

North Suburban Special Olympics
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Fall Sports Information

Don't forget that athletes can compete in Volleyball and/or Bowling.

Yes – again this year – athletes may compete in BOTH Volleyball and Bowling, if they wish to. Participation only is still allowed for bowling, but, as always, not for volleyball.

VOLLEYBALL: Practices will start the week the week after the State Games (first date is Monday, September 8) and continue through October, with the State Volleyball tournament on November 1. We will be splitting volleyball into two nights as in prior years (Monday or Wednesday). Our practice site will be the Milwaukee Safety Academy. Please remember to ENTER the north side doors towards the parking lot, not the front door, and remember to use the sign in sheet (athletes, coaches, spectators).

The first two nights of practices will be for skills – come to what fits your schedule – we would prefer that all athletes come to both nights to get the skills done, if it's possible. Practices will be at the Milwaukee Safety Academy, 6:30-8:00pm. Athletes will be notified of team assignment and night of practice after we know how many teams we will have. Volleyball is open only for competition and athletes must be able to attend the October invitational and the state competition.

BOWLING: Practices will start on Saturday, August 30, at Brown Deer Lanes and will be held Saturday's up to and including November 29th; Saturday November 15 is regional bowling so there will be no practice only competition. There are a couple of Saturdays when there MAY be NO practice – information will be sent out as confirmed. Practices start promptly at 10:15am, please be there 15 minutes ahead; the door will not open until 10:00am. The fee this year is set at \$ 100.00.

Athletes may participate in bowling with no competition planned.

- ⊗ The NSSO Volleyball Invitational Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Schedule information will be distributed to the volleyball teams in October; games will be at Nicolet High School. This invitational is mandatory for all players. The SOWI State Volleyball Tournament is Saturday, November 1, 2025 – Milwaukee Sting Volleyball Center; N54 W13904 North Park Dr., Menomonee Falls 53051.
- ⊗ The regional bowling competition is returning this year – Saturday, November 15th. The State will be held on Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7, 2025, in the Wausau area. All State bowlers will bowl on only one day – either Saturday or Sunday. At this time, we believe Region 8 bowling will be held on Sunday.

Please let us know if you will not be involved in sports this fall – for any reason. It could be that bowling and volleyball are not your preferred sports. It helps us plan.

Upcoming

Our annual Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, November 9. Mark your calendar. Information will be sent out later this fall.

Also add to your calendars – Bingo on Friday, September 26th and Packer Party on Sunday, November 16th and the NSSO Dance “Candyland” on Saturday October 18th. Information will be sent out later this fall.

We again plan on starting basketball on a Monday/Wednesday schedule – we found that it was quicker to get the required skills done and break into teams earlier, especially with the holidays taking some of our practice nights. NOTE: Team basketball practices will start in December. Complete information will be available in the next newsletter. Basketball skills will start in January.

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 required games and/or the area/district tournament and the team advances to the next level, 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. Even if attendance at all invitationals/ tournaments 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.

When you register for a team sport, please make sure that you will be able to attend all competitions as this is important in team building and SOWI rules. If you cannot attend mandatory competitions, please talk to Kevin and Linda before you register.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

While rain and other moderate inclement weather conditions do not generally cancel practices when they are indoors there may be other situations which would cancel a practice. Even something like dangerous winter driving conditions may require us to cancel a practice for the safety of drivers and passengers. So, keep in the practice of regularly checking the Hotline for current information. Remember that we may not always know about a building closure ahead of time, but if we do, it will be put on the hotline. Check the Hotline about 45 minutes prior to the practice start time to see if practice has been cancelled. For example, if practice starts at 6:00pm, a message will hopefully be left about 5:15pm. This means that athletes should not call their coaches to check to see if practice is cancelled. We will try to reach all athletes and coaches for sudden practice cancellations that are NOT weather related, but it is still a good idea to listen to the Hotline just before you leave for practice, because it is not always possible to reach everybody. If time permits, the website will also be updated with cancellation information.

This is also a reminder to not drop off an athlete at a practice until you have verified that a coach is on site. If the weather is iffy – stop and ask if a practice might be shortened and return on time.

Don't forget to get to a practice on time and please make sure that all drivers return at the correct time after the practice to pick up the athletes.

Website

Have you checked out the website <https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org>? A handful to type, but make it a favorite! You will find many current items and we love pictures. Check for cancellations and special events. Online forms launch from a green button.

NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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 bocce, softball regional - 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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SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NO bocce <i>Labor Day</i>	2 Softball TBD	3	4	5	6 State Bocce, Softball – unknown bowling
7 State Bocce, Softball	8 Volleyball 6:30-8:00pm	9	10 Volleyball 6:30-8:00pm	11	12	13 Bowling
14	15 Volleyball	16	17 Volleyball	18	19	20 Bowling
21	22 Volleyball	23 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	24 Volleyball	25	26 Bingo	27 Bowling; Sendiks' Grill Out - Grafton
28	29 Volleyball	30				

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Volleyball	2 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	3	4 Bowling
5	6 Volleyball	7	8 Volleyball	9	10	11 Bowling
12	13 Volleyball	14	15 Volleyball	16	17	18 Bowling NSSO dance "Candyland"
19 NSSO Volleyball Tournament	20 Volleyball	21	22 Volleyball	23	24	25 Bowling
26	27 Volleyball	28	29 Volleyball	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	

NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bowling Practice & STATE Volleyball Tournament
2 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8 Bowling
9 NSSO luncheon	10	11	12	13	14	15 regional Bowling Competition; no practice
16 Packer Party	17	18	19	20	2	22 Bowling
23	24 NO Practice	25	26 NO Practice	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 Whitefish Bay Holiday Stroll	29 Last Bowling Practice
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DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Team Basketball – first half	2	3 Team Basketball – second half	4	5	6
7 STATE bowling Region 8	8 Team Basketball practice – first half	9	10 Team Basketball – second half	11	12	13
14	15 Team Basketball ; <i>Hanukkah</i>	16	17 Team Basketball	18	19	20
21	22 NO Basketball practice	23	24 NO Basketball practice	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29 NO basketball practice	30	31 NO Basketball practice; <i>New Year's Eve</i>			