



***Special
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Massachusetts

2019
Summer Sports Season
Informational Packet

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Summer Season Event Calendar

- July 13th
 - Over the Edge, Boston

- July 20th
 - Bocce Qualifying Tournament, Westfield
 - Softball Qualifying Tournament, Nonotuck Park Easthampton
 - Cycling Time Trails, Cushing Memorial Park Framingham

- July 27th
 - Sailing Regatta, Community Boating, Boston
 - Bocce Qualifying Tournament, Teamworks, Canton
 - Softball Qualifying Tournament, Bellingham Youth Softball & Bellingham Middle School
 - *Traditional & Unified*

- August 10th
 - Golf Qualifier, Tekoa Country Club Westfield

- August 11th
 - Golf Qualifier, Indian Meadows, Westborough

- August 24th & 25th
 - Tournament of Champions, Marlborough, MA

- September 14th & 15th
 - SORI Newport Sailing Regatta, Newport, RI

2019 Summer Season Registration

Deadlines

Marlboro Tournament of Champions: Aug. 24th and 25th

All athletes MUST have a valid medical to begin training

Please submit medicals/class A forms 1 week before your Qualifier

Send all forms to Ops@SpecialOlympicsMA.org

Wednesday, June 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosters from last Summer Season sent to coaches • Coaches from last season will be emailed about their expiring/expiring certifications
Monday, July 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bocce, Cycling, Softball, Sailing and Golf registrations due
Monday, July 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Registrations to be sent to coaches by this date
Wednesday, July 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing forms due
Friday, August 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes/edits/scratches to Final Registration due • Golf Score Cards Due <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Returning teams only need 4 cards to keep their handicap current. New teams/individuals must submit 6 cards to obtain a handicap</p>

Summer Season Sport Offerings

Sport 2018 Participation Count

Bocce- 630 participants

Cycling- 89 participants

Golf- 194 participants

Sailing- 62 participants

Softball- 654 participants

Sport Rules

- Qualifying Tournaments are mandatory for all athletes and Unified Partners that wish to advance onto the Tournament of Champions.
 - Waivers requests for missing qualifier must be submitted prior to qualifying tournament and will be reviewed by SOMA staff
 - Qualifying Tournament will be a round robin format
- Please indicate wheelchair athletes on registration forms
- Special Olympics Resource page (http://www.specialolympics.org/Sections/Sports-and-Games/Sports_and_Games.aspx) is home to
 - All Sports rules
 - Coaching and training guides
- Sport Appropriate Uniforms **are required** for all participants
 - Bocce
 - Logoed Polo Shirt or T shirt, Khaki or cargo shorts/Pants
 - Cycling
 - Logoed Cycling Shirts or T shirts, Shorts, HELMET
 - Coaches
 - Logoed Polo Shirt or T- Shirt
 - Golf
 - Logoed Polo Shirt, Khaki or cargo shorts/Pants
 - Sailing
 - Logoed Polo shirt/T-shirt, Khaki or cargo shorts/pants
 - Softball
 - Logoed Baseball Shirt with #, Matching Hat, Softball/baseball pants or matching shorts
 - NO METAL SPIKES

Sport Rules

Bocce

- All Bocce teams are required to designate one practice prior to registration deadlines to run a bocce assessment test and submit test results to SOMA. SOMA will use these scores to division at the Qualifying Tournament. This will allow for more time to run a bocce round robin at the qualifier and let the athletes play the sport
- Please indicate on the registration form whether the athlete is High, Medium or Low ability:
 - High Ability – Athlete rolls ball within 2ft of the pallina from 10ft away consistently.
 - Medium Ability – Athlete rolls ball within 5ft of the pallina from 10ft away consistently
 - Low Ability – Athlete rolls ball outside of 5ft of the pallina from 10ft away consistently.

Golf:

- Golfers are **required** to attend a qualifying tournament.
- All Golfers looking to advance to Tournament of Champions **MUST**:
 - Submit predetermined # of scorecards by DEADLINE (August 9th)
 - Maintain an average score, per SOI rules, of the following by level:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75 Level II or a handicap of under 30 ▪ 120 Level III or a handicap of under 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70 Level IV or a handicap of under 30 ▪ 120 Level V or a handicap of under 40
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 - Those golfers or teams that shoot above the max score will be bumped down a level
 - Any new golfers to your program **MUST complete** the Level I skills assessment spelled out in the SOI Golf Rule book. Once athlete reaches the bench marks outlined in the rule book they will be allowed to graduate to Level II or the level that matches their ability level.
 - Results of Level I skills test for new athletes must be submitted to Special Olympics Massachusetts before athlete can participate in Level II or beyond
 - SOMA will division for Tournament of Champions using an athletes or teams USGA handicap
 - Tournament of Champions August 25th & 26th
 - Level II & IV golfers will play 9 holes each day
 - Level III & V golfers will play 18 holes each day
 - All golfers will be assigned a tee time

Sailing:

- Newport Regatta
 - September 14th & 15th , Newport Navy Base, 1354 Whipple St, Newport RI
 - SORI will notify SOMA on how many boats we are allowed to bring to this event. In order to attend, sailors must participate in the SOMA regatta at Community Boating

Softball:

- Wooden Bats only
- SOMA will use a safety home plate & safety base at first. Train accordingly

Uniform Guidelines

As an accredited program of Special Olympics International, Special Olympics Massachusetts has agreed to certain uniform standards. Please see below for the correct way to include the Special Olympics logo with your team's mascot, name, or organization logo. **At a minimum, all uniforms used in Special Olympics competitions must include the Special Olympics Massachusetts logo and may not include any sponsor logos.** Additionally, please be sure you are using the newest version of the Special Olympics logo seen below.

Logos to be used:



Logo use option 1:



Logo use option 2:



You can also use a crest style:



Tournament of Champions Information

Dates

- August 24th & 25th

Competition Venues

- Bocce
 - Fore Kicks, 219 Forest St, Marlborough
- Cycling
 - Marlboro Hills, 170 Forest St . Check Tournament of Champions Event Guide when posted for location and course map.
- Golf
 - Stow Acres, South Course, 58 Randall Rd, Stow
- Softball
 - New England Baseball Complex, 333 SW Cutoff, Northborough
 - Marlborough Little League Complex, Williams St, Marlborough
 - Marlborough Youth Softball Complex, Farrell Field (*Hildreth School*), Sawin St, Marlborough, MA
 - Dean Park Shrewsbury, 805 Main St, Shrewsbury

Housing

- All participating teams will be housed in the following Marlborough Hotels
 - Best Western Royal Trade Plaza, 181 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough
 - Embassy Suites, 123 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough
 - Fairfield Inn, 169 Apex Center, Boston Post Rd, Marlborough
 - Holiday Inn Express, 265 Lakeside Ave, Marlborough
 - Hampton Inn, 277 Boston Post Rd, Marlborough
 - Hilton Garden Inn, 170 Forest St, Marlborough
 - Homewood Suites, 60 River Rd W, Berlin
 - Hyatt Place, 105 Apex Center, Boston Post Rd, Marlborough
- Families looking stay in Marlborough may book hotels in the above listed hotels space permitting. Other Hotel options for Families that are under a 2 mile radius of the above hotels include
 - Courtyard Boston, 75 Felton St, Marlborough
 - Residence Inn, 112 Donald Lynch Blvd, Marlborough

Tournament of Champions Information

Other Venues

- Young Athletes “My First” - Yawkey Sports Training Center Marlborough
 - *Sports introduction event for athletes under 8 years old*
- Olympic Town - Yawkey Sports Training Center Marlborough
 - *Will open later in the day as competition winds down and will run through the dance*
- Dance & Movie- Yawkey Sports Training Center Marlborough
 - Theme - TBD
 - *Rain location TBD*

Meals

- Lunch
 - All venues will have concessions.
 - SOMA will provide each participant with a lunch voucher so they may order lunch at the concession stand.
- Dinner
 - Each team will be given a reservation at one of the following local restaurants on Saturday August 25th. Restaurant listing will be updated.
 - All Star Bar & Grill (*Best Western*)
 - Embassy Suites
 - FireFly's BBQ
 - Kennedy's
 - Vin Bin

*Check the Tournament of Champions Event Guide when posted for any updates on meals and participating restaurants

- Each restaurant will have a special SOMA menu for participants to order off of
- **Credentials are required** when ordering at the restaurant. If you fail to wear your credential to dinner you are responsible to pay for your meal

Coach Education Criteria

To Receive Certification

- 1) Be a SOMA Class A Volunteer:
 - a. Complete a Class “A” Volunteer application (*every 3 years*)
 - b. Complete the online Protective Behaviors (*every 3 years*)
 - c. Complete a “Coaching in SOMA” General Orientation (*1 time only*)
- 2) Complete the SOMA Sport Certification test (*every 3 years*)
- 3) Concussion Awareness Training
 - a. Requirement for all S.O. coaches across the country.
 - i. Available through the CDC website
 - ii. Available through the National Federation of State High School Associations www.NFSH.org
 - iii. If you have already taken it through your work or school submit your completed certificate to SOMA and you are covered
- 4) CPR & First Aid Certification
 - a. All programs to have at least one individual who attends practices and tournaments to have this certification.
 - b. Does not need to be the Head Coach, just someone SOMA can track

And if you coach Unified Sports:

- 5) Complete a Unified Sports Course to Coach a Unified Sports Team
 - c. *Only if you coach a Unified Sports team*
 - d. *Done online*

If you have any questions about your certification status or certification status of the coaches in your program please contact your Community Development Manager. See page 14 to see who your Community Development Manager contact is

County Contacts

The below counties (*with a few exceptions*) are overseen by a Community Manager.

County	Manager	E-mail address	Phone
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Volunteers Needed

If your program or team needs help recruiting Coaches, Unified Partners or Volunteers let SOMA know so we may help you by advertising your needs in our monthly volunteer newsletter.

Please submit the following information to Jennifer Dowdy at

Jennifer.dowdy@specialolympicsma.org

- Sport
- Practice Location, Day & Time
- Age of your athletes
- Contact person with email address and phone number

Special Olympics Massachusetts would like to THANK the following partners!

