



Wood County Special Olympics
1921 East Gypsy Lane Rd.
Bowling Green, OH 43402



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

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Re: Spring Sports Registration

Date: January 28th, 2026

It is time to register for the Spring Sports 2026 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



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WOOD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2026 SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION:

To participate to register online at:

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

Registration Deadline: Sunday, February 22nd!

VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** To accommodate our increased athlete participation, we will be adding a **Skills Team practice:** 4:15–5:00 PM
- **Modified Team:** 5:00–6:00 PM
- **Traditional Team:** 6:15–7:45 PM

Practice times will be assigned based on team placement.

Practices will begin **Tuesday, March 17th**, and run through **May 26th**.

All practices will take place at:
Dolores Black Gymnasium
Bowling Green Community Center

Special Olympics Ohio Requirement

All volleyball athletes must complete a **mandatory skills assessment** to determine skill level. Athletes are then placed on teams with others of similar ability based on their assessment scores.

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 **Thursday, 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 **Thursday, 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.



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TRACK & FIELD:

Season Dates:

Track practices will begin **Monday, March 9th** and will run through **May 27th**.

New This Year: To accommodate our increased athlete participation, we will offer two practice times on Mondays and Wednesdays. *Practice times will be assigned once registration has closed:*

Practice Locations:

March 9th – April 29th (Indoor Practices)

Owens Community College – SHAC Indoor Track
7315 Championship Dr. W, Perrysburg, OH 43551

- **6:30-7:30 or 7:30-8:30** (*depending on assigned time*)

Beginning May 4th – May 27th (Outdoor Practices)

- **Mondays:** BGSU – Whittaker Outdoor Track
610 Stadium Dr., Bowling Green, OH 43403
- **Wednesdays:** Walt Churchill Outdoor Track
13385 Roachton Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551
- **6:00-7:00 or 7:00-8:00** (*depending on assigned time*)

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**
Practice times will be assigned once registration has closed:

Practices for Bocce begin Tuesday, March 17th and will run through May 23rd.

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 Spring Sports calendars will be sent after the registration deadline.



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*** All athletes must have a valid Special Olympics Ohio Registration, Release, Health History, and Medical Form on file to be eligible to participate.**

- The minimum age to participate is 8 years old.
- If your Physical Exam form is less than three years old and was completed using the previous forms, it is still valid.

If you are a new athlete, need to update your information, or have a Physical Exam form that is older than three years, please complete the updated forms available online at: www.woodcountydd.org > Our Services> Special Olympics> Special Olympics Forms

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