

2023 Great North Woods Area Summer Games

Sunday, May 7th

Special Olympics
New Hampshire



Berlin High School

550 Willard Street

Berlin, NH

The Great North Woods Area Summer Games includes competition in athletics and bocce. Competition at an Area Games is required for an athlete to compete at the State Summer Games in athletics. The goal of Area Games is to provide our athletes with a quality competitive experience while obtaining accurate preliminary scores to use at the State Summer Games.

Please take a moment to review the Rules of each sport to have a better understanding of the sports.

To register for the Great North Woods Area Summer Games, you will use Agon. Please make sure you are familiar with the timeline below.

IF YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS

About **registration**, which includes compliance and the registration process through Agon including intent to participate, registration and scratch, please contact Bridget Carleton at BridgetC@sonh.org or by phone at (603) 969-9572.

About **the season**, which includes preseason video call, coaches video call and final games information, please contact Shelby Cote at ShelbyC@sonh.org or by phone at (603) 933-1093.

About **the event**, which includes day of questions, please contact Pam Couture at pcouture@ne.rr.com or by phone at (603) 915-0160.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- In the case of inclement weather, events will be completed indoors.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Training is an important part of athlete growth in both skill development and overall physical fitness. Special Olympics New Hampshire expects teams to train twice a week for 10 weeks prior to the State Tournament, with one practice focusing on sport specific training and one practice focusing on fitness (cross training etc.) to allow for optimal performance and readiness at the State Games.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

During the registration process, we will communicate with the primary LP contact, head coaches, Local Program Coordinator, Secondary Local Program Coordinator, and the Communications and Technology Manager.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE (TELL US YOU ARE COMING)



Open Sunday, January 1st

- Enter the primary Local Program contact for the Games as well as the Head Coach for each sport (these may be the same of different people).
- Give us an estimate of the number of teams participating. We are looking for a rough estimate for planning purposes only, this number can change as you move through registration.

PRE-SEASON VIDEO CALL

Wednesday, March 22nd and Thursday, March 23rd for Athletics and Bocce

- We will discuss the season, events that will take place, rules and a high-level overview of the events.
- Access Microsoft Teams Video Call through sport-specific dates, times and links that follow.

Athletics	Bocce
Wednesday, March 22 nd , 6:00pm	Thursday, March 23 rd , 5:00pm
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FIRST PRACTICE SHOULD BE HELD BY

Friday, March 24th

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COMPLIANCE (TELL US WHO IS COMING AND DEAL WITH PAPERWORK)

Wednesday, April 12th

- No athletes, head coaches, coaches or LPVs may be added to the Games after the compliance period ends.
- Athletes participating in wheelchairs needs to be noted and sent to Bridget (BridgetC@sonh.org).
- New athletes must be recorded in Agon.
- If you would like your registration from a prior year flipped into this year, please email Bridget.
- There must be a minimum of one volunteer registered for every four athletes (Unified Partners are not included in the 4:1 ratio).
- By the end of the compliance period, all athletes, Unified Sports partners, head coaches, coaches and LPVs must be compliant (showing as green in Agon).
 - Requirements to be compliant can be found here:
 - [Athlete](#)
 - [LPV](#)
 - [Coach](#)



REGISTRATION (ENTER EVENTS, QUALIFYING SCORES, LEVELS, CATEGORIES, TEAMS & MEALS)

Thursday, April 13th to Wednesday, April 19th

- All athletes and Unified Sports partners must be registered for event specific information (event, level, qualifying score and team, if applicable)
 - Participants may compete in athletics OR bocce.
 - Athletics
 - Participants must register for events in only one category.
 - Participants may register for up to four events.
 - *Prior to selecting events within determined category, please reference the 2023 Summer Games Schedule; participants will not be able to register for events that are scheduled back-to-back at the 2023 Summer Games.*
 - Athletes may only register for one of the following events: tennis ball throw, softball throw or shot put.
 - Athletes may only register for one of the following events: running long jump or standing long jump.
 - Athletes may register for walking events and running events as long as they are in the same category.
 - Participants must enter qualifying scores for each event. If no qualifying score is entered, we will division with 2019 State Summer Games results. If those are not available, participants will be placed in division with the highest ability level.
 - Bocce
 - Qualifying scores are not needed as ability is determined during the qualifying round.
 - Participants must register for the qualifying round and singles competition.
- Number of meals needed must be entered and may not be updated after registration closes.
- Coaches can request necessary lane accommodation, if needed please let Bridget know prior to the close of registration.

SCRATCH (UPDATE QUALIFYING SCORES AND REMOVE PEOPLE)

Thursday, April 20th to Wednesday, April 26th

During the Scratch phase of registration, users may update scores and remove athletes, LPVs, and/or their events in Agon.

COACHES' VIDEO CALL

Monday, May 1st for Athletics and Bocce

- We will discuss the final schedule, lunch menu, awards process and bad weather.
- Access the Microsoft Teams Video Call through the sport-specific dates, times and links below.

Athletics	Bocce
Monday, May 1 st , 5:00pm	Monday, May 1 st , 6:00pm
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FINAL INFORMATION

Thursday, May 4th

- Final Schedule and any follow up information required after the coaches meeting will be distributed.

ATHLETE'S PARTICIPATION IN NON-PRIMARY LOCAL PROGRAMS

An athlete may be associated with up to three Local Programs. Every athlete has one primary Local Program. The primary Local Program is fiscally responsible for their athletes and is the program that an athlete competes with most often. In Agon you will be able to see if an athlete is primary with your LP. If an athlete participates with their Secondary or Tertiary Program, the Primary Program will ultimately be assessed the athlete's participation as outlined below.

1. The athlete must let his/her LPC know they would like to participate in another sport or with another Local Program and which Local Program they are interested in joining.
 - If the Primary Local Program offers the sport, the LPC should work with the athlete to determine why the athlete would like to participate with another Program and decide if they will approve participation by signing the top section of the Transfer Form. Athletes should be empowered to choose where to participate.
2. The athlete needs to ask the LPC of the team he/she would like to participate with (either the Secondary or Tertiary program).
 - If the LPC of the "participating team" does not have the infrastructure (enough volunteers to make a safe environment), they may say "no" to the athlete.
 - If the secondary LPC says yes, s/he will need to fill out and sign the middle section of the *Transfer Form* (Non-Primary Participation Form) including the amount of money that will need to be transferred to cover that year's participation costs (including but not limited to any facility fees, equipment or uniform fees, or paid lessons associated with the sport) and any expectations as a result of the athlete's participation.
 - The participating LP may register an athlete they think will be participating with them – but if the *Transfer Form* is not completed by the scratch date, the athlete will be scratched.
3. The athlete needs to get the *Transfer Form* back to their primary LPC who will sign off on the final section of the form, agreeing that they understand how much will be transferred from the Primary Program's Net Funds for the year and the expectations of the athlete, and then submits to SONH for processing.
 - The LPC of the athlete's Primary Local Program will submit the form to our office, and we will make the transfer between Local Programs and ensure that the athlete is listed in the non-primary program's intent.

Please note that while the assessments will be processed yearly based on registration after the Transfer form has been processed the first time, the Transfer form will still need to be completed annually for the associated fees with participating in the sport with the Secondary or Tertiary Local Program.