

Welcome to The SOMO Scoop: A new newsletter from Special Olympics Missouri

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JOIN TEAM MISSOURI

Have you dreamt of competing or coaching on the national stage? Well, every four years the United States hosts a national competition called the USA Games. [The next USA Games are in 2022 in Orlando!](#)

We're officially taking 97 athletes, 27 coaches/sports managers, and 8 staff to the 2022 USA Games in Orlando! You can attend as an athlete, Unified Partner, coach or volunteer, in the following sports: **basketball** (Unified men's and 3-on-3 women's), **flag football** (Unified), **bocce**, **track and field**, **golf**, **bowling**, **powerlifting**, **tennis**, and **swimming**.

Curious what it's like to compete at the USA Games? [Check out this recap video from the 2018 USA Games in Seattle.](#)

Deadlines to apply for the 2022 USA Games in Orlando are coming up soon! Don't miss out on your opportunity to be a part of Special Olympics Missouri history.

- [Sports Managers applications due May 1, 2021](#)
- [Coaches applications due May 1, 2021](#)
- [Athletes/Unified Partners \(individual sports\) applications due June 1, 2021](#)
- [Athletes/Unified Partners \(team sports\) applications due June 1, 2021](#)

For more information on how YOU can qualify for Team Missouri, email [Susan Shaffer](#) or click the button below.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
ORLANDO 2022



Did you know that Special Olympics Missouri is celebrating our 50th birthday this year? To celebrate, we are looking to share pictures and stories of our athletes, coaches, families, and volunteers, over the years. We want to see your photos and hear your stories!

Do you have [photos to share](#)?

Email your stories to Hull@somo.org.



ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

Are you a SOMO athlete who is interested in achieving goals on **and** off the field? Athlete Leadership programs provide trainings for athletes who wish to expand their role in Special Olympics Missouri to much more than just on the field of competition. Athletes attend trainings in a variety of subjects and feel empowered as respected leaders in their communities and where they can make a difference for the organization they love. Please contact [Alyssa Cress](#) for more information.

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CASEY'S SUPPORTS SOMO

Visit your local Casey's now through April 15 and say **YES** when asked to round up for inclusion at the register. In 2019 when this promotion last ran, 329 stores participated and raised \$295,400 for SOMO athletes! We are looking forward to another successful promotion this year. Click below to find the store nearest you! Don't forget to take pictures, post them to social media, and tag Casey's using the hashtags: **#ChooseToInclude** and **#HereForGood**.

Thank you, Casey's!

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI
STATE SUMMER GAMES

50 YEARS
1971 - 2021



Calendar

April 3: [Area swimming, Kansas City](#)

April 3: [Area powerlifting, Republic](#)

April 6: [Area track and field, Waynesville](#)

April 13: [Area track and field, Carthage](#)

April 16: [Area Spring Games, Poplar Bluff](#)

Summer Games - June 5

An altered/abbreviated version of State Summer Games (track and field, powerlifting, swimming, and volleyball) is on for June 5 in Columbia! More details, including what venues we will be using, will be available in the coming weeks, so stay tuned. We will be following all of the proper COVID protocols outlined in the [Return to Play policy](#).

Volunteers interested in helping with the event can [sign up here](#).



April 17: [Area track and field, Lee's Summit](#)

April 23: [Local track and field, St. Clair](#)

April 24: [Area track and field, Columbia](#)

April 24: [Area track and field, Kirksville](#)

April 24: [Area Spring Games, Cape Girardeau](#)

April 28: [Local track and field, Sullivan](#)

April 28: [Area track and field, Clever](#)

April 30: [Area track and field, Carl Junction](#)

May 1: [Area track and field, Savannah](#)

May 2: [Area powerlifting, St. Joseph](#)

May 4: [Local track meet, Hannibal](#)

May 6: [Local track and field, Desoto](#)

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