NORTH SUBURBAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS
1008 Woodview Drive
Grafton WI 53024

Registration Form enclosed. Please return ASAP!

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SPORTS REGISTRATION FORM

Each athlete must complete this form and mail or email it to the address below so that it arrives by **December 8, 2026:**
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ATHLETE NAME _____ PHONE_____

- Special Olympics is a training and exercise program, so we have listed practice minimums. We expect you to be at all practices, if possible. Remember that an athlete can compete in only one sport per season.
- **Basketball:** Since basketball is a team sport, there are no participants allowed, only competitors.
- **Swimming and Basketball Skills:** these sports do allow participation**.**
- If you have any questions, please call Kevin at 262-894-5120 or LindaB at 414-550-5357.

MAIL FORM OR REGISTER ONLINE – WEBSITE REGISTRATION PREFERRED:
https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org/winter-2026-2027-registration/

	BASKETBALL/SWIM/BASKETBALL SKILLS/SWIM Compete means attending practices, Invitationals, AND Area/District competitions and, possibly, State Competition.

To compete in ***Team Basketball***
1. Check here ☐
2. Answer these ➔
	Athlete MUST ATTEND:
	• A minimum of 4 practices by February 20 or athlete will not be registered for Regional, and a minimum of 10 practices for the entire 2026-27 season or athlete may not be allowed to be on a team next year.
	• At least two games prior to the Regional Basketball competition on Sunday, March 7, 2027.
	• The MPS Team Basketball Classic I Invitational on Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17, 2027
	  • **Will athlete attend this tournament? Circle one – YES or NO**
	• Attend the MPS Basketball Brandon Spewer Classic on Sunday, January 31, 2027?
	  • **Will athlete attend this tournament? Circle one – YES or NO**
	  • Attend the Regional Basketball Competition on Sunday, March 7, 2027.
	  • **Will athlete attend this tournament? Circle one – YES or NO**
	  • Attend the State Basketball Competition on Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, 2027.
	• **Will athlete attend this State Basketball? Circle one – YES or NO**
	You MUST attend Regional to advance to State with the team and to continue practicing with the team after the corresponding competition. You MUST be at the required invitationals.

To compete in ***Basketball Skills***
1. Check here ☐
2. Answer these ➔
	Athlete MUST ATTEND:
	A minimum of 3 practices by February 2 or athlete will not be registered for Regional and a minimum of 5 practices for the entire 2027 season.
	The Regional Basketball Skills Competition on Saturday, February 21, 2027.
	Will athlete attend Regional Basketball Skills? Circle one – YES or NO
	  • Attend the State Basketball Skills Tournament, Friday, April 9, 2027, if athlete advances.
	  • **Will athlete attend for State Basketball Skills? Circle one –YES or NO**
	OR
	Will athlete participate in Basketball Skills, but not compete? Circle one - YES or NO

To compete in ***Swimming*** 2. Check here ☐ 2. Answer these ➔	**Will the Athlete attend**: • The Team Milwaukee Swim Meet, if possible, on February 19, 2027? **Will athlete attend the Team Milwaukee Swim Meet? Circle one – YES or NO** The Ozaukee timing event, if possible, on Saturday, March 13, 2027 **Will athlete attend the Ozaukee Swim Timing Meet? Circle one – YES or NO** **Athlete MUST ATTEND:** **Will athlete attend the Regional Swim Competition? Circle one – YES or NO** • The Regional Swim Competition on March 20, 2027. • Attend the State Indoor Games Tournament if the athlete qualifies to advance, on Saturday, April 10-Sunday April 11, 2027. **Will athlete attend the State Swim Competition? Circle one –YES or NO** **OR** **Will athlete participate in Swimming, but not compete? Circle one - YES or NO**
Please email this information	**If you do NOT plan on competing in any sport in this season, please email that information to Kevin (kjszydel@wi.rr.com) or Linda (brothen@uwm.edu).**

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Hotline: 414-327-1016

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November 2026

FALL UPDATES

VOLLEYBALL

Our three teams (Warriors, North Stars, and Spikers) have done well in practices and competition. We were able to host our Volleyball Invitational at Nicolet and competed in the State games on November 7. The North Stars and Spikers took third and the Warriors took fourth – we are proud of all the players.

BOWLING

We had a full house most weeks and offer participation in bowling as well as competition as individual, doubles, teams, and ramp. Everyone's had fun for this season. There is only one tournament for each region and the Region 8 STATE bowling tournament is scheduled for December 6, AMF lanes. Schedule information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

TEAM BASKETBALL

The practices for team basketball will be held at the MILWAUKEE SAFETY ACADEMY (6680 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, 53209). For the first practices, we will do the basic skills and team evaluation. With new athletes joining and the loss of several these past years, we want to remind everyone that you may not be on the same team as the previous year; we may have to change team membership to fit the numbers, skills, and needs of all athletes. With the holidays coming fast, practices the first weeks are important for team assignment. Practices will be 6:45-8:00pm. Please come on the evening of the week that you practiced on last year; if you are new to team basketball let us know which night for the first two weeks you can make it – everyone interested in team basketball should come to one night a week for the first two weeks. Monday, December 7 or Wednesday December 9; Monday, December 14 or Wednesday, December 16. There will be no practices over the holidays and will start up in January – check the calendar - enjoy the break.

Basketball team players – please show courtesy to the Basketball Skills athletes on Mondays by staying out of the gym until they have completed their shift as that is impairing their practice space. Thanks!

We will split into teams ***after the new year;*** and will inform all as to what our plans are for after the first two weeks. We will be using the Milwaukee Safety Academy for team basketball practices. Practices will be either Monday or Wednesday. There may be a few dates that will change a practice – players will be notified. As usual, practices will stop on the week after any team is eliminated from competition; this may affect which night the remaining teams will practice and may impact track practices.

Milwaukee Safety Academy (MSA) – come in the north door and use the supplied sign in sheet, park in the back of the building, not in front of the building. Because of the activities held at the Academy, keep all noise in the hallway to a minimum. (6680 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, 53209). Reminders: do not roam the building; we are guests of this facility. Please be on time so that the practices stay on schedule. Please make sure that your ride arrives by the end of the practice time, so that we can vacate the facility promptly.

We sometimes get short notice if a facility is not available; so it should become a habit to call the hotline before coming to a practice to verify time and location. Don't forget that weather and the safety of those driving is always important – CALL THE HOTLINE! 414-327-1016; information, if possible, will also be emailed and on the website –https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org

Tournaments/Invitationals – The invitationals are January 16-17th and January 31 – both at Vincent High School; the District Tournament will be on Sunday March 7, 2027, at Homestead High School. There are two changes – for the first Invitational, teams will play on either one of the two days, not both. For the second, all teams will play on the one day. This is a scheduling change – in prior years, the first invitational was one day and the second a two-day event – this has been reversed. There will be NO Sectional Tournament; decisions for which teams advance to State will be after the Regional Tournament, held on March 7. State competition will be part of the Indoor Games on April 9-11, 2027.

BASKETBALL SKILLS 2027

Basketball Skills practices will begin on MONDAY January 4, 2027 – practices will be at the Milwaukee Safety Academy. Monday's were again available and was the preferred night by coaches and athletes. Practice will be 6:00-6:30pm. Regional Basketball Skills competition will be held at the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson on Saturday, February 21, 2027. State competition will be part of the Indoor Games on Friday April 9th – only the one day at late afternoon into the early evening. Athletes can compete in Basketball Skills and Swim, but NOT team basketball. We will allow participation in Basketball Skills.

SWIMMING 2027

We will allow participation in swimming. We will be practicing at the pool at Brown Deer High School for starting January 5, 2027. We plan on participating in the TM swim meet on February 19, 2027, at Hamilton High School and the new timing event sponsored by Ozaukee on Saturday, March 13. The Regional swim is March 20, 2027, and State Swim competition will be part of the Indoor Games on April 9-11, 2027.

SWIM VS BASKETBALL

With the new SOWI sports seasons implemented in recent years, we realize that making the choice between these two sports is a difficult decision and one many would prefer not to make. However, a choice has to be made. Athletes have to choose to compete in swim OR basketball; not both. To be able to put everything together, we must know the decision by each athlete = basketball or swim. Again a reminder that athletes can participate in swimming even if competing in basketball, but not participate in basketball if competing in swimming.

TRACK 2027

With the changes in the sports seasons offered by Special Olympics Wisconsin, we are offering track in the 2027 season. We hope to have practices start in March-April on Wednesdays. The outdoor track practices are scheduled at Brown Deer High School. Track practices will be very important for event decision and timing. It's not on the calendar – but we might look at some March dates because of the Region 8 schedule; will often depend on weather. As indicated, the night of practice may also vary the first few weeks due to weather and/or basketball schedule. Practice times may also vary as we work through new scheduling ideas – as well as the weather – especially the early in the season practices as we determine events and times for all athletes who compete in track. There are a variety of walking and running events and field events – something to tempt everyone. Regional Track is scheduled for May 1, 2027.

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. Participation is allowed in individual sports, such as swimming and track - but team sports require all athletes doing the sport as a competitive activity.

It is mandatory that each team member attend and compete at a district level (if offered) to advance to state (if that team advances. It is required that every team player participate in pre-district games and invitationals or other tournaments (a minimum of two games). 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: Please make sure rides are on site when a practice or event ends so we can clear out of the building on time. While we cannot guarantee to the minute when everyone will be ready to leave, we have had a few occasions where there was a significant wait for the last driver. Thanks so much for your help!

MISCELLANEOUS

CONCESSSIONS

HELP! We can always use help at our concession stands (NSSO fundraisers) at the MPS Classic I (two days), MPS Brandon Spewer Tournament (one day), District Basketball, the fall NSSO Volleyball invitational, and don't forget the Sendik's Grill Out dates throughout the summer. We can use volunteers for any of these occasions - please consider helping us out. If you can help with the Sendik's Grill-Out dates, contact Chuck Sigurdson (414-688-9106; csigurdson@sbcglobal.net). If you are willing to help out at any of these tournaments - setting up, working, taking down, etc. - please contact Glenn Nowak (414-940-9032; ganowak1541@gmail.com).

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – information will be distributed for these events.

PACKER PARTY – Sunday, November 15, 2026 – Milwaukee Safety Academy.

BINGO – dates to be confirmed as made = Milwaukee Safety Academy

Wick Field tournament – softball and bocce – July 17, 2027

REMINDER !!! NORTH SUBURBAN'S HOTLINE NUMBER ☎ 414-327-1016
WEBSITE - https://northsuburbanspecialolympics.org

Don't forget to check the Hotline and 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? We cannot call all athletes or coaches when we cancel due to bad weather – check the hotline, your email, and/or the website. This also means athletes should not call their coaches to check to see if practice is cancelled. The cancellation message is generally on the hotline approximately 45 minutes before practice is scheduled (website as soon as possible). We will attempt to call 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 before you leave for practice, because it is not always possible to reach everyone nor is there sufficient time to update any format.

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DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 *Hanukkah*	5
6 Region 8 state bowling	7 Team Basketball practice – first half (6:45-8:00pm)	8	9 Team Basketball – second half (6:45-8:00pm)	10	11	12
13	14 Team Basketball - first half	15	16 Team Basketball– second half	17	18	19
20	21 NO practice	22	23 NO practice	24	25 *Merry Christmas*	26
27	28 NO practice	29	30 NO practice	31 *New Year's Eve*		

JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 *New Year's Day*	2
3	4 Basketball 6:45-8:00pm & Basketball Skills (6:00-6:30pm)	5 Swim, 6:30-8:00pm	6 Basketball (6:45-8:00pm)	7	8	9
10	11 Basketball & Basketball Skills	12 Swim	13 Basketball	14	15	16 MPS Classic I; Vincent HS
17 MPS Classic I; Vincent HS	18 Basketball & Basketball Skills	19 Swim	20 Basketball	21	22	23
24	25 Basketball	26 Swim	27 Basketball & Basketball Skills	28	29	30
31 Brandon Spewer; Vincent HS						

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FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Basketball & Basketball Skills	2 Swim	3 Basketball	4	5	6
7	8 Basketball & Basketball Skills	9 Swim	10 Basketball	11	12	13
14	15 Basketball & Basketball Skills	16 Swim	17 Basketball	18	19 MPS/TM Swim invite; Hamilton HS	20
21 Basketball Skills Regional competition	22 Basketball & Basketball Skills	23 Swim	24 Basketball	25	26	27
28						

MARCH 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Basketball & Basketball Skills	2 Swim	3 Basketball	4	5	6
7 Regional Basketball	8 Basketball TBD & Basketball Skills	9 Swim	10 Basketball TBD	11	12	13 OZ swim meet - morning
14 *Daylight Savings*	15 Basketball TBD & Basketball Skills	16 Swim	17 Basketball TBD	18	19	20 Regional swim – YMCA Pabst
21 *Palm Sunday*	22 Basketball TBD & Basketball Skills	23 Swim	24 Basketball TBD	25	26	27
28 *Easter*	29 Basketball TBD & Basketball Skills	30 swim	31 Basketball TBD			

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APRIL 2027

May have to change some dates/times for track due to weather or team basketball schedule.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THUR.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Basketball TBD	6 Swim	7 Basketball TBD; track - times to be determined	8	9 State Basketball Skills 2027	10 State Team Basketball and swim
11 State Team Basketball and swim	12	13 track?	14 track	15	16	17
18	19	20 track?	21 track	22	23	24
25	26	27 track?	28 track	29	30	

MAY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Regional Track
2	3	4	5 track	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 track	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Track	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Track	27	28	29
30	31 *NO Practice* Memorial Day					