



AREA SPORTS UPDATE

WILMINGTON, NEWARK, KENT, SUSSEX AND MOT

SUMMER SPORTS TRAINING: GOLF & CYCLING

Please remember that all athletes must have a current Special Olympics medical form on file at the SODE office before practicing/training. All Class A volunteers must also be current with their certification by that time. Please contact the coach to register prior to attending your first practice.



CYCLING

PLEASE NOTE: Cycling Requirements

- Athletes must have a bike helmet and a bicycle or tricycle
- Athletes must be able to ride a bike, tricycle or trike without assistance

SUSSEX RIPTIDE CYCLING

Ongoing through September: Cycling practices are held on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00pm at the National Guard Armory in Bethany Beach. All Sussex Riptide athletes are invited to participate. For more information, please contact Cycling sports director Adam Rones at adam.rones@culverandpierson.com

KENT WILD KATS CYCLING

Cycling practices are held on Tuesdays starting June 27

Dates: June 27 / July 11, 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 22, 19 / September 5, 12, 19, 23 (Cycling Classic)

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: New this year! 303 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE

Directly behind DMV (Division of Motor Vehicles). Area is marked as: Class D, CDL - MC testing pad

For more information, please contact Pam Cannon at 302-363-3546.

NEWARK DRAGONS, MOT TIGERS, WILMINGTON WIZARDS CYCLING

Cycling practices are held Wednesday evenings starting July 12

Dates: July 12, 19, 26 / Aug. 2 (No Practice), Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6, 13, 20, 23 (Cycling Classic)
September 27 (Pizza Party at Grottos)

Time: 6:15pm - 8:00pm

Location: Fox Point State Park (located off of I-495 at the Edgemoor exit.) Please note: this is a state park which requires an entrance fee. For a free pass, see additional information section below if you are interested.

For more information, please contact Wesley Davis at 302.353.8494 or email wesleyedavis@icloud.com.

**Additional Information on obtaining a State Park Access Pass*

With the Americans with Disabilities Act, athletes or their parents/care giver can apply to get a free pass called America the Beautiful Access Pass or stop by a participating park. This allows vehicles who display it to use all Delaware state and federal parks for free. You can also obtain the pass at Bellevue, Killen's Pond, Cape Henlopen State Parks, Bombay Hook, and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges. Here is the link: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html#benefits> if you are interested or stop by a Delaware park. Here is a link for more information at <http://www.destateparks.com/fees/passes/golden.asp>.

The 2017 Cycling Classic takes place on Sat. Sept. 23, 2017 at the Dover Air Force Base Museum



GOLF

SUSSEX RIPTIDE GOLF

Golf practices for Sussex County will begin this summer at a location and date to be announced. New golfers who want to learn golf skills do not need to have a Unified Partner nor have any golf experience. To register for Golf, please contact Jim Watson at watson.james@mchsi.com.

KENT WILD KATS GOLF

Ongoing through September at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover
Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Dates: Saturdays beginning June 17, 24 / July 1, 15, 22 / August 12, 19, 26 / September 2, 16, 26 (Golf tournament)

Golf practice will begin at 3:30pm with 30 minutes of lessons if the pro is available; if not we will practice on our own. Skills athletes will continue to practice on the range and Unified teams will play nine holes on the course.

For more information, please contact Bill Yonker at bayonker@yahoo.com.

NEWARK DRAGONS GOLF

Golf clinics will be held on Tuesdays starting in late July.

Time: 5:00pm

Dates: Tuesdays beginning July 25 / August 1 / August 15 / Sept 5 / Sept 19

Location: Clinics will be held at Elkton Golf and Batting, 390 E Pulaski Hwy, Elkton, MD 21921.

For more information, please contact Mark Wise at mwise@udel.edu.

MOT TIGERS GOLF

Golf clinics to learn skills will begin this summer either in late July or early August. To register for golf, please contact Alan Hines at alan@tfwb.org.

*** Looking ahead to Fall ... Attention MOT Tigers! If anyone is interested in playing in an MOT Volleyball team this fall, please contact Mary Ward Hutchison at sode.mot@gmail.com. Thank you!*

WILMINGTON WIZARDS GOLF

Golf clinics will begin this summer at a location and date to be announced. To register for Golf, please contact Fred Bevans at fbevans328@aol.com.

Golf Outings for seasoned players will be held at the DuPont Country Club.

Pre-registration is required! To sign up, please email mwise@udel.edu.

Golf outings are held on the following Sundays:

July 9 / July 30 / August 6 / August 20 / September 10 / September 24.

Tee-times assigned starting at 5pm

The 2017 Golf Tournament takes place on Tuesday, September 26 at Maple Dale Country Club in Dover.



Special Olympics Delaware awards nominations for Night of Heroes are open to athletes, families, coaches, organizations and volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Special Olympics.

These distinguished awards will be presented on October 11, 2017. **Nominations forms must be submitted by JULY 1, 2017.**

Please mail to: Special Olympics Delaware Awards Committee, 619 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19716-1901 -or- send via

email to: info@sode.org or **FAX to:** 302-831-3483. The 2017 Nomination forms may be downloaded from our website at www.sode.org or complete the form provided on the last page.

2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES



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SEATTLE 2018



Every four years, Special Olympics conducts a national summer games in the United States that includes athletes from all 52 US Programs. **The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, formerly known as the National Games, will bring 3,500 athletes to the greater Seattle area to compete in a variety of sports.**

In order for athletes to be eligible for selection, they must demonstrate good sportsmanship and have the ability to function well as part of a team. Athletes must also have the ability to commit extra time to training, attend a training camp, and able to independently manage daily living skills. Additional criteria for eligibility will be summarized in the application.

TEAM DELAWARE:

Application forms will be available by July 1, 2017. (*Deadline to submit is August 1. Selections will be made by September 1.*) Team Delaware will consist of the following slots in each sport:

- Track (2 male/2 female/1 coach)
- Bocce (2 male/2 female/1 coach)
- Bowling (2 male/2 female/1 coach)
- Swimming (2 male/2 female/1 coach)
- Tennis (1 male/1 female/1 coach)
- Powerlifting (1 male/1 coach)

Coaches and athletes may download the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games application from our website by July 1 at www.sode.org -OR- call the SODE office at 302-831-4653 to have a copy mailed to your home. The deadline date to submit is by August 1, 2017.



SUMMER BOWLING

WILMINGTON AND NEWARK AREA - SUMMER BOWLING

All athletes, coaches, volunteers, donors, sponsors, families, and friends are welcome to join the league. The league - which is recreational - will be held at Bowlerama on Rt. 9 in New Castle from 6:30 - 9:00 pm and run for 7 consecutive Mondays beginning July 10 and ending August 21.

Each team will have 3 members. A minimum of 2 alternates is suggested per team. Although team sign-ups are preferred, individual registrations will be accepted and every effort will be made to form teams with the individual registrations received. Teams will bowl two games each night.

Cost is \$7 per person, payable each week. No charge for shoe rental. Registration is due by Friday, June 30. For additional information please call Pam Rhea at 302 757-1948



TENNIS

SUSSEX RIPTIDE SUMMER TENNIS

Ongoing through September:

A summer tennis program is being offered at Bayside in Bethany Beach and is open to new and experienced tennis players who are officially registered as Special Olympics Delaware athletes. Sessions are on Tuesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 11, 18 and 25; August 1, 8, 22 and 29; September 5 and 12.

For more information, please contact Marie McIntosh at mariemcintosh522@gmail.com.



2017 NOMINATION FORM

Please attach a written narrative to this form explaining why this person, persons, organization or company deserve this recognition.

NOMINEE:

Name: _____

I nominate the above for Outstanding _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Send to: Special Olympics Delaware
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