



Date: February 14, 2022
To: All SOWI Local Programs
From: Jason Blank, Senior Director of Sports
Re: Summer Sports Schedule

Dear Special Olympics Wisconsin Local Program Managers,

We are excited to announce our 2022 Summer Sport Season schedule! This year, particularly this summer, is a special time for Special Olympics Wisconsin. First, we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Secondly, it is a USA Games year so we will be taking a delegation of 96 athletes, unified partners, coaches and staff to the Games in Orlando, FL, June 4-12. With these significant events, our summer season will look different.

- * Regional/District level competitions for both Track and Swim will be held in April and May.
- * The State Soccer competition will be held at Muskego High School on May 14th.
- * This year's State Track and Swim competitions will be combined with Tennis, Softball, and Bocce at the 50th Anniversary Celebration Games at Carroll University in Waukesha, July 29-31.

Athletes will be able to compete in both Summer Sports (track, swim, and soccer) and Outdoor Sports (softball, tee ball, tennis, and bocce) at the Regional/District level of competition. They will need to choose which sport they would advance in to the Celebration Games. We understand that decision may be difficult for athletes who compete in both sport seasons but this will allow more athletes to attend the Games that normally would not advance.

2022 Summer Sport Competition Dates:

April 30, 2022	District Swim Meet	Waunakee High School	Regions 6 and 7 (Rock, Walworth, Jefferson)
April 30, 2022	District Swim Meet	YMCA at Pabst Farms	Regions 7 (Racine, Kenosha) and 8
May 7, 2022	District Swim Meet	Oshkosh Community YMCA	Regions 2, 4, and 5
May 7, 2022	Regional Tack Meet	Chippewa Falls High School	Region 3
May 14, 2022	Regional Track Meet	Merrill High School	Region 2
May 14, 2022	Regional Track Meet	Case High School	Region 7
May 14, 2022	Regional Track Meet	Muskego High School	Region 8
May 14, 2022	State Soccer Tournament	Muskego High School	State
May 15, 2022	Regional Track Meet	Oregon High School	Region 6
May 21, 2022	Regional Track Meet	Ashwaubenon High School	Regions 4 and 5
May 21, 2022	District Swim Meet	Menomonie High School	Region 3
July 29-31	State Swim and State Track	Carroll University	State

There will be no State level competition for Gymnastics and Powerlifting in 2022. SOWI is working on a plan to have State competitions for both sports in 2023.

Final COVID protocols for the Summer Sports season are still being finalized. As COVID-19 numbers are dropping and teams are starting practices, Local Programs should follow the current Return to Play Guidelines: <https://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/return-to-play-during-covid-19/>. Reminder that in order for in-person activities to happen, including team practices, the 7-Day Average of New Confirmed Cases per 100,000 people must be below 50 in your county. You can find this statistic here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/coronavirus-us-cases-deaths/>.

We look forward to seeing everyone during the Summer Sports Season!