

# Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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### Welcome

*Our World Games athletes are on their way! Claire, Ralph, Candi, and Elaina are on their way to Italy to represent SOMD and SO-USA at World Games! We are proud of their efforts and are excited to see their success throughout the games. You can follow competition details on the World Games site:*

<https://results.specialolympics.org/world-games-turin-2025>

*As results are available, we will make sure those are shared and celebrated!*

*If there are any members of your area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, [please fill out this form](#)*

### Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

Coach John Follett (and family) for going the extra mile to ensure World Games Athlete, Candi had everything she needed for a successful World Games experience.

Please use the link below to submit shout your outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

### **(NEW) SOMD HR Update- Welcome, Ann Andrews!**

SOMD is excited to welcome Region Director- West, Ann Andrews, later this month! Ann is joining Special Olympics Maryland bringing her passion for coaching and impacting the lives of people through sport. Ann has many years of experience coaching field hockey at the club, high school, and collegiate level. Ann is familiar with Special Olympics programs from her time coaching at the high school level and is eager to get back to Maryland to start!

***(NEW) Brave in the Attempt Talks: Speakers Wanted***

Brave in the Attempt Talks uses a groundbreaking personal story-telling platform in a "TED Talk" style format to encourage those with disabilities to serve as mentors and role models for others.

We are accepting speakers for the ninth year of this life-changing event!

You can share your story and hear from other speakers with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Speakers will discuss topics from their own life experiences, lessons learned, and how they are leading the way now and in the future.

Stories are 5-7 minutes in length. They do not have to be memorized.

If you want to speak at our 2025 event, please click the link below and complete the form before March 20th, 2025.

**THEME:**

Positively Progressive (with positive aggression)

**WHEN:**

Monday, June 09th, 2025 6pm-8pm

**WHERE:**

The Round House Theatre  
4545 East-West Hwy, Bethesda, MD 20814

**LINKS:**

<https://www.somd.org/brave-in-the-attempt-talks-application-page/#SpeakerApplication>

**QUESTIONS?**

Email Jason Schriml at [jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org) or call/text 410-916-4749

***(NEW) Charles County Spring Games Information***

The Charles County 2025 Spring Games will take place Saturday, 3 May at Lackey High School. Athletes from our various Maryland counties will compete in athletics (track & field), bocce, and swimming. We request you carefully read through the following information pertaining to the upcoming 2025 Spring Games and share with your families.

**Date/Location:**

- Date: Saturday, 3 May
- Location: Lackey High School - 3000 Chicamuxen Rd, Indian Head, MD 20640

**Schedule of Events:**

- Volunteer Check In: 7:30 AM
- Coach Registration: 8:30 AM (athletes register individually with their coaches)
- Athletes/Coaches Assembled by County Next to Track: 9:45 AM
- Opening Ceremonies: 10:00 AM on Lackey High School Track

### **Requested County Participation Requirements & Timelines:**

- Thursday, 17 Apr: since lunch will be provided to all registered GMS delegation members and registered volunteers, we request all participating counties to submit their county's completed lunch order sheet using the attached form to [specialolympicscharlescounty@gmail.com](mailto:specialolympicscharlescounty@gmail.com),
- Friday, 18 Apr: request you send a rough estimate for each sport (track & field, bocce, & swimming) by county to support final planning activities,
- Thursday, 24 Apr: all athletes must be registered in GMS (you can begin entering athletes on Tuesday, 2 Apr),
- Saturday, 3 May: county/program coaches bring all completed "Parent/Athlete Acknowledgement Statement" forms to turn in the morning of the event.

### **Notes:**

- Please advise family members that there will be food options on-site this year for purchase.

### **(NEW) World Down Syndrome Day- Annapolis Advocacy Opportunity**

**PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ATHLETES, FAMILIES, and VOLUNTEERS**

Join SOMD Athlete Leadership in Annapolis on World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2025. We want to continue to build on our time at Developmental Disabilities Day in Annapolis on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and keep the momentum going.

**If you are part of the Down Syndrome Community**, consider registering and attending on Friday, March 21st, 2025, in Annapolis.

**2pm** - Meet at Lawyers Mall, where self-advocates and allies will join their voices in support of people with Down syndrome

**3:30pm** - Head over to St. Anne's Parish House and Hall for the celebration, presentation from Self-advocates, refreshments, music and dancing until 5pm.

Special Olympics Maryland will be out to support this event as well.

Let us know if you are coming out.

Don't forget to wear your red SOMD jacket/pull-over.

Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-down-syndrome-day-2025-celebration-in-annapolis-registration-1244826863659?aff=erelexpmlt>

Email Jason Schriml ([jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org)) with Questions!

### **(NEW) Jersey Mike's Month of Giving**

**PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ATHLETES, FAMILIES, and VOLUNTEERS**

March means that it's officially Jersey Mike's Month of Giving! We are excited that 14 Maryland stores will be supporting Special Olympics Maryland and our Area Programs this year. All month, these stores will offer customers the opportunity to 'round up' and donate to support Special Olympics Maryland and our Area Programs and, on Wednesday, March 26, 100% of sales at these stores will support Special Olympics Maryland!

Please visit these stores throughout the month and make sure to post pictures on social media using #SOMDSubSelfie and #JerseyMikesGives

2025 Store list supporting SOMD:

- 2496 Riva Road, Unit 440, Annapolis, MD
- 36511 Washington Blvd, Suite 101, Baltimore, MD
- 7976 Honeygo Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21236
- 1520 Havenwood Rd, Baltimore, MD 21218
- 11347 Samuel Bowen Boulevard, Berlin, MD 21811
- 2711 Ocean Gateway, Suite A, Cambridge, MD 21613
- 35 Denton Plaza, Denton, MD 21629
- 1402 Merritt Blvd, Suite I, Dundalk, MD 21222
- 11 Lee Airpark Dr, Suite 400, Edgewater, MD 21037
- 6640 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061
- 2420 N. Salisbury Blvd, Unit 12, North Salisbury, MD 21801
- 1405 S. Salisbury Blvd, Salisbury, MD 21801
- 1254 Putty Hill Ave, Towson, MD 21286
- 265 Baltimore Blvd, Westminster, MD

***(NEW) Kayaking Date Change – Moved One Week Earlier***

Julie Klein, Sport Director for Kayaking, received a communication yesterday from Washington College that due to an error we will unfortunately need to change the dates for our Kayaking time trials and competition , each moving a week earlier. The corrected dates are below:

Kayaking Time Trials: Saturday, August 2 (rain date August 3)

Kayaking Finals: Saturday, August 9 (rain date August 10)

The dates of the pre-competition webinars will be changed and shared at a later time.

***SO Learn “Help Desk” Email***

Several months ago SO Learn, a learning site for Special Olympics volunteers managed by SOI, made a significant transition to a new LMS (learning management system). Generally things have gone well but we’ve recently seen a number of inquiries regarding getting passwords (there’s a link to request a password reset but that seems to occasionally not work as expected). Unfortunately there is currently no place to get help on the login page (I’ve asked them to consider changing that).

To help, the following has been added to the main Coach Resource Page (CRP) and you can direct folks there for assistance:

***NOTE: The SO LEARN site (used for protective behaviors and concussion certifications) is operated by SOI. If you experience any technical issues with the site (including access your password) please email [elarning@specialolympics.org](mailto:elarning@specialolympics.org) for assistance.***

***Pickleball Update***

**Update #2:** SOMD will host an In-person coaches training on Sunday, March 9th, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Dill Dinkers in Columbia, MD. If you are a coach or plan to be involved, please register using the following link no later than Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pickleball2025>

Thank you to Dill Dinkers and most especially to Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee member Bob sans for making this happen.

### Update #1:

Jake Novick ([jnovick@somd.org](mailto:jnovick@somd.org)) has been designated as the Sport Director for Pickleball. Mike Czarnowsky will continue in a lead role for the next few months as this new sport transitions to Jake's leadership.

### Original post:

We are excited with the progress that has been made with the transition of Pickleball to a state-level sports for SOMD. A special thank you to the members of Ad Hoc Pickleball Advisory group who have been instrumental in preparations (Sue Anzalone, Mike Malinoski, Bobbie Ridley and Bob Sans).

Based on the input from this advisory group, and using the input from the Area Survey conducted in Fall 2024, some key decisions that we can share at this time:

- We will have a briefing session for interested coaches and Area leaders on Monday, February 17 at 6:00-7:30pm on Zoom (<https://somd.zoom.us/j/89057958741?pwd=hBEK2OvwL44kHErlofdiqLHIURNa24.1>)
- Pickleball will be considered a "spring season" sport
- Pickleball competitions will follow the Special Olympics rules for Pickleball
  - Events Offered
    - Individual Skills
    - Singles
    - Doubles
    - Unified Doubles
  - Levels
    - Individual Skills
    - Level 1 (Beginner)
    - Level 2 (Advanced Beginner)
    - Level 3 (Intermediate)
    - Level 4 (Advanced)
  - SONA Pickleball Resource Page: [Pickleball - SONA Sports Resource Page - Smartsheet.com](#)
- Pickleball competitions should be conducted on actual pickleball courts (not short-term-converted tennis courts or other spaces) and should be conducted indoors, whenever possible.
- In 2025 SOMD will host a state Pickleball Championship as a *single-sport, standalone event* in a late-June/early-July timeframe for a variety of reasons including but not limited to:
  - Larger pool of participants possible; this allows for better divisioning in this initial year than if we lost 30% or so who would be competing in another sport at Summer Games
  - SOMD's ability to dedicate GMT and staff support to a first-time event (which would not be able to be held on the campus of TU)
  - Greater flexibility on dates to secure an appropriate facility on six-months notice
- After 2025's championship we will assess whether to integrate pickleball into Summer Games or keep it as a standalone event.
- We are working on scheduling coaches training sessions this spring

More updates will be provided as the advisory group continues its work. We look to have a Sport Director assigned to Pickleball within the next couple weeks. In the interim, Mike Czarnowsky ([mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org)) will be serving in that capacity.

**(UPDATED) Athlete Registration Process Updates**

**Update #2:** During the March 17 Area Director webinar we will be sharing our plans for the launch of the new Registration process with a more in depth discussion and Q&A during the Area Director Virtual Meeting on Saturday, March 22. It is our current expectation that the new process will launch within a day or two of the AD meeting on 3/22, while still accepting medicals for athletes as well. But, of course, **Nothing has changed until it has changed.**

**Update #1:** SOMD is progressing on launching changes in the Athlete Registration process discussed with Area leaders at the in-person November Area Leader Meeting. Thank you to the “Ad Hoc Advisory Group” who has, and will continue to, provide valuable insight (Shelly Bogasky, Jeff Hagen, Nancy Simpson, Laquitta Washington). They are providing input and recommendations for the key aspects of the project (indicated by the double asterisks below).

- Determine Process and Procedures\*\*
- Determine Adjustments to Template Forms provided by SONA\*\*
- Tech Updates (GMS adjustments & database changes)
- Communications/Training\*\*
  - Area/GMS Leaders
  - Coaches/Coordinators
  - Athletes, Families, Stakeholders
  - Other
- Launch and Tracking
- Review and adjust\*\*

Additional updates will be provided as available. And, as previously noted: **Nothing has changed** until it has changed (*i.e., full medicals are still required until the new athlete registration process is formally launched*)

**Original post:**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the live Area Leader meeting at SOMD HQ on November 16. Two of the several lively topics of discussion were the upcoming change in athlete registration and SOMD’s shift to Salesforce as its “single source of truth” database (and the transition of athlete records and registration to this new database).

While there is much to still determine on both projects, we did want to try to clarify the current estimated, overlapping time frames (as roughly laid out by Mike during the AD meeting). The table below captures what was discussed at the meeting.

Please keep in mind the following two constant parameters:

- Any timeframes are estimates and subject to change.
- **Nothing has changed** until it has changed (*i.e., full medicals are still required until the new athlete registration process is formally launched*)

Also, as noted during the meeting, as we develop greater clarity on this overall process we will certainly have multiple sharing opportunities with athletes, coaches, families, agencies, etc.

	<i>Current Process</i>	<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>Phase 2</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>
Estimated Time Frame	NA	2025 – Q1 / Q2	2025 – Q3 / Q4	TBD (late 2025 or early 2026?)
Athlete Registration	Medical form signed by medical professional and CDW, valid for 3 years	Athlete registration form incl CDW ( <i>no medical signature required</i> ); annual update	Athlete registration form incl CDW ( <i>no medical signature required</i> ); annual update	Athlete registration form incl CDW ( <i>no medical signature required</i> ); annual update
Form submission process	Collected by Area and submitted via k:\ drive	Collected by Area and submitted via k:\ drive	Most submitted electronically by athlete/family/agency; remaining submitted by Area ( <i>process TBD</i> )	Most submitted electronically by athlete/family/agency; remaining submitted by Area ( <i>process TBD</i> )
Training Registration	Area enters training registrants into proper games in GMS	Area enters training registrants into proper games in GMS	Area enters training registrants into proper games in GMS	Athlete training registration handled online within Salesforce
Compétition Registration (événets/scores/etc.)	Area enters athletes into competitive events with needed scores in GMS	Area enters athletes into competitive events with needed scores in GMS	Area enters athletes into competitive events with needed scores in GMS	Some competition registrations handled with GMS (mostly individual events); some registrations (mostly teams/bracketed events) handled through new means (SalesForce or other)

**Minute Clinic Voucher Renew**

Special Olympics North America has renewed their partnership with Minute Clinic. Through this partnership, Special Olympics Athletes are eligible to receive a discounted sports physical at Minute Clinic locations. Athletes must present the discount voucher at the time of their physical. **An updated voucher is attached to this email.**

**Be Kind, Report Your In-Kind!**

Reporting your program’s in-kind donations throughout the year ensures that we accurately report the many donations of supplies, equipment, and facilities we generously receive throughout the year...and it saves you the headache of trying to remember a full year of donations!

In order to help us all stay organized, Kim put together the In-Kind reporting form linked below. This will stay open throughout the year (and will stay in the area memo) so that Area Leaders can easily report in-kind donations after each sport season or program. This will also be linked on the Area Leader Resource Page on SOMD.org (<https://www.somd.org/area-programs/area-leader-resources/>) (Reminder, this page is password protected)

In-Kind Reporting Link: <https://forms.monday.com/forms/166de9fabcf9c82e5f20fca7b94fa17d?r=use1>

**Area Program Sport & Activity Information Form**

To more effectively capture the many programs and activities taking place in the community, we have put together a Training Program Information Form.

This form will help our state office stay more organized with up-to-date information on what programs are happening, where they’re happening, and when they are happening.

Please submit 1 form for each sport/activity from your program using the link below:  
<https://wkf.ms/3Kqg0Zp>

To avoid duplicate submissions, Coaches, Sport Volunteers, and Sport Coordinators, please work with your Area Leadership on submitting this form as they may have done so already. We ask that this is submitted by the registration deadline during each sport season.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Abel ([jabel@somd.org](mailto:jabel@somd.org)).

### **Area Program Fundraiser Info Form**

As we discussed in our Area Director meeting and on Monday's call, we'd like to get a better idea of the many fundraisers taking place around the state in support of Special Olympics Maryland. This will also help us advertise your events while also consolidating state office requests for credit card machines, Classy Pages, and more.

[Moving forward, please fill out this form when you are planning a fundraiser.](#)

### **Donation Information Corner**

1. **UPDATE:** As discussed in the 2/19 Area Director call, in order to provide more accurate records and ensure donor-recognition compliance, finance an development are requesting the following additional information for bank deposits:
  - a. Envelope from the donor (if there is one...photo/copy is fine!)
  - b. Any accompanying letters or notes (copies)
  - c. Revenue form completed (no change here!)
  - d. Copy of checks without visible banking information (no change here!)For better tracking, we are starting to enter this information into Salesforce, which Area Programs will have access to. We can note these donations as "Do Not Solicit" to suppress any direct solicitation from SOMD.
2. **Area Donation Tracking Link:** please use this link to provide information to SOMD about any anticipated gifts that may come directly to the SOMD office or bank account:  
[Area Donation Tracking Report](#)
3. **Private Donation Link for Honor/Memorial Donations and specific gifts from donors:** If you have an individual donor or sponsor that has reached out to you and wants to make a donation to support your program directly, or if you would like to include a link for memorial donations, you can provide this PRIVATE donation link, but please remember, **this link cannot be included on your local area website or sent out as an email blast**. Please encourage donors to fill out the "Direct My Gift to" dropdown in the form. [Private Giving Link Request](#)
4. **Stock Giving Option:** please provide the information below to anyone who would like to make a gift of stock to your local area program. You can also notify SOMD that a gift is coming to support your program by adding this information to the [Area Donation Tracking Report](#).  
To make a gift of stock, please share this information with your financial advisor:  
  

Morgan Stanley LLC  
DTC #0015  
For the benefit of Special Olympics Maryland/633-117478  
c/o: Morgan Stanley  
**1201 Wills Street, Suite 700**  
**Baltimore, MD 21231**
5. **Matching Gifts:** Many companies generously offer to match their employees' charitable contributions. Some even provide matching funds to support employee volunteer hours. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of your gift!

[Click Here](#) to enter your employer's name to see if they participate in the matching gift program, and if they do, get a link to the matching donation page.



If you are aware of any matching gifts that may be coming in for your local area program, please notify SOMD that a gift is coming to support your program by adding this information to the [Area Donation Tracking Report](#)

**(UPDATED) Finance Corner**

New Deposit Slips – The following Area programs should have received New Deposit slip books for 2025: **Alleghany, Baltimore County, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, St. Mary’s and Washington**. If you do not have your new book, please reach out to Darlene so that she can send one to you.

We are currently seeing deposits made at M&T bank using the old deposit slips. Please help the finance team by shredding the old and using the new ones. Thank you for your support.

**(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Coach Webinars**

The dates and time for Pre-Season and Pre-Competition webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

**Pre-Season Coaches Webinars** (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Registration / Recording Link</i>
Basketball	Thu 12/05	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/hztbvpvqSZ_I">https://youtu.be/hztbvpvqSZ_I</a>
Athletics (T&F)	Thu, 3/20 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/jrEh7gwwTFiXukh4dFXoSQ">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/jrEh7gwwTFiXukh4dFXoSQ</a>
Bocce	Thu, 3/13 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/XoZnhPifTX6ucYYgu2R0gg">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/XoZnhPifTX6ucYYgu2R0gg</a>
Cheerleading	Wed, 3/12 7:00-8:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/2PgAYrHaRli8DukeiOILBQ">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/2PgAYrHaRli8DukeiOILBQ</a>
Softball	Wed, 3/12 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZU365LaRkOFZjccN32-ZQ">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZU365LaRkOFZjccN32-ZQ</a>
Swimming	Wed, 3/19 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/j/89766001373?pwd=zWkGcDqVaguDbJy9YBdP13CFMUWfCl.1">https://somid.zoom.us/j/89766001373?pwd=zWkGcDqVaguDbJy9YBdP13CFMUWfCl.1</a>
Pickleball	Mon, 2/17	Recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/IIYFhjP1tqslf">https://youtu.be/IIYFhjP1tqslf</a>
Kayaking	Thu, 5/22 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/j/87055459716?pwd=UTuAc5BmEQxft51p9fUCZunGn8GkX.1">https://somid.zoom.us/j/87055459716?pwd=UTuAc5BmEQxft51p9fUCZunGn8GkX.1</a>

**Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars** (slides from recorded sessions are available on the respective CRP)

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Registration / Recording Link</i>
Basketball <i>Day 1 - 5v5 Trad/Unif</i>	Tue, 3/18 6:00-7:30p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-CrrTotHNZcxSLTDQC05j8PMQDRxs9">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-CrrTotHNZcxSLTDQC05j8PMQDRxs9</a>
Basketball <i>Day 2 - 3v3 Trad/PDU, 5v5 PDU, Skills</i>	Tue, 3/18 7:30-9:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdu6qrDwwHNzS3d80Y7GPNGb-TD8Lqu4j">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdu6qrDwwHNzS3d80Y7GPNGb-TD8Lqu4j</a>
Athletics (T&F)	Thu, 6/12 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/ly_Ah34BQM28X7vS4LBtzzg">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/ly_Ah34BQM28X7vS4LBtzzg</a>
Bocce	Thu, 6/12 7:30-8:30p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/m1hGpeNmTSyvh68TYF3xsw">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/m1hGpeNmTSyvh68TYF3xsw</a>
Cheerleading	Wed, 6/11 7:00-8:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/HXqMZq6WTRuQHPiCAA-H9A">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/HXqMZq6WTRuQHPiCAA-H9A</a>
Softball	Wed, 6/11 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/op6Q9BIERcCrWdkBgmP9mg">https://somid.zoom.us/meeting/register/op6Q9BIERcCrWdkBgmP9mg</a>
Swimming	Tue, 6/10 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somid.zoom.us/j/86072023406?pwd=xA9WpUK37kiD7H1IY6cblspzfMPXsZ.1">https://somid.zoom.us/j/86072023406?pwd=xA9WpUK37kiD7H1IY6cblspzfMPXsZ.1</a>

Pickleball	TBD	TBD
Kayaking – Time Trials	TBD 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/j/84913777351?pwd=2hJWl1mP19a2bGUiKvUAI2plpUeNx.1">https://somd.zoom.us/j/84913777351?pwd=2hJWl1mP19a2bGUiKvUAI2plpUeNx.1</a>
Kayaking – Finals	TBD 6:00-7:00p	<a href="https://somd.zoom.us/j/83587404110?pwd=vteCVZiWLn1OqNReUqKGgcoLEGlme.1">https://somd.zoom.us/j/83587404110?pwd=vteCVZiWLn1OqNReUqKGgcoLEGlme.1</a>

### **Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports**

Your Area Director and Area Leadership should always be your first point of contact. However, should you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

- **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

- [manger@somd.org](mailto:manger@somd.org), 410.979.5112

Basketball	Flag Football	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball</i>
Cheerleading	Softball	

- **Julie Klein, Sports Director**

- [jklein@somd.org](mailto:jklein@somd.org), 443.900.3155

Bowling	Kayaking	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Duckpin, Equestrian, Sailing</i>
Cycling	Swimming	

- **Mani Madala, Sports Director**

- [mmadala@somd.org](mailto:mmadala@somd.org),

<i>Athletics (Track &amp; Field / Long Distance Running)</i>		
Golf	Snowshoeing	<i>Locally Popular Sports: DanceSport, Floor Hockey</i>
Powerlifting		

- **Jake Novick, Sports Director**

- [jnovick@somd.org](mailto:jnovick@somd.org), 774.276.5861

Alpine Skiing	Soccer	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Duckpin Bowling, Short Track Speed Skating</i>
Bocce	Tennis	
Pickleball		

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

- **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**

- [sbennett@somd.org](mailto:sbennett@somd.org), 304.991.1421

Summer Games	Fall Sports Festival	USA Games
Winter Games		World Games

If you have questions regarding High School Unified® Sports (IUS) training and competition, please contact:

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified® Sports**

- [zcintron@somd.org](mailto:zcintron@somd.org), 973.862.0414

IUS Athletics (T&F)	IUS Indoor Bocce	IUS Tennis
IUS Outdoor Bocce	IUS Strength & Conditioning	IUS Flag Football

- **Tyler Harrell, Manager, High School Unified® Sports**

- [tharrell@somd.org](mailto:tharrell@somd.org), 410.251.0331

IUS High School program logistics and coordination with Districts and Local School Systems

If you have questions regarding training/competition registration certifications or the processing of forms, please contact:

- **Dottie Rush, Registration Manager**
  - [drush@somd.org](mailto:drush@somd.org), 410.242.1515 x111

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

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