

**NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
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**March 2024**

**SPORTS UPDATES - 2024**

**BASKETBALL**

With 4 Basketball teams, Basketball skills, and swimmers we have had a long practice season. We greatly appreciate the Milwaukee Safety Academy for allowing us to use their gym facilities and Brown Deer High School for the swimming pool.

Regional competition was held at Homestead on March 3 and three teams advanced to the next level! The Sectional Competition was held at New Berlin West High School on March 16 – and two teams will advance to State on April 12-14 at UW-Oshkosh.

**BASKETBALL SKILLS**

District tournament was Saturday, February 25, with the State games on Friday, April 12 at UW-Oshkosh; five athletes are advancing to the State competition.

**SWIMMING**

Swim practice again began earlier this year because of the change of SOWI sports seasons, with swimming the same season as Basketball. Regional Aquatics will be on March 23rd at the YMCA at Pabst Farms, in Oconomowoc. State for swimming will be at UW-Oshkosh on April 12-14<sup>th</sup>. NO Swim practice on March 26.

**SNOWSHOE**

We tried and failed to get any practices in this unusual winter. We will try again next year.

**UPCOMING SPORTS**

**REGISTER FOR UPCOMING SPORTS VIA THIS WEBLINK:**

[Spring Sports Registration - North Suburban Special Olympics](#)

**SOCCER**

We will have the first practice (indoors) on Wednesday, April 10 - practices will be 6:30-8:00pm, at the Milwaukee Safety Academy. Inside practices will be held until we go outside at Brown Deer Middle/High School; outside practices will start with decent weather; and will also be 6:30-8:00pm. Notification of changes in the practice information will be sent by email and/or Hotline. Check the calendar for other information.

Please make sure your registration form is returned as soon as you receive it – the best is the online registration via the website or a print copy returned - indicating an interest in being on the team; no email or text or verbal statement will be accepted, and the print form returned only to Kevin or Linda. We would like to know for sure if you are returning or interested in joining a team as we will have only ONE soccer team. It is possible that there will be NO openings for new players as athletes who played in last year's season will be given first option to be on the team. Returning athletes MUST have their registration in by FRIDAY, APRIL 5th to guarantee your space; after that date, team membership will be open to other athletes – so get your print or online registration form in as the date on your response will be a deciding factor on who will be on the team this year.

As always, attendance at any games set up will be mandatory for all players to be on the team this year. These would be the games held to be eligible to play throughout the season, and to advance with the team to state. Tentatively, there will be scrimmage games on May 4<sup>th</sup> – information will be distributed as available.

**ATHLETICS (TRACK AND FIELD)**

Practices will be on Wednesday nights at Brown Deer Middle/High School, starting April 10th – weather permitting (as usual). Regional Competition will be at Muskego High School, on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Practices will be 6:45-7:45pm = a new time frame. With such a restricted time frame, practices will be extra important.

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With no indoor track facilities available to use, attendance at practices will be very important because we will not have a guaranteed decent weather night to get timing done. These first practices will be mandatory to compete in the regional tournament due to the short time frame – let us hope for good weather.

**TENNIS**

Practices will be on Wednesday nights at Brown Deer Middle/High School, starting April 10th – weather permitting (as usual). Any changes of practice will be set up between the coach and the athletes. Practices will be 6:30-8:00pm.

**STATE**

State Games for soccer, athletics (track), and tennis will be June 6-8, 2024 at UW-Whitewater.

**SOFTBALL, BOCCE**

The summer sports will probably start in June. Bocce will be on Monday evenings (Brown Deer High School), softball will be on Tuesday evenings (Maslowski Park). Regional competition will be August 11, 2024 with the State Tournament on September 6-8th in the Wisconsin Dells (Chula Vista) area. These two sports will end the season overlapping with Volleyball and Bowling.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
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**GENERAL SPORTS INFORMATION**

We try to give as much scheduling information as we can, as much in advance as we have it. Please remember to keep practices, tournament dates and competition dates in mind when scheduling vacations, etc. Not only is this important for those in individual sports – to be able to learn and possibly advance to the next level, but it is important for all team events. Teams learn to play together and rely on each member to be there when needed. It is mandatory that each team member attend and compete at a district level to advance to state (if that team advances), as well as being required to participate in pre-district games and invitationals or other tournaments. If an athlete misses the area/district tournament, that athlete is no longer on the team for the year and should no longer attend practices – the team has to learn to work together, if that team advances to the next level of competition. Even if attendance at all invitationals is not mandatory, it greatly helps each team to have all members at such events. Annual dates are usually held at about the same weekend each year, so this would also help in advance planning. Special practices, games, etc. – we may not know much in advance, but we do let everyone involved know as soon as we do. Practices after a district event, even for those individuals or teams not advancing to state are very worthwhile – it's the time to work on skills or try something new, etc.

**REMINDER !!! NORTH SUBURBAN'S HOTLINE NUMBER  414-327-1016**

**REMINDER !!! <https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org>**

Don't forget to check the Hotline and the website regularly. During winter, it may not seem that bad weather would cancel a practice without being a blizzard, but there may be other unexpected reasons – remember when the swimming pool had no water or the Milwaukee Safety Academy got closed because of health issues or it was 100 degrees in the shade? We cannot call all athletes when we cancel – check the Hotline – there may be insufficient time to send an email. We try to update the website as well for updated information. This also means athletes should not call their coaches to check to see if practice is cancelled. The cancellation message will be left on the hotline as soon as any special information is known – we try for 45 minutes before practice is scheduled, but don't always have such advance notice. We will continue to attempt to call all athletes and volunteers for practice cancellations that are NOT due to bad weather, but it is still a good idea to listen to the Hotline or check the website just before you leave for practice, because it is not always possible to reach everyone. If we have sufficient notice, we'll try to get an email sent out. We also have location changes, which may not be expected, especially during basketball season. Please get into the habit of checking regularly - it helps.

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**Be Courteous:**

**REMINDERS FOR PRACTICES:** Do not wear wet boots on the gym floor and leave all winter and/or wet attire outside the room. Also do not come to practice more than 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. We owe this courtesy to the institutions that we are using. Rides should also be on-time to pick up athletes, so we can vacate the premises within the required time frame.

**Special Activities**

Our Special Activities Committee is continuing to plan a schedule of special activities. Watch for flyers as activities are scheduled. When these events are schedule, it is simple to sign up online!! We are looking for parents and/or coaches who would be able to attend and be available for whatever is needed at the varied activities. If you are interested in being on the committee, or even willing to help out for a specific event, such as the picnic, Packer party, bingo night, etc., please contact Lilane Koehn Mace at [lkoehnmace@aol.com](mailto:lkoehnmace@aol.com) or 414-247-1146.

**Concessions**

Don't forget the Sendik's Grill Out dates throughout the summer. These are great fun and a valuable contribution to our fund-raising. We can use volunteers for any of these - please consider helping us out. If you are willing to help out with the Sendik's Grill-Out dates, contact Chuck Sigurdson (414-688-9106; [csigurdson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csigurdson@sbcglobal.net)).

Thanks to all who have volunteered and made our concession stands a success. We are always looking for additional help on these occasions.

**Website**

Have you checked out the website? You will find many current items, photos = a wealth of information. Check for cancellations, special events, etc. Registration forms for events, including sports activities, are available from the website. All of our forms will now launch from a green button. The website address is <https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org>. A handful to type in, but make it a favorite!

**NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**APRIL 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Basketball Skills; Basketball	2 Swim	3	4	5	6
7	8 Basketball Skills; Basketball	9 Last Swim	10 Soccer; Track, Tennis	11	12 State Games ; SKILLS	13 State Games (Team Basketball; Swim)
14 State Games (Team Basketball; Swim)	15	16	17 Soccer; Track, Tennis	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Track, Soccer, Tennis	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**MAY 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Track, Soccer, Tennis	2	3	4 Soccer? & Track, Muskego High School
5	6	7	8 Track, Soccer, Tennis	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Track, Soccer, Tennis	16	17 Special Friends Dance	18 Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
19	20	21	22 Track, Soccer, Tennis	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29 Track, Soccer, Tennis	30	31	

**JUNE 2024**

**Southern State Golf = to be determined.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Sendik's Grill- Out; Whitefish Bay
2	3	4	5 Track, Soccer, Tennis	6 State = soccer, track, tennis	7 State	8 State UW-Whitewater
9	10 Bocce	11 Softball	12	13	14	15
16	17 Bocce	18 Softball	19	20	21	22
23	24 Bocce	25 Softball	26	27	28	29
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**JULY 2024**

**Southern State Golf = to be determined.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bocce	2 Softball	3	4 <i>Fourth of July</i>	5	6
7	8 Bocce	9 Softball	10	11	12	13 Sendik's Grill Out – Whitefish Bay
14	15 Bocce	16 Softball	17	18	19	20 <b>TENTATIVE TM SOFTBALL</b>
21	22 Bocce	23 Softball	24	25	26	27
28	29 Bocce	30 Softball	31			

**AUGUST 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
4	5 Bocce	6 Softball	7	8	9	10
11 Bocce, Softball - Richfield	12 Bocce	13 Softball - TBD	14	15	16	17
18	19 Bocce	20 Softball - TBD	21	22	23	24 Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
25	26 Bocce	27 Softball - TBD	28	29	30	31 Bowling?

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day – <i>no practices</i>	3 Softball - TBD	4 Volleyball	5	6 State – Chula Vista	7 State == Bowling?
8 State	9 Volleyball	10	11 Volleyball	12	13	14 bowling
15	16 Volleyball	17	18 Volleyball	19	20	21 bowling
22	23 Volleyball	24	25 Volleyball	26	27	28 bowling; Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
29	30 Volleyball					

# NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE SPORTS REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be completed ASAP and returned: mail or online.  
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ATHLETE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes, please have your parents, group home staff, or caseworker help you complete this form. If you have any questions regarding this form please call Kevin at 262-894-5120 or LindaB at 414-550-5357.

- The practice attendance policy may be adjusted for weather cancellations.

**Please read all options below carefully before circling ONE option that reflects Athlete's choice.**

Choose one Option Below ↓	OPTION DESCRIPTION
<p><i>To compete in Soccer</i> 1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>And</b> 2. Answer these questions →</p>	<p><b>COMPETE:</b> Means attending practices AND Region/District competitions &amp; possibly State competition  <b>PARTICIPATE:</b> Means only attending practice, not competitions. Participation cannot be a choice for a team sport.                      Register: <a href="#">Spring Sports Registration - North Suburban Special Olympics</a></p> <p>Athlete must attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 2 practices by May 5 or athlete will not be registered as part of the team and may not be allowed to be on the team next year (weather permitting).</li> <li>• A minimum of 6 practices for the entire soccer season or they may not be allowed on the soccer team next year.</li> <li>• If held, soccer invitational, tentatively scheduled for May 4.</li> </ul> <p>The State Games in Whitewater on June 6-8, 2024, IF THE team advances to state  <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → YES or NO</span></p> <p>1. Will athlete also participate in Tennis or Track? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → YES or NO</span>                      If yes, circle the sport: Tennis or Track.</p>
<p><i>To compete in Track</i> 1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>And</b> 2. Answer these questions →</p>	<p>Athlete must attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 2 practices by May 1 or athlete may not compete at the Regional Athletics meet (weather permitting); MUST attend at least 2 or arrange timing information by an earlier date to be set.</li> <li>• A minimum of 5 practices for the entire track season or this may affect their selection to State competitions for this year and/or next year.</li> <li>• The Regional Athletics Competition on Saturday, May 4, 2024 in Muskego.</li> <li>• If athlete qualifies AND is selected, will the athlete be attend to the State Games in Whitewater on June 6-8, 2024? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → YES or NO</span></li> </ul> <p>1. Will athlete also participate in Tennis? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → YES or NO</span></p>
<p><i>To compete in Tennis</i> 1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Answer →</p>	<p>Athlete <b>MUST</b> attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 4 practices or athlete may not be registered for the State Games.</li> <li>• The State Games in Whitewater on June 6-8, 2024.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will athlete attend the State Games? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → Yes or No.</span></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>1. Will athlete also participate in Track? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Circle one → YES or NO</span></p>
<p>Check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>If you do NOT plan on competing in any sport in this Season, please check here and return the form. This information does help us.</b></p>