



MISSION GAMES

TRACK & FIELD

04.29.26



Thank You!

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

LORALYN WEIDLICH
AREA COMPETITION COORDINATOR

TODD Co HS ADMINISTRATION

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR
SUPPORTING OUR ATHLETES

OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!



**Todd Co.
School
District**

WE APPRECIATE YOU



**Fill the stands...
but please,
always be a
good fan!**

SCHEDULE

11:15a Lunch

12 - 12:30 Delegation Registration

12:45p Opening Ceremony

1:00p # in each event

5 Female Softball Throw

17 Male Softball Throw

14 Female Tennis Ball Throw

4 Male Tennis Ball Throw

2 Female Running Long Jump

5 Male Running Long Jump

9 Female Standing Long Jump

11 Male Standing Long Jump

2:00p 1 M & F 25 M Assisted Walk

3 Male 400 M Run

6 Female 100 M Dash

10 Male 100 M Dash

2 M & F 50 M Assisted Walk

3 Female 50 M Walk

2 Male 50 M Walk

6 Female 50 M Dash

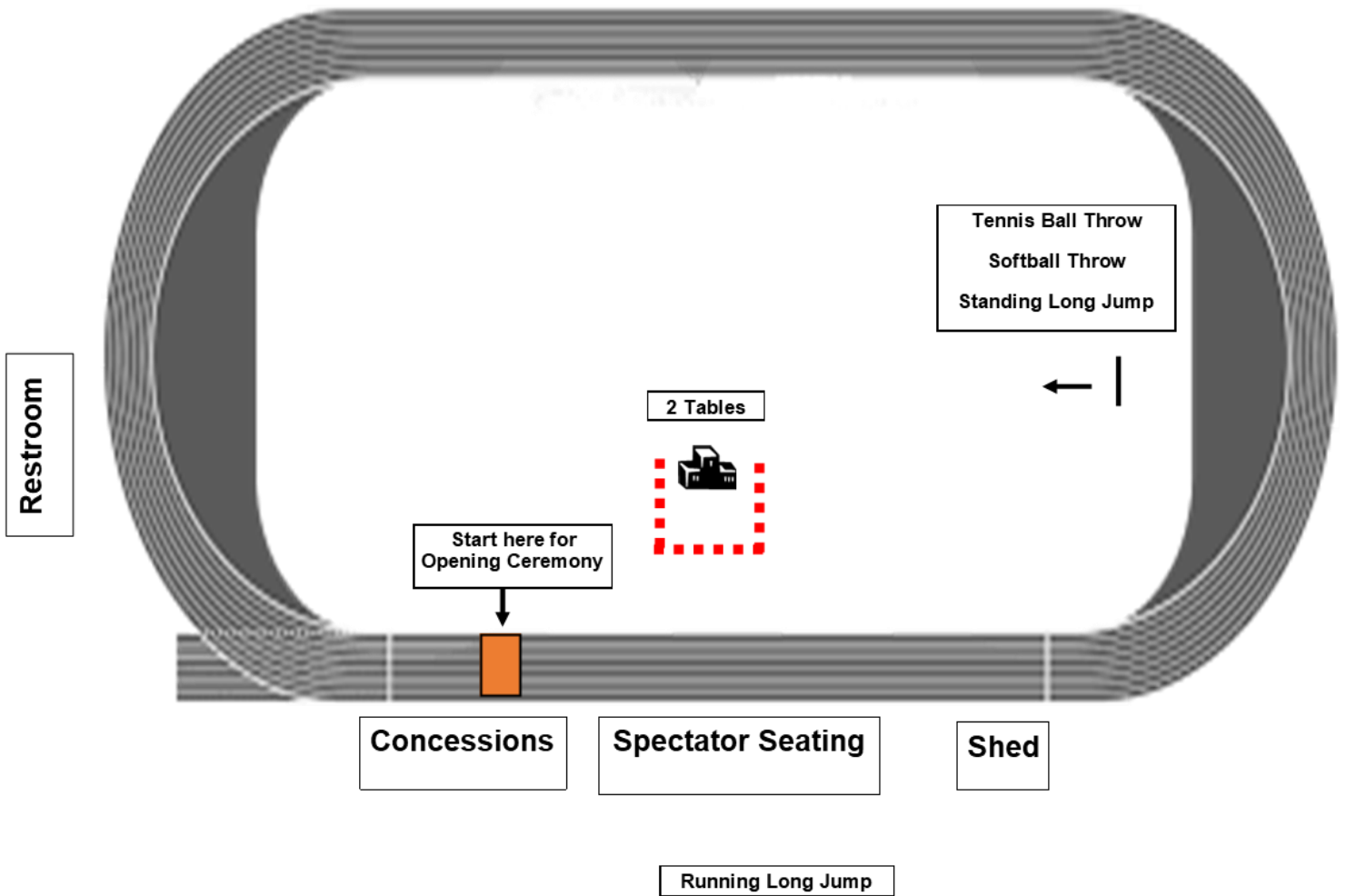
9 Male 50 M Dash

2 800 M Run

1 Female 200 M Dash

2 Male 200 M Dash

Track & Field



PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

Bennett County Schools

DuBray, Ryan
Gotheridge, Atreau
Macalalad, Jyril
Milk, Wicahpe

Little Wound

Andrews, Aden
Apple, Theresa
Coleman, Izabella
Grass, Kyla
Long Soldier, Jureya
Morrison, Royal
Reddest, Jalen

Runs Against, Nevaeh
Shangreaux, Sunni
Slow Bear, Mirseis
Tallman, Selena
Waukazoo, Kayson
Young Bull Bear, Tristan

Mission-Todd County

Andrews, Jayla
Beck, Kenji
Big Crow, Midnight
Colombe III, Michael
Del Rosano, Zemirah
Erickson, Tylene

Estrera, Job
Estrera, Wilf
Lincoln, Auvi
Lincoln, Phoenix
Little Shield, Cassian
Little Shield, Arian
Mancini, Finnius
Red Bird, Oliver
Sitting Bear, Garrett
Star Chief, Kayla
War Bonnett, Jaxx
Watts, Reina
Wounded Head, Terrance

Pahin Sinte Owayawa

La Mont, Nathaniel

White River

Letellier, Chase
Long Crow, Trivian
Wooden Knife, Valerie

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



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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.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CHEER
ON**

A Note To 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!

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.



SPORTSMANSHIP



Service animals
ONLY are
allowed at
SOSD events

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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STATE SUMMER GAMES
May 14-16, 2026 Spearfish

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



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Hunters



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Sioux Falls
Fireworks



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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

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE STATEWIDE PARTNERS



VFW Ladies Auxiliary



VFW



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American Legion