



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI

## North Area

# NEWSLETTER

July 5, 2022

### Message from Program Director Todd Stutzman

Hi everyone! I want to thank each one of you for being a part of the North area. Whether you are a coach, family member, volunteer, or athlete, you are all a part of making our area succeed and grow. You are appreciated more than you know. Most of you know I am new to this position. I have loved getting to meet so many AMAZING people so far at SOMO. Thank you for welcoming me into the family. I look forward to meeting many more of you, and I'm eager and ready to work as we look to grow and provide new opportunities in the North Area.



### HIGHLIGHTS

Summer is in full swing, and we are ready to kick off many of our fall events. It has been a bit quiet here up north the recent months, but soon we will be in full swing with area fall events. Softball will be underway this coming weekend on July 9<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed back 77 athletes from our 2022 USA Games June 5-12 in Orlando, Florida. Team Missouri sent 126 delegates to participate in nine different sports at the USA Games: 77 athletes, 24 coaches/sports managers, 17 Unified partners and eight staff members. In total – Team Missouri brought home 71 medals in nine different sports, big CONGRATUALIONS to all our athletes who participated! A few of our North Area athletes headed down to headquarters for Sports Camp this past week. This year's camp theme was "Adventure" featuring activities such as; soccer, golf, tennis, pickle ball, volleyball, rope making, candle making, archery, axe throwing, making homemade butter, camp fire, stick weaving, water color painting, fishing and learning about wild life. What an amazing opportunity for anybody interested in joining next year. I look forward to meeting many of you this next month as our area events begin.



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*"The only one who can tell you 'you can't win is you and you don't have to listen". - Jessica Ennis-Hill*

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## AREA UPDATES

SOMO could not begin to do what we do without the incredible love and support of our volunteers. To learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please check out our Volunteer Hub page:

<https://somo.volunteerhub.com/lp/kcmetro/?format=o&filter={}>

FULL RECAP VIDEO: Here's a look back at Team Missouri's UNFORGETTABLE trip to the USA Games in Orlando, Fla.

<https://fb.watch/e4a-nLhYDR/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 9 – North Area/KC Metro Softball Tournament
- July 21 – North Area/KC Metro Tennis Tournament
- July 30 – North Area/KC Metro Flag Football Tournament
- August 3 – North Area/KC Metro Golf Tournament
- August 13 – North Area/KC Metro Bocce Tournament
- August 27 – Regional Softball (Lee's Summit, MO)
- October 7- October 9 – State Outdoor Games (Jefferson City, MO).
- October 30 - Basketball Clinic with Missouri Western Basketball

## IMPORTANT RESOURCES

-SOMO Coach Training Videos: <https://somo.org/trainingvideos/>

-Bocce Rules: <https://somo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Bocce-Rules-SOMO.pdf>

-Flag Football Rules: [https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/other-sports/FlagFootballRules.pdf?\\_ga=2.227518941.1526695534.1572377570-135561889.1571931120](https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/other-sports/FlagFootballRules.pdf?_ga=2.227518941.1526695534.1572377570-135561889.1571931120)

-Golf Rules: <https://somo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GOLF-Rules-SOMO.pdf>

-Softball Rules: [https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Sports-Essentials-SoftballRules-2020-v3.pdf?\\_ga=2.62106858.79616945.1604422118-1556684118.1604422118](https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Sports-Essentials-SoftballRules-2020-v3.pdf?_ga=2.62106858.79616945.1604422118-1556684118.1604422118)

-Tennis Rules: <https://somo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Tennis-Rules.pdf>



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