

**NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
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**March 2025**

<b>SPORTS UPDATES - 2025</b>
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**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 2 and three teams advanced to the next level! The Sectional Competition will be held at New Berlin West High School on March 15 – we hope that some team(s) **will** advance to State on April 11-13 at UW-Oshkosh.

**BASKETBALL SKILLS**

District tournament is Saturday, March 16, with the State games on Friday, April 11 at UW-Oshkosh for those that qualify to advance 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 22nd at the YMCA at Pabst Farms, in Oconomowoc. State for swimming will be at UW-Oshkosh on April 12-13<sup>th</sup>. Note on calendar for early April swim practice date changes.

<b>UPCOMING SPORTS</b>
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**REGISTER FOR UPCOMING SPORTS VIA THIS WEBLINK:**

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

**SOCCER**

We will have the first practice (indoors) on March, April 26 - 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 May 7<sup>th</sup> unless we have decent weather earlier; 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. Practices and location may vary depending on the basketball schedule.

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 MONDAY MARCH 24 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. Required soccer invitational will be at Muskego High School on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

**ATHLETICS (TRACK AND FIELD)**

Practices will be on TUESDAY nights at Brown Deer Middle/High School, for April 1 and 8<sup>th</sup>, then moving to the usual WEDNESDAYS starting April 16<sup>th</sup> – weather permitting (as usual). Regional Competition will be at Muskego High School, on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Practices will be 6:45-7:45pm.

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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 16th – weather permitting (as usual). Any changes of practice will be set up between the coach and the athletes. Practices will be 6:30-7:30pm.

### **STATE**

State Games for soccer, athletics (track), and tennis will be June 5-7, 2025 at UW-Whitewater.

### **SOFTBALL, BOCCE**

The summer sports will start in June. Bocce will be on Monday evenings (Brown Deer High School), softball will be on Tuesday evenings (Maslowski Park). The bocce/softball invitational is on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and will return to Wick Field. Regional competition will be August 10, 2025 with the State Tournament on September 6-7th in the Wisconsin Dells (Chula Vista) area.

<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 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 scheduled, 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.

Don't forget the Jersey Mike's fundraiser for Special Olympics Wisconsin – dine for SOWI on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

There is also a fundraiser for NSSO – attend the Chinooks game on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> – information coming.

Bingo is a popular social event – March 28<sup>th</sup> is our last until this fall – registration is available on our website.

Mark your calendar! August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the NSSO picnic – information will be distributed closer to the date.

Coaches/Volunteers – SOWI has a new and “improved” registration system -if you have problems with it, please contact SOWI directly for help. NSSO should be notified when you've completed the process.

**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. There are 4 during the year – and volunteers are needed at each event – the concessions at these sports events are fundraisers for North Suburban. The events are the NSSO Volleyball Invitational (October), the two MPS/TM basketball invitationals (January, February), and the Regional basketball tournament (March). If you are willing to help out, contact Glenn Nowak (414-940-9032; [ganowak1541@gmail.com](mailto:ganowak1541@gmail.com)).

**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!

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**MARCH 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES.	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 District Team Basketball Homestead	3 Team Basketball & Skills	4 Swim	5 Basketball	6	7	8 <i>Daylight Savings – spring forward</i>
9	10 Basketball TBD; Skills	11 Swim	12 Basketball TBD	13	14 Special Friends Dance	15 Sectional Basketball – New Berlin West
16 Basketball Skills competition - Jackson	17 Basketball TBD; Skills	18 Swim	19 Basketball TBD /	20	21	22 District Swim
23	24 Basketball TBD; Skills	25 Swim	26 Basketball TBD / Soccer?	27	28 Bingo	29
30	31 Basketball TBD; Skills					

**APRIL 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THUR.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Track (6:45-7:30)	2 Soccer; Basketball TBD	3 Swim (6:30-8:00)	4	5
6	7 Skills ; Basketball TBD	8 Swim (6:30-8:00) Track (6:45-7:30)	9 Soccer; Basketball TBD	10	11 Indoor State Games (Skills) <i>Passover</i>	12 Indoor Spring Games (Team Basketball; Swim)
13 Indoor Spring Games	14	15	16 Soccer (6:30-8:00), Track (6:45-7:45), Tennis (6:30-7:30)	17	18 Special Friends Dance	19
20 <i>Happy Easter</i>	21	22	23 Soccer, Track, Tennis	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Soccer, Track, Tennis			

**MAY 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Soccer, Track, Tennis	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Soccer, Track, Tennis	15	16 Special Friends Dance	17 Regional Track, & soccer invite Muskego High School
18	19	20	21 Soccer, Track, Tennis	22	23	24 Sendiks Grill Out - Grafton
25	26 <i>NO Practice Memorial Day</i>	27	28 Soccer, Track, Tennis	29	30	31

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### JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Soccer, Track, Tennis	5 State Summer Games	6 State Summer Games	7 State Summer Games - Soccer, Track, Tennis
8	9 Bocce 6:30-8:00pm	10 Softball 6:30-8:00pm	11	12	13	14 Sendik's Grill Out – Whitefish Bay
15	16 Bocce	17 Softball	18	19	20 Chinook's	21
22	23 Bocce	24 Softball	25	26	27	28
29	30 Bocce					

### JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Softball	2	3	4 <i>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July</i>	5
6	7 Bocce	8 Softball	9	10	11	12 Sendik's Grill out – Whitefish BAy
13	14 Bocce	15 Softball	16	17	18	19 MPS/TM Softball, Bocce Tournament (Wick Field)
20	21 Bocce	22 Softball	23	24	25	26
27	28 Bocce	29 Softball	30	31		

### AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
3 NSSO picnic	4 Bocce	5 Softball	6	7	8	9
10 regional bocce, softball - Richfield	11 Bocce	12 Softball	13	14	15	16
17	18 Bocce	19 Softball TBD	20	21	22	23 Sendik's Grill Out - Grafton
24	25 Bocce	26 Softball TBD	27	28	29	30 First Bowling
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# NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE SPORTS REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be completed ASAP and returned: mail or online.  
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 REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE: [Spring 2025 Sports Registration](#)

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 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">OPTION DESCRIPTION</h3> <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><i>To compete in Soccer</i>                      1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/>  <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 7 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 17, 2025.</li> <li>• The State Games in Whitewater on June 5-7, 2025.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Circle one → YES or NO</b></p>
<p><i>To compete in Track</i>                      1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/>  <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 17, 2025 in Muskego.</li> <li>• If athlete qualifies AND is selected, will the athlete be attend to the State Games in Whitewater on June 5-7, 2025? <b>Circle one → YES or NO</b></li> </ul> <p>If the athlete is interested in participating in Track, but NOT compete – check here = YES</p>
<p><i>To compete in Tennis</i>                      1. Check here <input type="checkbox"/>                      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 5-7, 2025.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will athlete attend the State Games? <b>Circle one → YES or NO</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>If the athlete is interested in participating in Track, but MOT compete – check here = YES</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>