Chris Hilla
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



Mari Ibis
Sioux Falls Lancers



Jaren Keiser
Sioux Falls Lancers



Natalia McCauley
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Cody Menzel
Madison Area



Nick Mills
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



Derek Smith
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



David Tanner
Rapid City Storm



Correna Templar
Rapid City Patriots



Trevor Tridle
Sturgis-BHSSC



Jessica Weitschat
Pierre Wildcats



Lorraine Whiteman
Spearfish Peaks

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