



SOUTHEAST AREA

TRACK & FIELD

Brandon

04.25.26



OPENING CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony..... Gary Mork
Athlete Oath..... Josh Benda
Sioux Falls Fireworks
Sportsmanship Statement..... Mari Ibis
Sioux Falls Lancers

Without VOLUNTEERS, we would not exist as an organization.

They are not paid, they are just generous. We ask you to be respectful, and most of all, please be kind.

If you feel an error has been made, seek out staff so we can problem solve.

Remember, there are only four roles during a game: spectator, competitor, official and coach. Everyone involved in athletics would be wise to choose only one of those roles at a time.



Service animals
ONLY are
allowed at
SOSD events

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE SUMMER GAMES
May 14-16, 2026 Spearfish

Thank You!

We would like to recognize those responsible for the success of these Games... *You're the best!*

Barb Sandoval
Area Competition Coordinator

Knights of Columbus

Citibank Team

First Premier/Premier Bankcard

Neighborhood Dental

Rich Lundstrom
Canton HS Track Teams



A Note To Volunteers

Volunteers do everything there is to do for Special Olympics and more. You are fundraisers, cheerleaders, administrators, chauffeurs, chaperones, trainers, coaches, policy makers, trash collectors, referees, food servers, score keepers and everything in-between.

You serve without salary, without recognition, without honors or awards. Special Olympics could not do without you - your dedication, your work, and your love.

You represent the highest values of the human spirit and we are grateful for your service!

Thank You!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Location: High School Track - Brandon

8 - 8:30am Delegation Registration

8:45am Opening Ceremony

9:00am Male & Female 3000 M Run

~~Female 800M Run~~

Female 100 M Dash

Female 100 M Wheelchair

Male & Female 50M Assisted Walk

Female 50 M Walk

Female 50 M Dash

Female 200M Dash

~~Female 200M Wheelchair~~

~~Male & Female 10 M MATP Race~~

Male & Female 10 M Assisted Walk

~~Male & Female 10 M Wheelchair~~

Male & Female 25 M Assisted Walk

Male & Female 25 M Wheelchair

Male & Female 25 M MATP Race

Female 400 M Dash

9:00am Male Softball Throw

Male Tennis Ball Throw

Male Shot Put

~~Pentathlon – M & F Shot Put~~

Male Mini Jav

10:00am Male Standing Long Jump

Male Running Long Jump

~~Pentathlon – M & F Running Long Jump~~

11:00am ~~Male High Jump~~

~~Pentathlon – M & F High Jump~~

11:30am Lunch Available

11:30am Male & Female 1500 M Run

Male & Female 30 M Wheelchair Slalom

~~Male & Female 4 X 25 M Wheelchair Relay~~

12:30pm Female Softball Throw

Female Tennis Ball Throw

Male & Female Tennis Ball Throw MATP

Female Shot Put

Female Mini Jav

12:45pm Male 400 M Dash

Male 100 M Wheelchair

~~Pentathlon – M & F 100 M Dash~~

Male 100 M Dash

Male 50 M Walk

Male 50 M Dash

Male 200 M Dash

Male 200 M Wheelchair

Male 800 M Run

~~Pentathlon – M & F 800 M Run~~

Female 4 X 100 M Relay

~~Female 4 X 100 M Unified Relay~~

Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Relay

Male & Coed 4 X 100 M Unified Relay

~~Female 4 X 400 M Relay~~

Male & Coed 4 X 400 M Relay

1:30pm Female Standing Long Jump

Female Running Long Jump

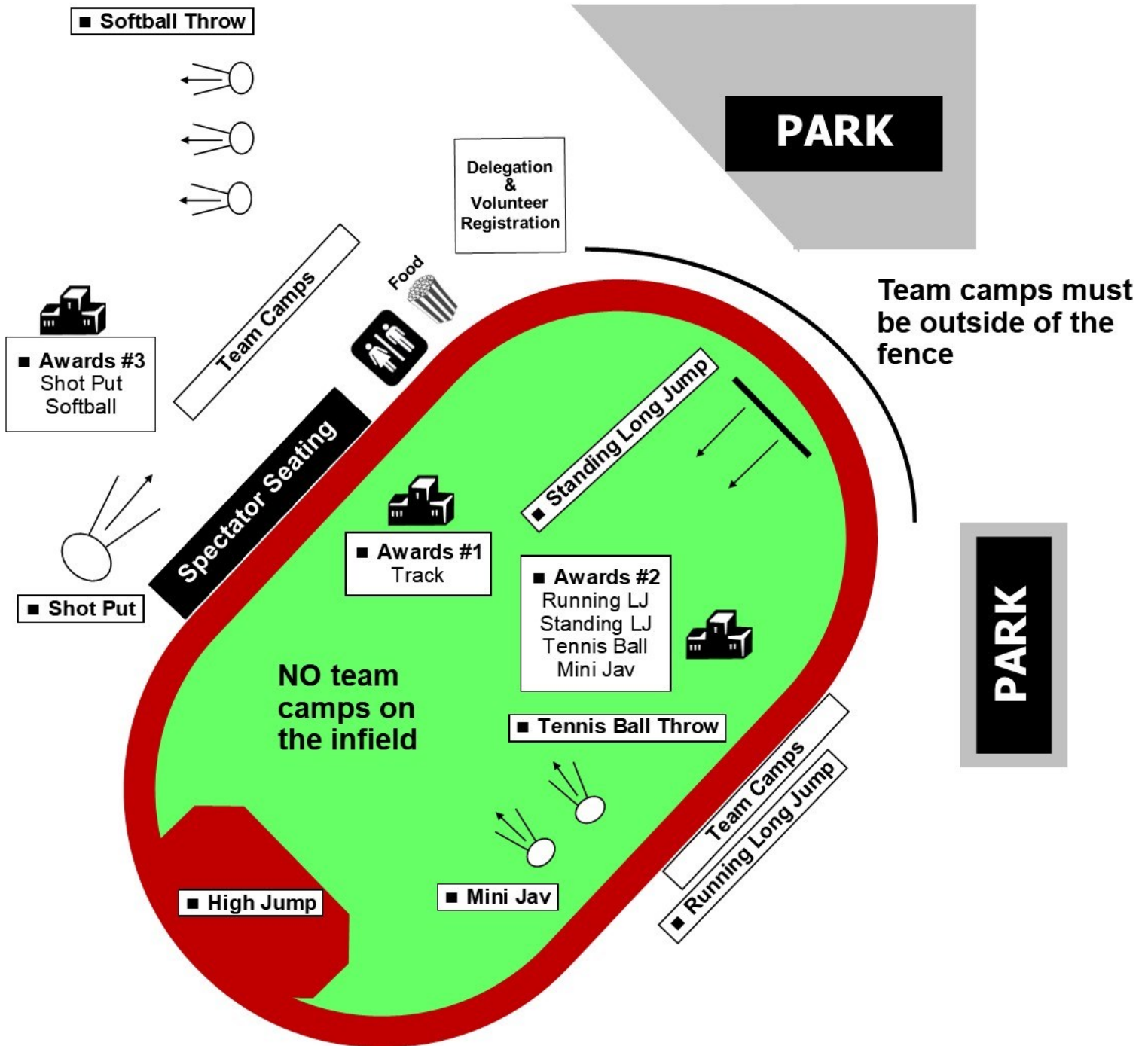
This is a rolling schedule, ie. Times are *estimates*. As soon as one event is over the next will begin even if ahead of schedule.

If an event is crossed through, there were no athletes registered and it will not be run.

Track & Field

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BRANDON



- NO team camps on the infield. NO team camps inside the restraining fence.
- Camps are allowed next to the Running Long Jump & in the bleachers
- NO seeds on the track or turf

PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

Aberdeen Golden Eagles

Bau, Zachary
Sheets, Dannica

Brandon Valley

Bowar, Rigley
DeBoer, Devin
Gunn, John
Gunnink, Zeke
Gutierrez, Tristan
Halseth, Anna
Hodge, Keanin
James, Katelynn
Knutson, Andrew
Kogel, Foster
Koll, Savannah
Kolseth, Braxtyn
Krier, Janelle
Lucklum, Katie
Lucklum, Lincoln
Maier, Tristin
Markman, Jett
Mashlan, Josie
Meyer, Max
Osmanson, Christain
Pederson, Kaylie
Pritchett, Dawson
Rees, Rachel
Reinke, Jade
Roberts, Anna
Schlekeway, Griffen
Schneider, Alexander
Sickler, Daniel
VanLeur, Cody
Wentzel, Dillon

Madison Area

Bohl, Robert
Bultje, Elias
Edick, Destiny
Edick, Jay
Fedeler, Carsen
Feldhaus, Sawyer
Lemke, Ashley
Meier, Mackenzie
Menzel, Cody
Rottluff, Tasneem
Rumbolz, Nick
Trautmann, Rose

Mitchell

Cohu, Michael
Collins, Ryan
Flowers, Riley
Fuoss-Dickson, Christina
Heckenliable, Chris
Hieb, Brent
Homoka, Payton
Kelly, Anthony
Meyerink, Hunter
Patterson, Jason
Patterson, Neveah
Petersen, Jeffery
Semmler, Angie
Spanos, Micah
Steele, Caleb
Sundermann, Alyssa
Ward, Chase

Pierre Frontrunners

Cumbow, Kaden

Sioux Falls Area United

Wolfpack

Baumiller, Wesley
Bayt, Ariana
Becker, Paige
Bender, Margo
Benson, Beau
Benz, Rebecca
Berke, Hunter
Berry, Reagan
Bridgins, Jesse
Brown, Amelia
Bumgardner, Noah
Chicoine, Josiah
Deauville, Jaleel
Deutsch, Easton
Geraets, Gabriella
Geranen, Samuel
Geranen, Seeley
Groeneveld, Emily
Harwig, Chloey
Harwig, Kaylee
Hight, Gabe
Hight, Nasya
Hill, Micah
Hofer, Dustin
Hurley, Katelyn
Johnson, Carter

Jones, Briggs
Kjergaard, Tristian
Larsen, Issac
Laughlin, Malena
Leiferman, Zachary
Lenhoff, Ethan
Mehlhef, Amelia
Mitchell, Morgan
Moore, Hansel
Nielsen, Beckett
Nix, Ian
Oertel-Gustafson, Severin
Pfeifer, Libby
Riedel, Carsen
Saugstad, Andrew
Schrank, Brennen
Snow, Evan
Sterling, Rayna
Swenson, Sonja
Sylvers, Dawn
Szabo, Dominic
Tornow, Elijah
Turner, Joshua
Vandonslear, Miles
Wubben, Gene

Sioux Falls Bulldogs

Baker, Bennett
Claudio, Carlito
Davis, Harper
Dunn, Liam
Gordon, Joshua
Hofstee, Alexandria
Jones, Piper
Kuntz, Courtney UP
Rasmussen, Landry
Schultheiss, Brielle
Schultheiss, Everett UP

Sioux Falls Fireworks

Bangsund, Matthew
Bruce, Nathan
Christensen, Christina
Cressman, Kyle
Davila, Javi
Deelstra, Lincoln
Egdorf, Erika
Erpenbach, Cheryl
Goehring, Eric
Gretillat, Kevin

Gustaf, Erin
Harnisch, Kendra
Herrington, Joseph
Hight, Toby
Hilla, Chris
Hilla, Curtis
Hope, Wyatt
Howell, Sam
Jacobs, Bobbi
Jacobson, Jason
Learing, Emily
Leonhardt, Zane
List, Alison
Lommen, Morgann
Martinez, Allison
Martinez, Christopher
Martinez, Selena
May, Keith
Mayrose, Rebecca
Merica, Hanna
Mills, Nicholas
Molstad, Makeigha
Moore, Corey
Nelson, Christopher
Nelson, Wyatt
Newman, Krystle
Nolmans, Stephanie
Oleson, Amanda
Petersen, Cortland
Rickel, Joy
Riddle, Todd
Roe, Russell
Sandoval, Chana
Schmidt, James
Schmitt, Brenda
Siemers, Cody
Smith, Letitia
Stoakes, Jessica
Talbot, Nikki
Thinnes, Gregory
Twedt, Travis
Voegele, Sammy
VonAswege, Shawna
Walker, Jessica
Warnock, Patrick
Waterman, Matthew
Waterman, Michael

PARTICIPATING ATHLETES

Sioux Falls Lancers

Adams, Zachary
Amato, Rylee
Andersen, Ashlyn
Anderson, Harris
Barrett, Ardiana
Benecke, Dana
Bethke, Marco
Briggs, Scotty
Carlson, Maxwell
DeRouche, Dominic
Elsperger, Jordan
Faber, Blake
Gentile, Jason
Glover, Taydon
Ibis, Mari
Johannsen, MacKenzie
Keiser, Christopher
Keiser, Jaren
Keiser, Jaycean
Keiser, Noah
Klock, Jeffrey
Kouri, Brayden
Lutzwick, Quentin

Nath, Marie
Olson, Cynthia
Olson, Jordan
Redda, Dunia
Reese, Duncan
Reese, Siyara
Robinson, Elizabeth
Ross, Hunter
Smithback, Oliver
Stroh, McKenzie
Townley, Christian-James
VanStedum, Lydia
Wells, Carter
Zimmer, Isabella

Vermillion-SESDAC

Aalbers, Ashley
Andal, Julia
Bartling, Shawn
Bosse, Alicia
Brown, Doug
Brown, James
Dykhurst, Christina
Finkle, Jennifer

Glenn, Kristy
Glenn, Tiffany
Hegge, Kyle
Johnson, Jessica
Lind, Stephanie
Little Moon, Andrea
Miller, Mattie
Phillips, Robert
Ratzlaft, Donnie
Rose, Detric
Walters, Zeth
Zephier, Yuhakdinaj

Vermillion

Gilbertson, Lucas
Gilbertson, Nora
Moser, Trinity
Solberg, James

Yankton

Anderson, Jacob
Becker, Thomas
Byykkonen, James
Choat, Elizabeth

Duke, Kyle
Fertig, Bentley
Haberman, Darrin
Hamm, Alexis
Hanzlik, Carrie
Harts, Melissa
Huber, Grant
Janssen, Kaleigh
Kirchner, Kayla
Krcil, Vanessa
Kube, Shanel
Larson, Joey
Rofls, Shelby
Ryan, James
Sherman, Keira
Stammer, Sharrie
Van Olson, Joyce
VanDemark, Crystal
Wallenstein, Elizabeth



If you are a Special Olympics Athlete age 7 - 17, and live in the Sioux Falls area, First Tee of South Dakota Invites you to attend a FREE summer golf program.

[Click to register for session 1: June 4, 11, 18, 25](#)

[Click to register for session 2: July 9, 16, 23, 30](#)

NOTE: You can register for both sessions!

**Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.**

Athlete Oath

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



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

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Newsworthy is published every Tuesday afternoon by Constant Contact.



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CALM
AND
CHEER
ON**



WHAT:

SOSD invites you to participate in our Annual Step Challenge!

WHEN:

Annually. Our next Challenge will run from **May 11 - July 05, 2026.**

WHO:

Athletes, parents, unified partners, brothers, sisters... everyone is encouraged to participate.

How:

Registration will close **April 27, 2026.**



SCAN TO REGISTER 

2026 OUTSTANDING AWARDS

Please show your love for Special Olympics by nominating the deserving people in your life for an SOSD Outstanding Award!

Spirit of a Champion Award (Outstanding Athlete)

The nominated athlete must have attended at least one competition during the year.

Don Baker Award

The "Don Baker Award" is the highest honor presented by Special Olympics South Dakota. The award is given annually to an individual, organization, business, or agency that has given outstanding support to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Family Of The Year

Presented to family members – including parents; brothers; sisters; other relatives.

Outstanding Coach (Ron Stewart Award)

Presented to a Special Olympics Coach who best demonstrates a high degree of technical skill and personal commitment to their program.

Volunteer Of The Year (Lyle Farrand Award)

Presented to the person who has exhibited the best example of voluntary action to improve the quality of Special Olympics.

Champion Award (DJ Mertens Award)

Presented to any business, organization, or media outlet which has made a major contribution to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Unity Award

Presented to a Unified Partner, individual, or entity that promotes inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

All award recipients will be recognized at our State Bowling Tournament banquet held in November.

Only electronic nominations will be accepted and are due no later than May 21, 2026.

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Thank you for your service!

Schedule of Events 2026

April 24	BH Area Track & Field	Rapid City
April 24	NE Area Swimming	Watertown
April 24	SE Area Swimming	Sioux Falls
April 25	SE Area Track & Field	Brandon
May 1	NE Area Track & Field	Milbank
May 2	BH Area Swimming	Spearfish
May 14-16	State Summer Games	Spearfish
July 11	West River Equestrian	Rapid City
July 18	East River Equestrian	Watertown
August 15	SE Area Softball	Sioux Falls
August 15	BH Area Softball	Rapid City
August 16	SE Area Bocce	Sioux Falls
August 22	BH Area Bocce	Rapid City
August 23	NE Area Bocce	Lake Norden
September 18	Fall Classic (Bocce)	Rapid City
September 19 & 20	Fall Classic (Softball)	Rapid City
October 8	NE Area Unified Doubles	Brookings
October 9	NE Area Singles	Aberdeen
October 9	BH Area Singles	Rapid City
October 10	BH Area Unified Doubles	Rapid City
October 10	SE Area Singles	Sioux Falls
October 11	SE Area Unified Doubles	Sioux Falls
November 6-8	Traditional Bowling	Aberdeen
November 14 & 15	Unified Bowling	Sioux Falls

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ATTENTION ATHLETES!
 Your State Summer Games dance
 theme is Sports Teams



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
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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



Nick Mills
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



Derek Smith
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



David Tanner
Rapid City Storm



Correna Templar
Rapid City Patriots



Trevor Tridle
Sturgis-BHSSC



Jessica Weitschat
Pierre Wildcats



Lorraine Whiteman
Spearfish Peaks

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