



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI North Area NEWSLETTER

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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

It was a busy month for the North Area. We have held events in Flag Football, Golf, Softball and Bocce within a matter of three weeks. Big conagulations to all the athletes for preparing and competing in all of our area competitions. Regional Softball was also held in Kansas City on August 27. We hope to see you all at the State Outdoor Games, Oct. 7-9, in Jefferson City. Our North Area Flag Football team was invited by the Kansas City Cheifs to attend Training Camp and paticiapte in a clinic at Spratt Stadium. They also had an opportunity to compete in an exhibition against Special Olympics Kansas. It was an awesome experience for our athletes to partake in. In the coming months we will host our Area Tennis event on Sept. 1. I look forward to finally meeting many of you as we begin to start with our indoor season of Bowling and Basketball in November.



“Overpower. Overtake. Overcome.” —[Serena Williams](#)



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={}>

Want to join an amazing Organization? We would love to have you join us in a coaching role. We offer several sports for you to become involved with. Regardless of whether you've coached before, you can be the inspiration for Special Olympics Missouri athletes. For more information or to sign up, go here: <https://somo.org/coach/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 7-9 – State Outdoor Games in Jefferson City
- October 23 - Basketball Clinic with Missouri Western Basketball – More information on this will be sent out shortly to all coaches. We would love to have as many participants as we can come out for this event, even if an athlete does not participate in SOMO Basketball events.
- November 5 – Area Bowling in Chillicothe
- November 12 – Area Bowling in St. Joseph
- TBD – Area basketball event.....still working to secure a location and date

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

- SOMO Coach Training Videos: <https://somo.org/trainingvideos/>
- Bowling Rules: <https://somo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Bowling-Rules-SOMO.pdf>
- Basketball Rules: https://somo.org/documents/basketball-rules/?gclid=CjwKCAjwmJeYBhAwEiwAXlg0AYhpEBUmHazR9zWRWcmHBn9VimcRNCfC3oAoNRW9TRHUwG-dfUOeYxoC3RQQAvD_BwE

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