



Wood County Special Olympics

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WOOD COUNTY
BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

To: All Wood County Special Olympics Athletes, Families and Providers

From: Jennifer Krouse Wood County Special Olympics Coordinator
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Re: Spring Sports Registration

Date: February 12th, 2024

It is time to register for the Spring Sports 2024 season! Wood County Special Olympics (WCSO) is offering Bocce, Track & Field, and Volleyball this spring. Please read the following information carefully.

Proudly, Wood County Special Olympics is a robust sports program that offers 9 different sports each year and participation is at an all-time high! For every sport season, Wood County Special Olympics tries extremely hard to avoid sport practices and games from overlapping. Unfortunately, this goal is not always met due to facility rental availability, program growth, and competition scheduling.

To offer the most successful program possible, we utilize outside community resources and facilities to host practices and events. This is a major cause for overlap in schedules. Each sports season, WCSO rents swim and bowling lanes, softball fields, indoor and outdoor track facilities, and golf courses. Communication with facilities begins months in advance to secure the schedule that would be most suitable for our athletes and families. Although the facilities do their best to accommodate our requests, they are not always able to grant each preferred choice.

The increased participation in our program also requires the creation of several teams within certain sports. For example, the high volume of volleyball and basketball athletes have led to the creation of multiple teams within the volleyball team and basketball team. Ultimately, this leads to the scheduling of additional practices, games, and times in those specific areas.

Each sports season, our program typically schedules competitions with seven other counties for basketball, volleyball, softball, and flag football. Our goal is to offer as much competition as possible for our athletes, so we try to be flexible and creative with our schedules to accommodate the availability of other counties as well as our own.

We appreciate your continued support in our program and our athletes. Without it, we would not be able to provide the program our athletes deserve. We are excited to spring into this next season and we hope you are too.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Krouse
Wood County Special Olympics Coordinator

WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2024 SPRING SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Modified Team 5:00-6:15pm; or Traditional Team 6:30-7:45pm

** Practice times will be based on team placement.*

Practices for Volleyball will begin Tuesday, March 19th and will run through June 25th.

Practices will be held at the Dolores Black Gymnasium, Bowling Green Community Center, 1245 W Newton Rd, Bowling Green

**** Special Olympics Ohio *requires* that all Volleyball players complete a mandatory assessment to determine skill level.** Based on the scores of the assessment athletes are placed in teams of equal skill level.

Your assessment date will be based on your first letter of your last name:

For last names that start with the letters A through L, the assessment will be held on Tuesday, March 12th between 5:00-6:00pm at the BG Community Center.

For last names that start with the letters M through Z, the assessment will be held on Tuesday, March 12th between 6:00-7:00pm at the BG Community Center.

Assessments should take 15-20 minutes and will be done on a first come, first served basis. Once your assessment is completed, you may leave. If you are unable to make your time, please contact LeAnn Frankfather at lfrankfather@woodcountydd.org ASAP to schedule your assessment.

TRACK & FIELD:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm

Practices for Track will begin Monday, April 1st and will run through June 24th.

April practices will be held at the Ownes Community College Student Health & Activities Center (SHAC) indoor track, 7315 Championship Dr W, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Beginning May 1st through June 24th practice will be held at the Walt Churchill Outdoor Track, 13385 Roachton Rd., Perrysburg, 43551 **on Wednesdays**

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BGSU, Whittaker Outdoor Track, 610 Stadium Dr, Bowling Green, 43403 **on Mondays**

BOCCE (Lawn Bowling):

**Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15pm or 4:15-5:00pm
and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am or 10:30-11:30am**

Practices for Bocce begin Tuesday, April 4th and will run through June 17th.

Practices are held at the WCBDD Bocce Courts, located at the Wood County Board of DD, 1921 E. Gypsy Lane Rd., Bowling Green, 43402. *Behind Wood Lane School.

Detailed calendars will be sent after the registration deadline.

If you have questions, please let us know by emailing specialolympics@woodcountydd.org or contact Jen Krouse, Wood County Special Olympics Coordinator at 419-352-5115 ext.7907.

***All athletes MUST have a valid Special Olympics Ohio Registration, Release, Health History, & Medical form to be eligible to participate on file.
The minimum age to participate is 8.**

Please be aware that the Special Olympics Ohio Release, Health History & Medical Forms HAVE been updated.
If your Physical Exam form *is less than 3 years old* on the old forms, they are still valid.

- If you are a New Athlete, Your information needs updated, Or your Physical Exam form is older than 3 years, **Please complete the new forms found online at:**

www.woodcountydd.org > Our Services> Special Olympics> Special Olympics Forms

WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2024 SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

To participate to register online at

www.woodcountydd.org > Our Services > Special Olympics
(Click on this link)

OR Complete and submit the paper registration form on the next page:

****All Spring Sport Registration forms must be completed online or turned in
by Sunday, March 3rd, 2024****

WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2024 SPRING SPORTS (Paper) REGISTRATION

To submit a paper registration, please complete this registration page and drop it off to:
Wood Co. Special Olympics, Entrance C, 1921 E. Gypsy Lane Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402

Registration forms *must* be completed online or turned in by Sunday, March 3rd, 2024.

Please check the sport(s) that you would like to participate in:

☐ **Bocce**

***ALSO, Please Check your preferred practice time for Bocce on Tuesday AND on Saturday.**

Tuesday:

☐ 3:30-4:15pm

☐ 4:15-5:00pm

Saturday:

☐ 9:30-10:30am

☐ 10:30-11:30am

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Athlete Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Additional Phone #: _____ Additional Email: _____

Specific needs (diet, medical, etc): _____

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian/Care Provider Signature: _____

****Please attach SPECIFIC SUPERVISION GUIDELINES if applicable.**