

## **2023 Summer Games Sports Webinar Transcript**

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Greetings, and welcome to this webinar reviewing important information and changes for the 7 sports taking place at the 2023 Summer Games. Before we begin, let's go over some housekeeping items.

First, the duration of this webinar will be approximately 20 minutes.

Second, this webinar will primarily consist of photos and maps so much of the information will be verbalized to you. Don't feel like you have to take notes. The transcript of this webinar is also available online in our Resource Library.

Third, this webinar only focuses on changes and important points of emphasis. We will not cover every aspect of each competition taking place during the Games. For additional details, I highly recommend that you check out our online Resource Library where you'll find sports schedules, other webinars, and helpful information to plan your weekend.

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Next, let me introduce myself. I am Katie Hilt, the Director of Sports and Competitions for Special Olympics Indiana. You can contact me for questions about powerlifting and swimming at Summer Games.

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Kevin Aders serves as the Summer Games Director.

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Mike Hasch is our Senior Director of Unified Champion Schools. Reach out to Mike about questions regarding track and field.

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Savannah Vaughn is the Manager of Sports Programs. Reach out to Savannah about questions regarding Bocce, Volleyball, and any volunteer opportunities at Summer Games.

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Tori Batson is our Director of Unified Champion Schools. Reach out to Tori for questions about bowling.

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Matt Jones is our Manager of Unified Champion Schools. Reach out to Matt for questions about cycling.

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We are so excited to welcome you back to Summer Games, we are continuing to welcome back more and more athletes and volunteers! This year our theme is celebrating our Everyday Champions, like Carl Erskine, an everyday champion promotes acceptance, leadership and inclusion through small, persistent actions in their community. Perhaps by demonstrating good sportsmanship or supporting teammates to helping everyone feel like a winner. Through their example, they challenge others to find ways to make a difference. At this year's Summer Games there will be plenty of opportunities to see some great competition plus experience all the fun things that have been planned around campus. Some new and

fun things that you can expect will be earlier hours for healthy athletes and more disciplines on Friday, a fun movie night led by Comedian Craig Tornquist, packed days of activities at Olympic Town AND Rose Hulman Field house, and ending the day on Saturday with a firework show that links up to music.

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To help distribute information more quickly, we'll be using a text alert system again for the Games. To opt-in, text "Summer23", no spaces, to 84483. We purge the list of numbers after each year, so if you signed up for this service last year, you'll need to opt-in again. We'll use this system to distribute important games information such as sports schedules, weather updates, souvenirs, and more. We highly recommend everyone attending the Games opt-in to these alerts. If you no longer want to receive the alerts, simply text "Stop" to 84483.

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Let's start off by going over where each sport is located. There are two sports that are not located on ISU's campus and not shown on this map. Bowling is spread across two venues which are off campus. Terre Haute Bowl is approximately 4 miles south of campus off US-41, and there is no transportation provided to or from this venue. The second bowling venue is Vigo Bowl. Vigo Bowl does have a dedicated bus route that runs to and from campus. The last off-campus venue is Rose-Hulman, which hosts our swimming competition. There is a bus route from campus that runs to and from Rose-Hulman. A map of Rose Hulman will be shown later in this webinar.

Now we'll cover the on-campus sports venues. The yellow line shown is US-41/3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Bocce is at Marks Field, just left of center on your screen. Cycling takes place at Rec East, located on the right edge of this map. There is no transportation provided to Rec East. Powerlifting will be located in the North Gym located in the CHHS building on campus, this is the same building that Healthy Athletes is located in. The CHHS Building seen on the center of your screen. Volleyball is in its usual home at the Rec Center. The Rec Center is towards the top of your screen. Lastly, track and field will be at Gibson Track. Gibson Track is seen on the far left of your screen will be used for all track events, including Level 1 and Level M track and field events.

As you can see, our sports venues are very spread out geographically. I highly recommend you watch the Transportation Webinar to better familiarize yourself with our transportation plan for the Games. Although I mentioned minor details here, that webinar contains important transportation information that will be helpful in planning for the Games.

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Before we cover details about each sport, I want to talk about our venue managers and captains, these volunteers make up our management team. Each sport and venue have a management team who is in charge of the competition or activity that takes place. This management team acts as an extension of our staff, they are the experts for that specific sport or activity. The venue manager oversees the management team and ultimately is in charge of that sport, this individual has the support of the state office to make any decisions that is related to that competition/activity and the safety of the athletes competing and volunteers working during the weekend. Venue captains are members of the management team that assist the manager in running the event. We have captains that oversee staging areas, awards, and specific roles for competition. Our venue managers will wear the blue shirts you see. Our venue captains will be wearing the lime shirts. If a competition related issue comes up, these are the people that your head coach may speak with to address the concern. It's important to keep in mind

that all our venue managers and captains are volunteering their weekend to help run Summer Games. Be sure to thank them for their help, and please be courteous when addressing any concerns with them.

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You will see on your screen the overall summer games schedule for this year! All times on the Summer Games schedules are in Eastern Standard Time. Competition for all sports will begin on Friday at noon, however each sport has a more specific schedule that we will go over in detail. Competition will be wrapped up for all sports, no later than 5:30pm in time to get dinner and head to Opening Ceremonies.

On Saturday competition will be from 8:00 am – noon and 1:00 to 5:30 pm. All athletes will have at least one session free of competition so that they can visit healthy athletes, Olympic Town, souvenirs, or see other competitions. There will also be a break for lunch.

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Now, let's start talking about the 7 sports taking place at the 2023 Summer Games. Bocce is returning to Marks Field this year. The venue managers and captains are Rachel McFadden, Pat Walter, Cara Kunz, Amanda Grant, and Joshua Terry. All teams from each delegation will be assigned to Session A or Session B. Session A takes place Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Session B takes place Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. While Session A is in competition, Session B will be off, and vice versa. Competition will begin promptly at 1:00pm. Session A will wrap up on Saturday morning with competition running 8:30am to 12:00pm. Session B competition will then begin at 1:30pm. On Sunday, Session B competition will begin at 8:30am and finish up around 12:00pm. Bocce will run on a tight schedule this year, so be sure to look up athletes' divisions and schedules prior to arriving at Summer Games. We'll touch base on where to find important sports information and schedules a little bit later.

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For the first time this year, we will be assigning Team Camp locations for Bocce. Tents may be setup against the fence that runs along US-41/3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Chestnut Street. This area is shaded in red. There will be markings painted into the grass showing how far your team camp may protrude from the fence line. There will also be numbers painted in the grass so that you know what spot you have been assigned. You will not be able to drive vehicles up to Marks Field, so do not plan on vehicular transportation to transport your items to Marks Field. Each program is responsible for transporting and setting up their own equipment. We recommend that you pack up your gear at the end of each night as this is not a secure location. Special Olympics Indiana and Indiana State University will not be responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

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Bowling takes place at two venues, Vigo Bowl, and Terre Haute Bowl. Remember that Terre Haute Bowl does not have any transportation to or from the venue. The venue managers and captains for Vigo Bowl are Tom Adams, Cinda Milan, Becky Pear, and Tharon Geckeler. The venue managers and captains for Terre Haute Bowl are Jodi Moan, Mindy Schultz, Jana Crowder, Cheryl Lee, and Jan Feuquay. Each county program has been assigned to specific sessions at the venues, so please be sure to double check your venue assignments and schedule prior to arriving at the Games.

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Rec East is home to the sport of Cycling. Remember that there is no transportation to or from Rec East. The venue managers for cycling are Cindi and Ken Hart, along with track announcer Al Perone. Cycling has a mandatory coach meeting on Friday at 12pm in the Rec East conference room. There are a few important reminders for cycling. Coaches are responsible for the safety check of their cyclists' equipment, including the helmet, which will take place at 12:30pm on Friday.

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Powerlifting will be in a new venue this year, we will be moving down the hall to the North Gym located in the CHHS building. The venue managers and captains for Powerlifting are Brandon Smitley, Adrian Smitley, Tim Paul, Matt Huguen, and Dave McMannus. Friday will have weigh-ins for ALL athletes at 12pm. The lifting schedule for the rest of the weekend will be based on the results of weigh-ins. All lifting will take place on Saturday. There will be two flights, Flight A and Flight B. Flight A will take place in the morning, they will do all 3 of their lifts then receive their awards prior to lunch. All Females and Males in our lighter weight classes will be in Flight A. Flight B will perform all 3 of their lifts and receive their awards in the afternoon. Flight B will include our Unified division and our heavier weight classes. The order of lifters and final divisions will be posted at the expedite table.

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Swimming is hosted on the campus of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology at their Aquatics Center. For those of you housed at Rose-Hulman, check-in takes in the common area of Apartments East and West, marked by a yellow star on this map. You will need to take the route marked with an orange line to get to Apartment East and West. The student union is marked with a red star, and this is where you'll go for meals. Swimming competition takes place in the aquatics center, marked by a blue star. For spectators and volunteers, to get directly to the pool you will need to follow the route marked with a purple line. If you need to catch a bus over to ISU, they'll pick you up and drop you off at the entrance to the aquatics center. Be sure to watch the Transportation Webinar for more information on our bus routes for the Games.

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Now that you've arrived at Rose-Hulman, let's go over some quick competition information. The venue managers and captains for swimming are Tori Gregory, Eliot Van Velzen, Tanya Wiseman, and Kevin Hedick. Jodi Houghton is our Office Services Coordinator, and she oversees registration and delegation services at Rose-Hulman. See Jodi and our venue management team at the aquatics center desk for questions or how to access the heat sheets. Jodi oversees the operation of the various activities that take place in Swim City throughout the weekend. Swim City is an area for athletes to hang out and have fun while they're not competing. There will be some fun activities taking place there throughout the weekend. It's located on the lower level of the Aquatics Center. From here, you'll also be able to watch the swimming awards ceremonies.

Swimming will be following a similar schedule as in last year. There will no competition on Saturday afternoon. The order of events is the same as previous years and we will still use a prelims and finals format for our 25- and 50-yard events. Relays and events 100 yards or more are direct finals. On Friday, awards for direct finals will start to be distributed as the 4x25 Freestyle Relay begins. On Saturday morning, awards for direct finals will be distributed as each heat finishes. On Sunday, awards will be given for all heats as they finish. We will be adding in warm up sessions prior to competition this year. Please see the schedule on the screen for the warm up schedule if your county stated interest in participating in warm ups.

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Swimming runs on a tight schedule so it's imperative you look up swimmers' events and heats prior to the Games. There will be staging announcements to let athletes know when it's time for them to report to staging. We will call for the event and heat numbers that should report to staging. For example, you might hear, "Now staging for the Girls 25 Yard Freestyle, Heats 1, 2, and 3." Athletes in those three heats should then report to staging. Heat sheets will be posted in Swim City if you need to check which heats an athlete is in. An example of what a heat sheet looks like is currently showing on your screen. In addition to announcements, there will be a TV screen listing which heats are currently being staged. So please look up swimmers' heats ahead of time, and keep an ear tuned for these announcements. For heat sheets, as well as other sports schedules, please visit the Summer Games section of our Resource Library. There will be QR codes posted around the aquatics center that will take you directly to updated heat sheets throughout the weekend. Heat Sheets for Finals will be available on the website on Saturday evening.

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All Track & Field events will take place at Gibson Track this year. Don't forget, a representative from each delegation must attend the mandatory coaches meeting via zoom on Wednesday May 31 at 7pm.

With as many races and divisions as we have at Summer Games, the track & field schedule is 3 schedules. We will have one for the Gibson Track running and walking events, one for Gibson Track's field events, and one for the Level 1 and Level M events. The schedule on your screen is the running and walking event schedule. Same as last year, we will list the staging times for each event and each division. DO NOT arrive to the staging tent BEFORE this staging time. Finally, divisions will compete ahead of the posted start times only if all competitors have arrived. While we will stage a division up to the start time, we ask that you arrive at the staging time or just after the staging time. DO NOT wait until the start time.

Some events have prelims and finals. After the prelims, our finish line crew will work on the new divisions. But we will not post the new divisions until after that track session has concluded. The new divisions will be posted at the Info Tent and on the Summer Games page of the website.

Finally, within these events, some gender/age groups do not have enough to warrant both prelims and finals. If so, they will be run as finals only and will run during the time that the other gender/age groups are running their prelims. Check the schedule for notification of when this occurs.

Track & field will use Gibson Track for Level 2 and 3 events Friday thru Sunday.

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The next schedule on your screen is the field events.

In the field events, we will allow competitors to perform 3 CONSECUTIVE attempts. The exception is the running long jump and shot put. In that event, competitors will alternate.

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Finally listed is the schedule for Level 1 and M events. Level 1 and M events will be on Saturday at Gibson Track on the west side of the track.

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Athletes will have credentials, but we prefer that athletes DO NOT wear them into the staging tent or during competition. Instead, and as we have done for some years now, competitors will have bib numbers. Keep this number throughout the weekend! Wear it on the front and outer most layer of the uniform. Each athlete and each partner will be given 4 safety pins. Please use all 4. Your head of delegation will pick up the bib numbers at delegation check-in at Burford Hall. If you lose it, seek a replacement at the press box at Gibson Track. Replacement bibs are \$25, and only the HOD or head coach may request a replacement bib. New this year, if an athlete needs an assistant, the approved assistant will have an assistant credential with the athletes name, if this has not been approved, you run a risk of not being allowed in the staging area with your athlete.

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Gates are outlined here in a light purple circles and are labeled Gates A through E. For track & field competition, we will utilize 3 different staging tents. The east staging tent is located near Gates B and C. The east tent will be for all running, walking, and wheelchair events on the track, including the 400m walk. The west staging tent location will be in the middle of the backstretch. It will be used to stage the running long jump on Friday.

The north staging tent, located in the grassy field, will be used to stage for the shot put, softball throw, mini-javelin throw, and standing long jump. The north tent is best accessed through Gates D and E. For awards, we will use 2 stations. The track awards and field awards will be awarded in the new awards tent in the grassy area just north of the track.

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The red **"X"** marks the location for Team Camp Check In. Francie Smith, Senior Director of Programs, will have a crew assisting her on Friday morning. We do **NOT** have volunteers to transport your items to your camp sites so limit items to only what you need for the weekend, have plenty of help or bring a cart. **Check in will be between 8:30am - 12:30pm on Friday.** You can pull into the North Parking lot (edge of concrete and gravel portions) across from the track (across from Gate E) to carry your items to your team camp space. Please make sure to pick up your trash after each day. The track will be locked each night so you can keep items overnight.

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Regarding water, we will have it available under each awards tent and each info tent at the Gibson Track. With water, we ask that athletes, coaches, and games volunteers come to Summer Games with water bottles. For Gibson Track, the finish line building has restrooms on the first floor. And we will have portable restrooms near Gate A and the west staging tent. As for medical personnel and athletic trainers, they will be in a tent near the finish line.

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Volleyball will be hosted in its usual venue at the Rec Center. Maddy Carter, Andrea New, Amber Mannies, Pamenla Dunlap, and Liz Erikson make up the venue managers and captains for this sport. Teams will be split into Session A and Session B. While Session A has pool play, Session B will be off and vice versa. Friday at 1pm, we will start Session A pool play games. Teams in Session B are off on Friday. Competition for Session B pool play teams will begin at 8:30am. Session A teams are off on Saturday morning. The divisions and schedules for the rest of the weekend will be available around lunchtime on Saturday. On Saturday afternoon, the semifinals matches will begin at 1:30pm for all teams. On Sunday, at 8:30am, final and consolation matches begin.

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If you would like to download sports schedules or rules, you may find them in our online Summer Games webpage. You can access this page by scanning the QR code on the screen with your phone. Sports schedules will be posted under each sport as they become available, along with any other pertinent information. We highly recommend you review rules and schedules prior to arriving at the Games. Additionally, the Resource Library will contain other webinars on various Summer Games topics that will be useful in planning for your trip.

If you have any sport-specific questions between now and the Games, please don't hesitate to reach out to the appropriate staff person directly. For a list of responsibilities, either review this webinar or visit Page 6 of the Program Information Guide. Page 6 also contains staff email addresses.

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Thank you for watching this webinar. We wish all our athletes and Unified partners the best of luck during the 2023 Summer Games! We look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you safe travels to Terre Haute!