2026 Special Olympics Maryland Sports and Competition Calendar - UPDATED 10/30/2026

2026 / 2027 SOMD State Championships and Multi-State/World Competitions

Type	Event	Location	Facility	Competition Date(s)	Pre-Season Webinar Date(s)	Pre-Competition Webinar Date (s)	Trng Reg Deadline (in GMS)**	Last Date To Submit Missing Forms**	Competition Registration Deadline (in GMS)**
IUS	2026 IUS Tennis Championship	College Park, MD	Junior Tennis Champions Center	11/10/2026	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
Community	2026 Bowling Regionals	Ellicott City, MD	Bowlero Normandy	11/15/2026	9/15/2026	11/5/2026	9/21/2026	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
		Gaithersburg, MD	Lucky Strive Gaithersburg (*formerly Bowlero)*						
		Cumberland, MD	White Oak Lanes						
		Crofton, MD	Crofton Bowling Centre						
IUS	2026 IUS Flag Football Championship	Towson, MD	Goucher College	11/17/2026	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
Community	2026 Bowling State Championships	Crofton, MD	Crofton Bowling Centre	12/6/2026		12/1/2026	9/21/2026	10/6/2026	11/23/2026
IUS	2027 IUS Indoor Bocce Championship	Hagerstown, MD	Hagerstown Community College	2/9/2027	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
IUS	2027 IUS Strength & Conditioning Championship	Snow Hill, MD *(tentative)*	Worcester P&R Arena	2/16/2027	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
Community	2027 Winter Games	McHenry, MD	Wisp Resort	2/21-23/2027	SN - 12/02/2026 AS - 12/03/2026	SN - 02/16/2027 AS - 02/17/2027	1/11/2027	1/21/2027	2/8/2027
Community	2027 Basketball Championship	College Park, MD	University of Maryland, College Park	4/3 & 4/4/2027 *tentative*	12/3/2026	3/18/2027	1/14/2027	1/28/2027	2/11/2027
IUS	2027 IUS Track & Field Championship	Landover, MD	Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex	5/11-12/2027	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
IUS	2027 IUS Outdoor Bocce Championship	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	5/18/2027	*Recording*	TBD	NA	NA	NA
Community	2027 Summer Games	Towson/Ellicott City	Towson University; Kiwanis Wallas Park (tentative)	6/11 - 13/2027	TBD	TBD	4/19/2027	4/29/2027	5/24/2027

*Questions or additions? Check the **Coach Resource Page** on SOMD.org (https://www.somd.org/coach-resources/). There are now resource pages for each individual state-level sport as well as each multi-sport event. As resources get continually added to these pages, the answers to most of your questions can be found there.*

If you have any questions regarding this calendar, additions of local/regional competitions, or any other sports related issue, please contact the appropriate Sports Director:
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- Lydia Morris (lmorris@somd.org): Alpine Skiing, Bocce, Pickleball, Soccer, Tennis
Questions related to Interscholastic Unified Sports should be directed to Melissa Anger (manger@somd.org), Senior Director for High School IUS

***These are the dates by which entries must be entered into GMS or ath/vol forms submitted to SOMD HQ. Coaches must have this information to their Area Leadership a minimum of one week prior to these dates to allow for timely submission. (No athlete or volunteer may participate in any way in a Special Olympics program without up-to-date registration forms, certifications and screenings.) These dates are also the deadlines for Coaches to have completed the requirements for Special Olympics Coach Certification and to have submitted the required documentation to SOMD HQ. (Note: Dates listed for 2027 are subject to adjustment following the transition of SOMD's registration database to a new system. Any adjustments should be announced during the first quarter of 2027.)*

2026/2027 Coach Education & Development Events

Date	Course/Sport	Location	Facility	Time / Comments	To Register
12/5/2026	Basketball: Skills & Drills	In-person	TBA	10:00am-12:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27SkillsDrills
12/10/2026	Basketball: PDU Fundamentals & Refresh	Zoom	n/a	6:30-8:30pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27PDU
12/12/2026	Basketball: Masters Discussion Course	Zoom	n/a	10:00am-12:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27MastersDiscussion
12/15/2026	Basketball: Rules & Technicalities	Zoom	n/a	6:30-8:30pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27RulesTech
1/10/2027	First Aid & CPR (Red Cross certification)	Halethorpe, MD	SOMD HQ	9:00am - 2:00pm	Contact Adam Powell (443.388.3863; adam.powell@asclepiushealthservices.org); Note: there is a cost for this course - SOMD will reimburse up to $50 of cost
1/17/2027	Basketball: Team Practice 101	In-person	Washington College, Chestertown, MD	11:00am-1:00pm	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27Practice101
	Areas Interested in Hosting Coach Training Events - Please Contact the Appropriate Sport Director				

2026/2027 Area / Regional / District Competions & Events

Type	Event	Location	Facility	Event Date(s)	Sport	
IUS	District 1 (AL&GA) IUS Flag Football Tournament	Cumberland, MD	Greenway Avenue Stadium	11/5/2026	Flag Football	
Community	Athlete On-Snow Training	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Mountain Resort	1/9/2027	Alpine Skiing; Snowshoeing	
Community	Basketball Clinic with Washington College	Chestertown, MD	Washington College	1/17/2027	Basketball	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB27WashCollegeClinic
Community	Snowshoeing "Mock" Competition	Frederick, MD	Frederick Fairgrounds	1/23/2027	Snowshoeing	Actual competition but will be held on either snow or on grass
Community	Athlete On-Snow Training	Mercersburg, PA	Whitetail Mountain Resort	2/6/2027	Alpine Skiing; Snowshoeing	
Community	MO Basketball Qualifier - League Play	Bethesda, MD	Landon School	2/7/2027	Basketball	To register, contact Jordan Crumback (jcrumback@somd.org)
Community	BA Basketball Qualifier - League Play	Owings Mills, MD	Garrison Forest School	2/20/2027	Basketball	To register, contact Jordan Crumback (jcrumback@somd.org)