

**North Suburban Special Olympics, 8-02**  
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**May 2026**

**SPRING SPORTS UPDATE**

Track was our only spring sport this year and the season is in full swing.

Track & Field (Athletics) was also actually able to get some practices in outside – chilly but outside. The Regional Athletics competition was May 16, 2026 at Muskego High School. Practices will continue at Brown Deer High School until the State competition. Not everyone who qualified will advance to state; we are given a quota. State will be on June 4-6, at UW-Whitewater.

**SUMMER (early Fall) SPORTS**

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

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1. Softball = We would like to know for sure if you are returning, interested in joining the team, or whether you are taking this season off from sports. We will have one team, and there are limited slots available for players - so get your print or online registration form in as the date on your response will be a deciding factor. Softball will be on TUESDAY EVENINGS from 6:30-8:00pm, at Richard E. Maslowski Glendale Community Park (about ½ mile east of Green Bay Rd, 2200 W. Bender Road). First practice will be June 9, 2026.

Please make sure your registration form is returned as soon as you receive it indicating an interest in being on the team; online or print response is the best option of notifying Kevin or your interest; the print form, if used, must be returned only to Kevin or Linda. Registration to guarantee a spot is June 4.

2. Bocce = practices will be on Mondays at **A NEW LOCATION in** Brown Deer. Thanks to the Brown Deer Parks and Recreation, the practices will be held at Fairy Chasm Park. Fairy Chasm Park (and soccer fields) is located at 5712 W. Fairy Chasm Rd. The road is approximately ½ mile north of Brown Deer Road off 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Go north on 60<sup>th</sup> to Fairy Chasm, turn east about 2 blocks. We are not sure exactly where we will be setting up on the park, everyone will be notified. distributed later. First practice will be June 8, 2026.

Tournament dates are July 18, 2026 (Wick Field) and August 1, 2026 (Richfield/district); with State, for any team that qualifies, on September 18-20th. State is at a new location – DeForest Athletic Complex, in DeForest.

Remember: Participation in a MINIMUM of two games prior to the district tournament and entries due date is mandatory. Attendance/participation in the District Competition is mandatory for all sports. Any athlete not participating in at least two games will NOT be registered for competition at the regional level, and therefore will not continue on the team for the season after the required tournament. If you do not attend the District Competition, you will not advance to state; you will not advance even if your team advances, nor will you remain on the team roster for the rest of the sports season. If the softball team does not advance to state, the last practice will be Tuesday, August 4th. Bocce teams will continue to practice until the end of the season, even if they do not advance to state. All practices held after the regional date may be kept to one hour due to changing daylight hours – information will be distributed at that time. If the Softball team does not advance to State, we will attend State only on Friday and Saturday, and return home after bocce is over on Saturday.

**SUMMER SPECIALTY SPORTS**

2026 is a special year for Special Olympics North America. USA Games is being held in Minnesota this June. These special games are held every 4 years and North Suburban has had athletes and coaches representing Wisconsin in each the 6 USA games. This summer we are pleased to have several athletes and

coaches participating in these games, NSSO athletes competing in volleyball are John Avery, Craig Becker, Cindy Bentley, Geoff Coleman, Andy Falek, Tim Kelly, Molly Teitgen, and Tim Vola. NSSO coaches are Mike Mentzel (basketball), Bob Selingo (swimming), Kevin Szydel (volleyball) and Linda Brothen (bocce). GOOD LUCK, DO YOUR BEST AND HAVE FUN.

## FALL SPORTS

The fall season of Volleyball and Bowling will start at the end of August (bowling) or early September (Volleyball) and you can compete in either one or both of those sports. Information will be made available later.

## ATHLETE REGISTRATION

There is the new athlete registration system; called the Center for Excellence. Almost totally online. Information has been sent out – this annual registration replaces the old triannual form and no longer requires the doctor's signature. However, it is not always easy to follow. The online registration can be done anytime, and notices will go out when the registration is due. Start at <https://specialolympicswisconsin.org/registration/>

As before, an expired date on file would affect an athlete's competition and practice activities.

## GENERAL

We are ALWAYS proud of our athletes and the good sportsmanship that they show – win or lose. We appreciate that they do the best job that they can.

Drivers: Please remember to be on time to pick up your athlete(s) at the end of each practice and make sure that the athlete joins the practice when dropped off.

As a reminder, we do not call athletes/coaches when we cancel due to weather. Some years are better than others, and there are times that facilities are not available for reasons other than weather – and, unfortunately, often at the last minute – so it never hurts to call the Hotline anyway – we appreciate it. In the event of bad weather (rain, snow, or extreme heat/cold), you should check the Hotline prior to the practice start time to see if practice has been cancelled. We try to update the hotline about 45 minutes before practice. For example, if practice starts at 6:00pm, a message will be on the Hotline about 5:15pm (414-327-1016). The athletes should not call their coaches to check to see if practice is cancelled. We will continue to try to reach all athletes and coaches for 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 – such as unexpected pool problems or muddy ground/wet track at Brown Deer. A light rain may not cancel a practice as competitions are held even in a rain. A general email will be sent out if there is sufficient time.

## SENDIK'S GRILL-OUT

Don't forget the Sendik's Grill Out dates throughout the summer. Summer dates this year are May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.and September 26<sup>th</sup>. Grill-Outs are in Grafton. 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? The heaviest viewing is done on Sunday's. You will find many current items and we love pictures. Check for cancellations and special events. All of our forms will launch from a link.. The address is <https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org>. A handful to type in - make it a favorite!

**NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**MAY 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Track	14	15	16 Regional Track Muskego High School
17	18	19	20 Track	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Track	28	29	30 Sendik's - Grafton
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**JUNE 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Track	4 State Summer Games	5 State Summer Games	6 State Summer Games - Track
7	8 Bocce 6:30-8:00pm	9 Softball 6:30-8:00pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Bocce	16 Softball	17	18	19 USA Games	20 UG
21 UG	22 UG Bocce (yes practice)	23 UG (no softball practice)	24 UG	25 UG	26 UG	27
28	29 Bocce	30 Softball				

**JULY 2026**

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

**NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**AUGUST 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 regional bocce, softball - Richfield
2	3 Bocce	4 Softball TBD	5	6	7	8 Sendik's - Grafton
9 NSSO picnic	10 Bocce	11 Softball TBD	12	13	14	15
16	17 Bocce	18 Softball (location TBD)	19	20	21	22 Sendik's - Grafton
23	24 Bocce	25 Softball TBD	26	27	28	29 First Bowling
30	31 Bocce					

**SEPTEMBER 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Softball TBD	2	3	4	5 Bowling
6	7 NO practice <i>Labor Day</i>	8 Softball TBD	9 Volleyball 6:30-8:00pm	10	11 <i>Rosh Hoshanah</i>	12 Bowling
13	14 Volleyball; Bocce	15 Softball TBD	16 Volleyball	17	18 State Bocce, Softball	19 State Bocce, Softball – Bowling (TBD)
20 State Bocce, Softball ( <i>Yom Kippur</i> )	21 Volleyball	22	23 Volleyball	24	25	26 Bowling Sendik's - Grafton
27	28 Volleyball	29	30 Volleyball			

## NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS, 8-02 ATHLETE SPORTS REGISTRATION FORM

3rThis completed form should arrive at the address below ON or BEFORE June 4th, 2026  
 NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
 1008 WOODVIEW, GRAFTON, WI 53024

ATHLETE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Athletes:** Please have your parents, guardian, group home staff, or case worker help you complete this form. If you have any questions regarding this form please call Kevin at 262-894-5120 or Linda at 414-550-5357.

PREFERRED REGISTRATION IS ON THE WEBSITE (use link below), OR YOU CAN REGISTER BY MAILING IN THE FORM.

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<b>Check ONE Option Below</b>	<b>COMPETE:</b> Means attending practices, tournaments, AND Area/District competitions & State competition if team/individual advances. Only competition is allowed for softball; participation is eligible for bocce.
<p><i>To compete in Bocce</i></p> <p>1. Check here: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Answer these questions. </p>	<p>Athlete <b>MUST</b> attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of 2 practices by July 10 or athlete may not be registered for District Bocce and a minimum of 6 practices for the 2026 season or athlete may not be able to compete next year.</li> <li>The TM Bocce Tournament (Wick Field) on Saturday, July 18, 2026.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will athlete attend the TM Tournament? <b>Circle one → Yes or No</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The District Bocce Competition on Sunday, August 1, 2026, in Richfield.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will athlete attend the District Competition? <b>Circle one → Yes or No</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The State Outdoor Games in the DeForest area on September 18-20, 2026, if your team advances.                             <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><i>To compete in Softball</i></p> <p>1. Check here: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Answer these questions. </p>	<p>Athlete <b>MUST</b> attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A minimum of 2 practices by July 10 or athlete may not be registered for District Softball and a minimum of 6 practices for the entire 2026 season or athlete may not be allowed to be on the Softball team next year. Players from last year <b>MUST</b> have their registration on file by the date in the newsletter to be guaranteed a spot on the team this year.</li> <li>The TM Softball Tournament (Wick Field) on Saturday, July 18, 2026.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will athlete attend the TM Tournament? <b>Circle one → Yes or No</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The District Softball Competition on Sunday, August 1, 2026, in Richfield.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will athlete attend the District Competition? <b>Circle one → Yes or No</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>The State Outdoor Games in the DeForest area on September 18-20, 2026, if the team advances.                             <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>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.</b></p>