
August 2026 Green List

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Green List & Field News.



FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Over 900 athletes have registered in the COE so far!

Here is the link to the COE page on our website:

[Special Olympics Montana | Center of Excellence](#)

Please remind athletes to look at their Check List and see if they need to take a Medical Form to their Primary Care Physician. Remember, all participants must be in the COE with completed forms prior to participation in basketball.

The Green List is a combined GMS and COE list. Since the COE is live, you may not see someone on the spreadsheet. Remember, LPC's can search for people to add to their team. Please see the COE page on our website for information.

Key to the new Green List:

Red = expired or missing items

Blue = items expiring in the next three months

Green (naa) = athletes successfully registered in COE with no medical required

Green with a date = medicals that can be used for COE registration

Yellow = Athlete needs to create a profile in COE and can use the medical currently on file with SOMT

Orange (See athlete medical column) = athlete is in COE, but there is an issue with their medical

*If the medical column is red and labeled “**Obsolete**” that means that the athlete had what was considered a current medical, but it was dated prior to a year ago and is now considered obsolete.*

Action Needed indicates the participant is not in COE and must create a profile to participate.

New Column!

COE Profile Status:

Unclaimed Profile indicates a volunteer needs to claim their profile

Claimed Profile indicates participant has claimed their COE profile

Create COE Profile indicates a profile must be created

SPORTS

Please add the Sports Departments' email addresses to your *safe sender* list in your email. We have gotten reports of our emails being sent to the junk folder and want to make sure everyone is getting our communications.

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2026 STATE BASKETBALL | Butte, MT - November 12-14

SEASON TIMELINE | IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 14** - Games Info Packet & Roster/Registration Form Distributed
- **August 24** - Practice Season Starts
- **September 18** - All Paperwork Due in the COE
- **September 25** - Rosters Due
- **October 9** - Scratch Report Distributed
- **October 16** – Divisioning Scores/Ratings & Final Registration Due

****No athlete, unified partner, team volunteer, coach, or LPC should attend practice until they have completed their paperwork in the COE. The final date to have your paperwork complete is September 18. ****

NEW! Basketball Team Assessment Process

This process is important to ensure quality competition at the State Basketball Tournament. ***Coaches should review the process and make sure they are rating their players correctly.***

The Sports Department builds divisions, but coaches build the foundation. Accurate player ratings are one of the most important contributions you can make to ensure every athlete has a fair and meaningful competition experience.

Step 1: Basketball Individual Assessment Form (for each player)

- Complete the top section listing all requested information
- Each section covers an aspect of basketball team play
- Choose the point value that best describes the athlete/partner's skill level
- Place that value in the "Score" box for that section
- When each section is complete, add each "Score" box together and place it in the "Total Score" box
- Divide "Total Score" by 6 and place the number in the "Overall Rating" box

Step 2: Basketball Assessment Summary Form

- Complete the top section, listing delegation, team gender (male, female, mixed), team name, and age group
- List the players from the highest score to the lowest score in the column under "Name" then complete the remaining sections of the table

5v5 -----

- Add and take the average of the top 5 players to get the Top 5 Players
- Add and take the average of the bottom 5 players to get the Bottom 5 players

3v3-----

- Add and take the average of the top 3 players to get the Top 3 Players
- Add and take the average of the bottom 3 players to get the Bottom 3 players

The Team Rating Summary Form is IN ADDITION to your roster and final registration forms. You must still submit individual ratings for each player on your final registration.

The Individual Assessment Forms are for coach use during assessment and do not need to be submitted. Assessments should take place continually throughout the season, with the final assessment taking place no later than October 16 (Final Registration Due Date).

[DOWNLOAD BASKETBALL RATING FORM & INSTRUCTIONS HERE](#)

2027 BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS | January-February

SEASON TIMELINE | IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 20** - Games Information Packet and Roster/Registration Form Distributed
- **December 4** - Official Bowling Season Start/All Paperwork Due in COE
- **December 18** - Roster Deadline
- **January 8** - Divisioning Scores/Final Registration Due
 - Tournament Locations:
 - Dates & Locations subject to change as planning continues. Updates will be sent out as dates are locked in.
 - Helena – January 24, 2027
 - Billings (2 venues) - January 31, 2027
 - Missoula – February 1, 2027
 - Bigfork – TBD
 - Butte – February 2, 2027
 - Great Falls (2 venues) - February 9, 2027

- Glasgow – TBD

2027 STATE SUMMER GAMES | Missoula, MT - May 19-21

SEASON TIMELINE | IMPORTANT DATES

- February 12 - Games Info Packet & Roster/Registration Form Distributed
- **March 5** - Practice Season Starts/All Paperwork Due in COE
- **March 26** - Rosters Due
- **April 9** - Exceptions/Scratch Report Distributed
- **April 16** - Final Registration/Divisioning Scores Due

COACH EDUCATION

All coaches must be certified in the sport they intend to coach for the season. With basketball season coming up, please make sure coaches are getting their sport specific certification. You must watch the training video and complete the quiz for your sport specific coach education.

Coaches should understand the rules for their sport and the events they are coaching. They are also responsible for collecting scores or ratings to ensure proper divisioning for competition.

Coaches must also be up to date on paperwork in the COE and have concussion training completed. To protest at competition, a coach must be Level 1 certified.

All training is available within the COE and SO Learn.

Please reach out to Bill Polk with any questions (bpolk@somt.org).

OUTREACH

Direct Billing Process

For LPCs not getting reimbursed for SBB 26 Hotel charges, here is the Direct Billing Process for State Basketball Housing

- Set up direct billing with your area finance coordinator immediately after reservations are made to keep this fellow volunteer in the loop. Some areas have simple spreadsheets/tables for you to fill out.
- After the hotel's rooming list deadline, confirm total amount due to hotel for the check request. (use the [Funds Request Form](#))
- NO LATER than October 26, request a check in this amount to the finance coordinator
- Following the hotel's requirements, either have the finance coordinator send the check via mail or LPC bring in-person upon check-in.
- If a hotel will not do direct billing, depending on the size of team/amount of hotel bill, you MAY be able to work with your local Outreach Coordinator to

have them use their SOMT credit card. This requires inquiring NOW and an approval process with the SOMT Finance department.

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For all Teams planning to participate in ANY sport during 2027, it is REQUIRED to have an AMT-approved 2027 Team Budget on file with your Area by October 15, 2026

- Team Budget Training for 2027 Programming year
- Monday, Sept. 21 at either noon or 5:45 pm
- Register [HERE](#)

New LPC Training Dates

- Fall 2026 Local Program Coordinator Training Dates!
 - A new LPC/team or person taking over the LPC position for a team must complete the training on one of these dates in order to participate in local or state basketball practices or events.
 - This LPC training will be **completely new**/overhauled with an updated LPC job description, COE instructions and pared down department info while adding info about travel arranging and misconduct best practices. We **encourage current LPCs** to take this training instead of taking the quiz to recertify their LPC credential.
 - Tuesday, August 4, 12 pm
 - Monday, August 17, 5:15 pm
 - Wednesday, August 19, 3 pm
 - Monday, August 24 12 pm
 - Register for the 1-hour Training [HERE](#)
- LPC Basketball Season Opener!
 - Tuesday, August 25 either noon or 6 pm on Microsoft Teams. Best to view on a desktop with the Teams app.
 - This training event features sports staff, important updates, and prizes. It does replace the monthly LPC Office hours, so the link will be emailed/texted to LPCs and Coaches prior to the event.
- Volunteer Summits
 - Outreach is hosting two volunteer summits in August for LPC's, coaches, team volunteers, AMT members, and anyone else who wishes to learn more and be involved. Dinner and an exclusive gift will be provided to those who attend.
 - GLAR-August 19th at Glacier High from 5-8:30pm
 - Register below
 - <https://go.somt.org/GLARVOLSummit26>
 - Registration closes Aug. 12th
 - BSAR-August 24th from 5-8:30 pm
 - Register below
 - [BS Area Volunteer Training Summit Registration – Fill out form](#)
 - Registration closes Aug. 17th

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

Are you the LPC of a school-aged (ages 8-21) or school-based team?

If so, is your team affiliated with a Special Olympics Unified Champion School? If not, and you'd like to get the school(s) connected, please contact Terri Norman, UCS Senior Director, at tnorman@somt.org and provide school contact details, and we'll reach out with information and next steps for the school(s) to become involved!

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

2026 Athlete Art T-shirt Design Contest!!!

SOMT is holding an athlete-art T-shirt design contest! Designs can be drawn on an 8.5"x11" piece of paper and submitted via email or snail mail. **Deadline to receive artwork entries is August 31st, 2026.** [FULL CONTEST DETAILS HERE!](#)

It's been 14 years.....

Special Olympics International will finally release a refreshed look for the Special Olympics Brand! The logo is the same..... but there is a lot of fun on the way. Stay tuned for more details!

RAFFLE

Please remember to submit your Fundraising Approval Forms before you get too far in your planning of any fundraisers.

We are available to answer any questions you may have.

Contact Brenda Hergott at bhergott@somt.org

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MacKenzie River Pizza Tip-A-Cop — Save the Date!

Join us on **Tuesday, August 11** for our annual **MacKenzie River Pizza Tip-A-Cop** benefiting Special Olympics Montana! Stop by your local participating restaurant, enjoy a great meal, and support athletes across the state.

Participating Locations:

- Belgrade
- Billings x2

- 📍 Butte
- 📍 Great Falls
- 📍 Helena
- 📍 Kalispell
- 📍 Missoula
- 📍 Whitefish

👮 Athletes and law enforcement officers will be serving as celebrity servers while raising funds and awareness for Special Olympics Montana.

- 🔔 **LPCs:** Be on the lookout for emails in the coming weeks with volunteer sign-up information for athletes, officers, and community volunteers. McKenzie River Tip-a-Cops all on Aug. Beginning 3 pm until close.
- Decorating times will vary depending on location.
- Volunteer/athlete slots will begin at 2:45 pm and go through 9:00 or 10:00 depending on location.
- Priority for athletes who did NOT work Texas Roadhouse

💙 Dine. Donate. Make a difference!

✈️👉 **Plane Pull Registration Is Now Open!**

Think your team has what it takes to pull an airplane? Gather your friends, family, coworkers, or agency and join us for one of Montana's most unique fundraising events!

- 📍 **Billings Plane Pull – September 19**
- 📍 **Great Falls Plane Pull – September 26**

👥 Build a team

💰 **\$500 minimum fundraising goal per team**

🏆 Compete for bragging rights while supporting Special Olympics Montana athletes!

🔑 **Register Today:**

Billings: <https://go.somt.org/26PlanePullEast>

Great Falls: <https://go.somt.org/26PlanePullWest>

Don't wait—start recruiting your team and fundraising today. We can't wait to see you on the runway! ✈️

🏃🚗 **Hot Pursuit 5K Registration Is Open!**

Lace up your running shoes and join us for the Hot Pursuit 5K, where every step helps support Special Olympics Montana athletes!

- 📍 Great Falls Hot Pursuit 5K – October 10
- 📍 Kalispell Hot Pursuit 5K – October 10

🏃 Run or walk at your own pace

👨👩 Invite your friends and family

Whether you're chasing a personal best or simply enjoying a fun morning with your community, there's a place for everyone at the starting line!

🔑 Register Today:

Great Falls: <https://go.somt.org/26GFHotPursuit>

Kalispell: <https://go.somt.org/2026HotPursuit-Kalispell>

We can't wait to see you at the starting line!



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