



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

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

Date: April 27th, 2026

It is time to register for the Summer Sports 2026 season! Wood County Special Olympics (WCSO) is offering Softball, and Unified Golf. **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 2026 SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION:

To participate, register online at:
www.woodcountydd.org > [Our Services](#) > [Special Olympics \(Click on this link\)](#)

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 25th!

Softball:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Beginning June 16th
Between 5:00 - 7:45pm

The **mandatory Special Olympics Ohio Softball Skills Assessment score will determine team placement & practice time.*

Practice Times:

- Skills- 5:00-5:45pm
- Coach Pitch- 5:00-6:15pm
- Traditional- 6:30-7:45pm

Place: All practices and Home Games will be held at Carter Park, 401 Campbell Hill Road, Bowling Green, 43402

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

Mandatory Softball Skills Assessment will be on Tuesday, June 9th at the Carter Park.

For last names that start with the letters A through L,
The assessment will be held **between 5:00 - 6:30pm.**

For last names that start with the letters M through Z,
The assessment will be held **between 6:30 - 7:30pm.**

Once your assessment is completed, you may leave. Assessments will only take about 15-20 minutes and will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you are unable to make your time, please contact coach *Ken Windisch* or coach *Angie Prowant* at specialolympicswoodcountydd.org ASAP to schedule your assessment.

Unified Golf:

Golf is a **unified** sport. Each athlete must have a partner to play. This is designed to give the athlete an opportunity to transition from individual skills to individual play and to progress under the guidance of a Unified partner whose ability and knowledge of golf is more advanced than that of the Special Olympics athlete. The Unified partner serves as a coach and mentor so that the Special Olympics athlete becomes self-sufficient on the golf course.

Participation in Unified Golf requires each athlete to have a Unified partner. Athletes and their families are responsible for identifying and securing a partner for the season. All partners must complete the volunteer requirements for both Special Olympics of Ohio and the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities prior to the start of the season in order to be eligible to participate.

Mondays, Beginning June 8th

Between 5:00 - 8:00pm

**Specific Tee Times will be determined once the registration is complete and will be sent out each week prior to practice. Regardless of the start time practice will end at 8:00pm.*

Course: Riverby Golf Club, 16571 W River Rd, Bowling Green, 43402
Athletes must have their own set of clubs to participate.

- *Please keep in mind that partners may not be able to attend every practice or competition. In this case athletes would not be eligible to practice or compete.*
- *Special Olympics Ohio requires that the athletes have the same partner for Regional & State competitions.*
- *Special Olympics Ohio requires pairs to have at least 3 practice scores to be eligible for Regional Competitions.*

Detailed calendars will be sent after the registration deadline.

*** 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.