



BLACK HILLS AREA

RAPID CITY ♦ AUGUST 30, 2025

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

10:00a	Tournament Games Begin
10:30a	Softball Skills Contest
11:00a	Lunch Available



OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony.....	Jody Grubb
Athlete Oath.....	Christina Voigt Rapid City Storm
Declaration.....	David Tanner Athlete Leadership Council

THANK YOU!

Coaches ** Family Members
Rapid City Area Umpires
Star of the West Board of Directors
Jynna Bartscher - Medical

You're the best!

ATTENTION ATHLETES!

Your Fall Classic dance theme
is Country & Western!

- Jeans
- Cowboy hats & boots
- Western shirts



Dress-up and have fun!

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Time	Field 1	Field 4	Field 5	Field 2
8:30-9:00 am	Delegation and Volunteer Check In ***Watch for signs***			
9:15 am		OPENING CEREMONY		
10:00 am	Softball Skills Contes 10:30 am	<u>Peaks Traditional</u> Vs RC Storm Blizzard	<u>RC Flame Gold</u> Vs Peaks Unified	
11:00 am		<u>RC Flame Silver</u> Vs RC Storm Lightening	<u>BHSSC Twisters</u> VS Peaks Unified	Open For Warmups
12:00 pm		<u>RC Storm Thunder</u> Vs Peaks Traditional	<u>RC Flame Orange</u> VS RC Flame Black	Open For Warmups
1:00 pm		<u>RC Storm Lightening</u> Vs RC Flame Silver	<u>BHSSC Twisters</u> Vs RC Flame Gold	Open For Warmups
2:00 pm		<u>RC Storm Blizzard</u> Vs RC Storm Thunder	<u>RC Flame Black</u> Vs Peaks Unified	Open For Warmups
3:00 pm			<u>RC Flame Orange</u> Vs BHSSC Twisters	
	Coach Pitch	Slow Pitch	Senior Unified Player Development	
**<u>UNDERLINED</u> team will occupy the 3rd base dugout. <u>Home team will be determined by coin flip.</u>				

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Games are 50 min in length or 7 innings; whichever occurs first.
- Batters will begin with a 1 ball/1strike count EXCEPT for Coach Pitch
- Coach Pitch: Tee batters will have 3 swing rule. Coach Pitch batters will have a 5 pitch/3 swing rule. No 1:1 count in Coach Pitch.
- UNIFIED HOME RUN rule: Each team has a 2 out of the park home run limit. After that, all out of the park home runs will result in an out and no runners can advance. This is a combined 2 HR limit (athletes/UPs).

ROSTERS

Coach Pitch

Rapid City Flame Silver

Burgess, Drew
Cirell, Ryan
Heriger, Kylee
Holzer, Grayce
Jensen, Eivin
Joaquin, Nash
Knutsen, Kai
Matthiessen, Ian
Milbrandt, Chase
O'Reilly, Benjamin
Rasmussen, Deborah
Sabrowski, Patrick
Trojanowski, Ryan
VanBerkum, Matilda

Rapid City Storm Lightning

Baldwin, Chloe
Boorman, Alexandria
Flannery, Alyssa
Hammer, Shannon
Hill, Benjamin
Kopp, Edward
Kromarek, Jaric
Lewison, Shane
Neff, Sierra
Richmond, Melissa
Romero, Dakota
Schreiber, Courtney
Spotted Elk, Dabian
Tyra, Bryan
Voigt, Christina

Slow Pitch

Rapid City Storm Blizzard

Blauvelt, Matthew
Boheman-Gehl, Manika
Brave, Doyle
Doran, Olivia

Fast Wolf, Justin
Harmon, David
McFail, Zachary
Molitor, Todd
Quinn, Layla
Reynolds, Russell
Sumner, Michael
Turner, Mike
Whipple, Michael

Rapid City Storm Thunder

Bultena, Christopher
Fackrell, Aaron
Gilbert, Joshua
Heeb, Cheyenne
Lay, Michael
Rivett, Christopher
Schroeder, Scott
Shattuck, Brian
Tanner, David
Thomason, Dylan
Torgerson, Rick
Walker, Joshua
Wright, Troy

Spearfish Peaks Traditional

Alickson, Garett
Charlson, Colby
Fontenot, Stephen
Harwood, Frank (Taylor)
Merchen, Wade
Pelletier, Justin
Reinert, Lance
Rosales, KeeLee
Rossow, Tessa
West, Carla
West, Marla

Unified

Rapid City Flame Black

Ashley, Clare UP
Ashley, Piper
Gomez, Alejandro
Lassegard, Aric
Lees, Thane UP
Leonard, Ruben
Maliske, Jill UP
Roberts-Eller, Kasha UP
Rowcliffe, John
Sabrowski, Christopher UP
Steele, Jordan
Trojanowski, Grayson UP
Woodward, Karole

Rapid City Flame Gold

Carlson, Keith UP
Dryden, MacKayla
Eslick, Ashlynn UP
Griffin, Cohen UP
Griffin, Deacon UP
Keim, Laikin UP
Ott, Tyrel
Price, Zander
Steele, Caleb
Thompson, Treven
Zimmerman, London UP
Zimmerman, Zoe

Rapid City Flame Orange

Capper, Jenna UP
Carlson, Kacey
Colprit/Washington, Desean UP
Dickerson, Nathaniel
Grismer, Garrett UP
Hogan, Savannah UP
Jespersion, Jazmyn
Keller, Shannon UP
Marling, Trevor
Smith, Bennett

Steele, Cameron
Whitney, Addison

Spearfish Peaks Unified

Alan, Carissa UP
Asheim, Robby
Bush, Jenny UP
Droppers, Searraha
Fossen, Todd
Hines, Keoanna
Hoffman, Sarah
Jackson, Jared
Johnston, Christian UP
Krebs, Carleen UP
Krebs, Kourtney
Krebs, Kyle
Pelletier, Jase UP
Weeldreyer, Jeremiah UP
Weeldreyer, Leeann UP

Whiteman, Donald UP
Whiteman, Lorraine

Sturgis-BHSSC Twisters

Adam, Larissa
Benedict, Keith
Bieber, Shana
Carlisle Roberts, Avery
Collins, Aaron
Covell, Tyler
Drury, Angelia
Gleason, Kadence UP
Gustafson, Ashley UP
Hendrickson, Eileen UP
Kelii, Sonya UP
Leatherman, Dave UP
McCauley, Natalia
O'Connor, Elizabeth
Schweigert, Anthony

Smith, Lynn
Todriff, Tracey UP
Tridle, Trevor
Vaughn, Thomas
Wilén, Ivan UP
Wilén, Janessa UP

Softball Individual Skills Contest

Sturgis-BHSS
Foster, Blake
Karpinen, Jeremiah
Kukal, Teggan
Peterson, Lauren
Thompson, Parker



**BEST OF LUCK ATHLETES
& UNIFIED PARTNERS!**



STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Oct 31 - Nov 2, 2025

STATE UNIFIED TOURNAMENT

Nov 8 & 9, 2025

STAY INFORMED!

Athletes, Coaches, Family Members, and anyone else with an interest in Special Olympics South Dakota, please sign-up to receive our weekly newsletter **NEWSWORTHY**. This is your most efficient way to stay up to date on SOSD news, events, and information.

Newsworthy is published every Tuesday afternoon via Constant Contact.



Special Olympics South Dakota
Newsworthy:
timely. important. interesting.

VERY IMPORTANT

Please... ONLY service animals in competition areas.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
CHEER
ON**

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Schedule of Events 2025

August 16	SE Area Softball	Sioux Falls
August 30	BH Area Softball	Rapid City
August 17	SE Area Bocce	Sioux Falls
August 23	BH Area Bocce	Rapid City
September 19	Fall Classic (Bocce)	Rapid City
September 20 & 21	Fall Classic (Softball)	Rapid City
October 9	NE Area Unified Doubles	Watertown
October 10	NE Area Singles	Aberdeen
October 10	BH Area Singles	Rapid City
October 11	BH Area Unified Doubles	Rapid City
October 11	SE Area Singles	Sioux Falls
October 12	SE Area Unified Doubles	Sioux Falls
Oct 31 – Nov 2	Traditional Bowling	Aberdeen
November 8 & 9	Unified Bowling	Sioux Falls



Get your
concessions
early & often!

MERCH!



ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

What is an Athlete Leadership Council?



We are a group of athletes who meet using a well-thought-out agenda to discuss Special Olympics topics important to us. We then make recommendations to program leadership. We have been organized and meeting since 2013. Three members of the ALC also serve on the SOSD Board of Directors.

Fellow athletes, if you have an idea or concern, talk to one of us... let's work together!

Meet your ALC members. We are here to serve YOU!



Zach Bevers
Brookings Area



Ashley Clark
Sioux Falls



Jamie Davey
Rapid City Flame



Trevor Hayes
Aberdeen Area HCE



Melissa Heckel
Spearfish Peaks



Grady Heffner
Huron Heartland
Hunters



Kyle Hegge
SESDAC Vermillion



Chris Hilla
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



Mari Ibis
Sioux Falls Lancers



Jaren Keiser
Sioux Falls Lancers



Natalia McCauley
Sturgis-BHSSC



Cody Menzel
Madison Area



Colton Miles
Pierre Wildcats



Nick Mills
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



Derek Smith
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



David Tanner
Rapid City Storm



Correna Templar
Rapid City Storm



Trevor Tridle
Sturgis-BHSSC



Jessica Weitschat
Pierre Wildcats



Lorraine Whiteman
Spearfish Peaks

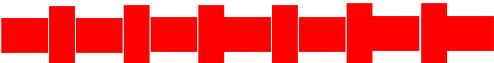
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Thank you for your service!



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Dear Friends, Supporters, and Members of the Special Olympics South Dakota Community,

We would like to share an important leadership update. Darryl Nordquist has announced a transition from his current role as Chief Executive Officer to a role focused on fundraising for Special Olympics South Dakota. In this new role, he will concentrate on strengthening relationships with donors and supporters, and securing resources to advance our mission well into the future.

The Board of Directors thanks Darryl for his 18 years of leadership in growing and strengthening Special Olympics South Dakota. Darryl has been a dedicated and visionary leader, serving with passion, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the athletes, families, volunteers, and staff who make up our incredible community.

To ensure a smooth transition, Darryl will continue to serve as CEO until a new leader is hired. During this period, Julie Briggs will step in as Acting Chief Operating Officer, working closely with Darryl to manage day-to-day operations and support staff and stakeholders. We are grateful for Darryl's continued commitment and leadership throughout this transition, and for Julie's willingness to take on this interim role.

The search for our next CEO has begun, and we look forward to engaging with the Special Olympics South Dakota community as part of that process. Thank you for your continued support as we move into this exciting new chapter.

With Appreciation,
Monica Burgess
Chair, Special Olympics South Dakota
Board of Directors

2025 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Volunteers do everything there is to do for Special Olympics and more. You are fundraisers, cheerleaders, administrators, chauffeurs, chaperones, trainers, coaches, policymakers, trash collectors, referees, food servers, scorekeepers, and everything in between. You serve without salary, with-



out recognition, honors or awards. Special Olympics would not exist without you - your dedication, your work, or your love.

Thank you, volunteers. You represent the highest values of the human spirit and we are grateful for your service!

Don Baker Award

This is the highest honor presented by Special Olympics South Dakota. It is given in honor of Don Baker who was a volunteer and official starter for Special Olympics events.

This award is given annually to an individual, organization, business, or agency that has given outstanding support to Special Olympics South Dakota.

NOMINEES:

- Warren Clark, Mitchell
- Yvette Lassegard, Rapid City

Lucas & Levi Wienk
Sioux Falls



Spirit of a Champion Award



Presented to the Special Olympics South Dakota athlete who has demonstrated the true spirit, courage, sharing, and joy of Special Olympics.

Trevor Hayes
Aberdeen

NOMINEES:

- Kaden Cumbow, Pierre Frontrunners
- Nathaniel Dickerson, Rapid City Flame
- Tyler Ingalls, Brookings All-Stars
- Spencer Kamradt, Sioux Falls Area United Wolfpack
- Chris Keiser, Sioux Falls Lancers
- Jaren Keiser, Sioux Falls Lancers
- Kourtney Krebs, Spearfish Peaks
- Skylar Pagel, Aberdeen Hub City Express
- Emma Pearson, Aberdeen Golden Eagles

*“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”
-Special Olympics athlete oath*

2025 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Lyle Farrand Award

Volunteer of the Year

This award is given in honor of Lyle Farrand of Sioux Falls. In 1968, Farrand was instrumental in starting Special Olympics South Dakota. This award is given to an individual who has had a positive impact on SOSD.



Track Team
Canton

NOMINEES:

- Pam Juneke, Rapid City
- Susan Keller, Rapid City Flame

Unity Award

This award is presented to a Unified partner, individual, or entity that promotes inclusion for people with an intellectual disability. The nominee should actively promote acceptance and understanding for all.



Brooklyn Koll
Sioux Falls Roosevelt

NOMINEES:

- Kasha Roberts-Eller, Rapid City Flame
- Amanda Swanson, Rapid City

DJ Mertens

"Champion" Award

This award is given in honor of DJ Mertens who was instrumental in establishing and growing SOSD. This award is presented to a business, organization, or media outlet that has made a major contribution to Special Olympics South Dakota.



BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

BHSU - Spearfish

NOMINEES:

- Hilltop Truck Stop, Blunt
- Kings Lanes, Arlington

Ron Stewart Award

Coach of the Year

This award is given in honor of Ron Stewart of Rapid City who was a Special Olympics Coach for over 25 years. The recipient of this award has given their time to encourage Special Olympics athletes to achieve their fullest potential.



Kelsey Klosterman
Brookings All-Stars

NOMINEES:

- Becky Egerstrom, Watertown
- Tim Hazlett, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
- Jamie Reindl, Sioux Falls Lancers

Family Award

This award is presented to a family who demonstrates unique and outstanding support for Special Olympics South Dakota.



Lassegard Family
Rapid City Flame

NOMINEES:

- Heffner Family, Huron Heartland Hunters
- Munson Family, Pierre Wildcats
- Rauscher Family, Aberdeen
- Schultz Family, Madison Area

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—— May others be as kind to you as you have been to us ——



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