



REGISTRATION GUIDE

2026 SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA SUMMER GAMES PRE-EVENT TEXT ALERT

To improve and enhance communication prior to Summer Games, Special Olympics Indiana has set up a text alert system that will be in place March 23 through June 15.

This text alert is designed for county program management teams and coaches only. It will be used to send reminders about GMS entry deadlines, coaches' meetings, the HOD meeting, preliminary report needs, final delegation listing, housing details and other pre-event communication.

The text system will provide an additional layer of communication beyond regular emails.

Please take a minute to sign up for this service. Share with your Summer Games coaches, any management team members involved in GMS and athlete registration as well as Class A volunteer responsibilities.

Text: **"26HOD"** to **84483** to receive SOIN 2026 Summer Games pre-event text alerts from Special Olympics Indiana staff.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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| 5-8 p.m. | Souvenir Store (Rose-Hulman Dance Studio, DeDe 2 and 3) |
| 6-9 p.m. | Delegation check-in (<i>Thursday arrivals and days only</i>) |
| 6-7:30 p.m. | Olympic Town, Animal Experience |

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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| 8:30 a.m.-noon | Delegation check-in (<i>Friday arrivals and days only</i>) |
| 8:30 a.m.-noon | Team camp drop-off (Bocce, Track & Field) |
| 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | Volunteer check-in |
| 9 a.m.-noon | Healthy Athletes screenings (CHHS Building) |
| 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Olympic Town presented by Duke Energy |
| 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Souvenir Store (DeDe 2 & 3) |
| 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | Souvenir Store (Rose-Hulman Dance Studio) |
| Noon-5:30 p.m. | Competition: bocce, bowling, cycling, swimming, track and field, volleyball |
| 1-5:30 p.m. | Competition: swimming |
| 6:30-6:45 p.m. | Delegation arrival to Opening Ceremony |
| 7-9:30 p.m. | Opening Ceremony (starting with the parade of athletes) |

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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| 7 a.m.-4 p.m. | Volunteer check-in |
| 8 a.m.-noon | Competition: bocce, bowling, cycling, powerlifting, swimming, track and field, volleyball |
| 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Young Athletes |
| 9 a.m.-noon | Souvenir store (Rose-Hulman Dance Studio) |
| 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Olympic Town presented by Duke Energy |
| 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Souvenir Store (DeDe 2 & 3) |
| 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Olympic Town Outlet Store (Olympic Town Kiosk) |
| 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Healthy Athletes screenings (CHHS Building) |
| 1-5:30 p.m. | Competition: bocce, bowling, cycling, powerlifting, track and field, volleyball |
| 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Olympic Town Outlet Store (Olympic Town Kiosk) |
| 8-9:45 p.m. | Victory Dance & Closing Ceremonies (Olympic Town) |
| 8-9:45 p.m. | Alternative show in DeDe 1 |

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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| 7:30-9:30 a.m. | Volunteer check-in |
| 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Competition: bocce, bowling, swimming, powerlifting, track and field, volleyball |
| 9 a.m.-noon | Olympic Town presented by Duke Energy |
| 9 a.m.-noon | Souvenir Store (DeDe 2 & 3) |

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The final schedule is determined by the number of entrants in each event.

| | BOCCE | BOWLING | CYCLING | POWERLIFTING |
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| FRIDAY AFTERNOON | Group A Traditional doubles Traditional Team Unified doubles Group B Off | Traditional Doubles Unified doubles | 1k qualifications 5k road race 5k individual time trials 5k adaptive 2k road race | Weigh-ins for all lifters Competition if time allows |
| FRIDAY EVENING | No competition. Opening Ceremony at Hulman Center | | | |
| SATURDAY MORNING | Group A Traditional doubles Traditional team Unified doubles Unified team Group B Off | Assisted ramp Traditional doubles | Time Trials 500m adaptive cycle 500m individual 5k Unified tandem 1k adaptive 1k individual 2k adaptive 2k individual 2k Unified Tandem | Schedule determined by weigh-ins |
| SATURDAY AFTERNOON | Group A Off Group B Traditional doubles Traditional team Unified doubles Unified team | Traditional doubles Unified doubles | | Schedule determined by weigh-ins |
| Saturday evening | Only if necessary | | | |
| Sunday morning | Group A Off Group B Traditional doubles Traditional team Unified doubles Unified team | Assisted ramp Traditional doubles | | Schedule determined by weigh-ins |

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The final schedule is determined by the number of entrants in each event.

| | SWIMMING | TRACK & FIELD | VOLLEYBALL | YOUNG ATHLETES |
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| FRIDAY AFTERNOON | 100-yard IM Finals 25-yard free finals 25-yard fly trials 50-yard back trials 4x25 free relay finals 200-yard free finals | 800m run finals Running long jump finals 100m dash prelims 400m dash prelims 200m dash prelims 200m wheelchair finals Level 2 - off | Group A Pool play | |
| FRIDAY EVENING | No competition. Opening Ceremony at Hulman Center | | | |
| SATURDAY MORNING | 100-yard free finals 25-yard back trials 4x50-yard medley relay finals 25-yard breast trials 50-yard Free trials 4x25-yard medley relay finals | All levels compete 1500m run finals 50m dash prelims Level M events Finals Level 1 Events finals Standing long jump finals 100m dash finals 200m dash finals 4x100m relay prelims | Group B Pool play | Young Athletes Experience |
| SATURDAY AFTERNOON | | 50m dash prelims Level M events finals Level 1 events finals Softball throw finals 400m walk finals Level 3 – off | Semifinal matches | Lunch and tour |
| SATURDAY EVENING | | | Semifinal Matches If required | |
| SUNDAY MORNING | 25-yard Free finals 25-yard-fly finals 50-yard back finals 25-yard back finals 25-yard breast finals 50-yard free finals | 800m walk finals 50m dash finals Mini-javelin throw finals Shot put finals 4x100m relay finals | Consolation and finals matches | |

ENTRY TIMELINE

| DATE | ENTRY ITEM | NOTES |
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| April 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games Management System (GMS) registration window open Summer Games registration packet available on SO Indiana website Registration Guide and GMS tutorials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have access and have been trained in GMS should register using GMS |
| May 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports entries due in GMS or by packet submission if not entering in GMS Team camps sign up - on Delegation Entry form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegation Entry Excel Form; Housing Excel form for ISU and Rose-Hulman; Coach Chaperone Excel Form needed for all counties even if you enter via GMS |
| May 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary delegation reports sent to programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify all entrants, events, gender, age, scores |
| May 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry verification due to the state office by 8 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes or corrections after this date |
| May 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches meeting for bowling Deadline for swimming times; coaches enter through Hy Tek | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have representative present Instructions for Hy Tek sent separately to programs and coaches |
| May 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches meetings for bocce, track & field and volleyball | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have representative present |
| May 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final information sent to programs Box lunch registration opens - online | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final information includes: Delegation Report, Housing Assignments, Event Schedules, Invoices |
| June 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches & Information meetings for swimming and young athletes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have representative present |
| June 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches meeting powerlifting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have representative present |
| June 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Delegation Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required meeting to receive up-to-date Summer Games details and information needed for the competition |
| June 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Box lunch orders due Credentials mailed to all programs | |

ENTRY INFORMATION

NEW THIS YEAR

This year, we ask that you please list an Assistant Head of Delegation, including contact information, in GMS when registering your delegation.

STEP 1: ENTRY VIDEOS

To help make the entry process easier, we have created videos to walk you through the entry process. If you have been trained in using GMS, you are expected to enter your athletes into Summer Games using GMS. However, there are some entry forms from the entry packet that still need to be turned in.

Please start by watching the tutorial for the Summer Games registration tutorial to learn about what forms must be sent to our office and what is entered in GMS.

[CLICK HERE FOR SUMMER GAMES REGISTRATION VIDEO](#)

* Instructions for Young Athlete registration and shoe registration entry tabs on the entry packet form are not in this video. Reference instructions in the entry packet.

Tip: To see time stamps for each video, hover over the video and click on “Chapters” in the upper right-hand corner. If you need to see a transcript of the video, select “Transcript” in the upper right-hand corner.

STEP 2: SPORT-SPECIFIC ENTRY VIDEOS

Click on a sport below to watch a video demonstrating how to upload entries.

[Bocce](#)

[Bowling](#)

[Cycling](#)

[Powerlifting](#)

[Swimming](#)

Track and Field: Athletes will advance from Area Spring Games, so they do not need to be entered.

[Volleyball](#)

BOWLING HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Friday/Saturday, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Session

Delegation check-in: 11:30 a.m.

Practice: 12:20 p.m.

| Vigo Bowl | | Terre Haute Bowl |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Traditional Doubles | Unified Doubles | Unified Doubles |
| 04. Benton County | 04. Benton County | 01. Marshall-Stark County |
| 05. Kosciusko County | 04. Clinton County | 01. Porter County |
| 08. Hancock County | 04. Putnam County | 03. Allen County |
| 08. Hendricks County | 07. Monroe County | 04. Montgomery-Park Co. |
| 08. Marion County NE | 08. Hancock County | 04. Warren-Fountain Co. |
| 09. Shelby County | 08. Hendricks County | 04. White County |
| | 08. Marion County NE | 06. Madison County |
| | 09. ROD | 07. Vigo County |
| | 09. Shelby County | 08. Johnson County |
| | | 08. Marion County South |
| | | 08. Washington Twp. |
| | | 10. Vanderburgh County |

Friday/Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. Session

Delegation check-in: 2:15 p.m.

Practice: 2:50 p.m.

| Vigo Bowl | Terre Haute Bowl |
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| Traditional Doubles | Traditional Doubles |
| 04. Clinton County | 01. Porter County |
| 04. Putnam County | 03. Allen County |
| 05. Cass County | 04. White County |
| 05. Howard County | 06. Madison County |
| 06. Grant County | 07. Knox County |
| 07. Monroe County | 07. Vigo County |
| 08. Hamilton County | |
| 09. ROD | |
| 10. Gibson County | |

Sunday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Session

Delegation check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Practice: 9:20 a.m.

| Vigo Bowl | Terre Haute Bowl |
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| Ramp Bowling | Traditional Doubles |
| All ramp bowlers | 01. Lake County |
| | 01. Marshall-Starke County |
| | 04. Montgomery-Parke County |
| | 04. Warren-Fountain County |
| | 08. Johnson County |
| | 08. Marion County South |
| | 08. Washington Twp. |
| | 10. Vanderburgh County |

SPORTS INFORMATION

SPORTS CONTACTS

An SOIN staff member oversees each sport leading up to competition. If you have athletes who participate in any of these sports, be aware that you could be receiving questions from our staff as we get ready for competition. Below is a list of which staff member oversees each sport:

- **Bocce:** Savannah Vaughn svaughn@soindiana.org
- **Bowling:** Katie Hilt khilt@soindiana.org
- **Cycling:** Savannah Vaughn svaughn@soindiana.org
- **Powerlifting:** Savannah Vaughn svaughn@soindiana.org
- **Swimming:** Savannah Vaughn svaughn@soindiana.org
- **Track and Field:** Katie Hilt khilt@soindiana.org
- **Volleyball:** Kevin Aders kaders@soindiana.org
- **Young Athletes:** Annie Bretz abretz@soindiana.org

NEW FOR 2026

- **Bocce:** No changes to competition schedule. We will be assigning team camps for competition.
- **Bowling:** No changes.
- **Cycling:** No changes.
- **Powerlifting:** All competitions and weigh-ins for powerlifting will take place in the North Gym located in the CHHS building. We will utilize the weight room as a warm-up area only. Weigh-ins will start at 10:30 a.m.
- **Swimming:** Saturday and Sunday will have warm-up time from 7-8 a.m. No changes to the competition schedule.
- **Track and Field:** No Changes to the schedule
- **Volleyball:** No changes to competition schedule.
- **Young Athletes:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Wolf Field.

YOUNG ATHLETES SHOWCASE

Young Athletes is open to children ages 2–7, both with and without an intellectual disability. Children with intellectual disability must be registered in COE as an athlete, while children without an intellectual disability must be registered as a Unified Partner. Participation in a local Young Athletes program is not required; however, all Young Athletes must be entered into GMS, and parents must be entered as spectators or chaperones if they are staying on campus to receive credentials. Delegations should include Young Athlete families in housing numbers if staying on campus (meeting all requirements), or in Days Only count. On the entry packet, please indicate participation in the Tour of Games and Healthy Athletes, attendance at Opening Ceremony, and

the total number of family members (this number should include the Young Athlete(s)) attending the Family Picnic. If enough are registered for Opening Ceremony, Young Athletes will parade in as their own delegation.

SPORTS INFORMATION

COACHES, SPORTS, AND HEAD OF DELEGATION MEETINGS

The Head of Delegation meeting is 6:30 p.m. ET Thursday, June 4, via Teams. All coaches and sports meetings, except cycling, will be via Teams the week of May 25. The cycling coaches meeting is onsite before the start of competition. We will have webinars available for additional Summer Games details and events. See the schedule for coaches and sports meetings below.

- 6:30 p.m. ET Thursday June 4
- **Head of Delegation:** [Teams Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 274 849 956 388 4
- Passcode: rt388kU3

SPORTS MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 26

6:30 p.m. ET

Bowling: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 216 156 466 648 05

Passcode: MK6T7Bv7

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 p.m. ET

Bocce: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 290 477 985 297 35

Passcode: GR2ih2c8

6:30 p.m. ET

Track and Field: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 212 775 946 381 14

Passcode: 9TH7SD3o

7 p.m. ET

Volleyball: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 244 000 655 272 54

Passcode: Fn7Xz9Q7

SPORTS MEETINGS (Continued)

Monday, June 1

6 p.m. ET

Young Athletes: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 269 266 728 327 09

Passcode: Jv7o8Nm3

7 p.m. ET

Swimming: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 293 481 006 677 30

Passcode: KM6Y4sn9

Wednesday, June 3

7 p.m. ET

Powerlifting: [Teams Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 279 677 789 602 14

Passcode: yw77BK77

Friday, June 12

Noon ET

Cycling: (Onsite) Rec East Cycling facility

Each county must have at least one coach at the meeting that you have athletes registered. By attending the coaches meeting, you will receive a head coach credential. This will allow you the opportunity to submit a protest at the competition. No protest will be considered if your county did not attend the coaches meeting.