

# Special Olympics Maryland

Athletics Pre-Competition Webinar

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# Agenda



- **Welcome**
- **Summer Games Updates**
- **Sport Specific Information**
- **Competition Schedules**
- **Venue Maps**
- **Questions/Comments**

*To ask a question either*

- *Type it into the question box on the webinar control panel and the moderator will read it to the group.*

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# 2023 SOMD Summer Games

Opening Ceremony & Block Party

Transportation

Olympic Park and Victory Dance

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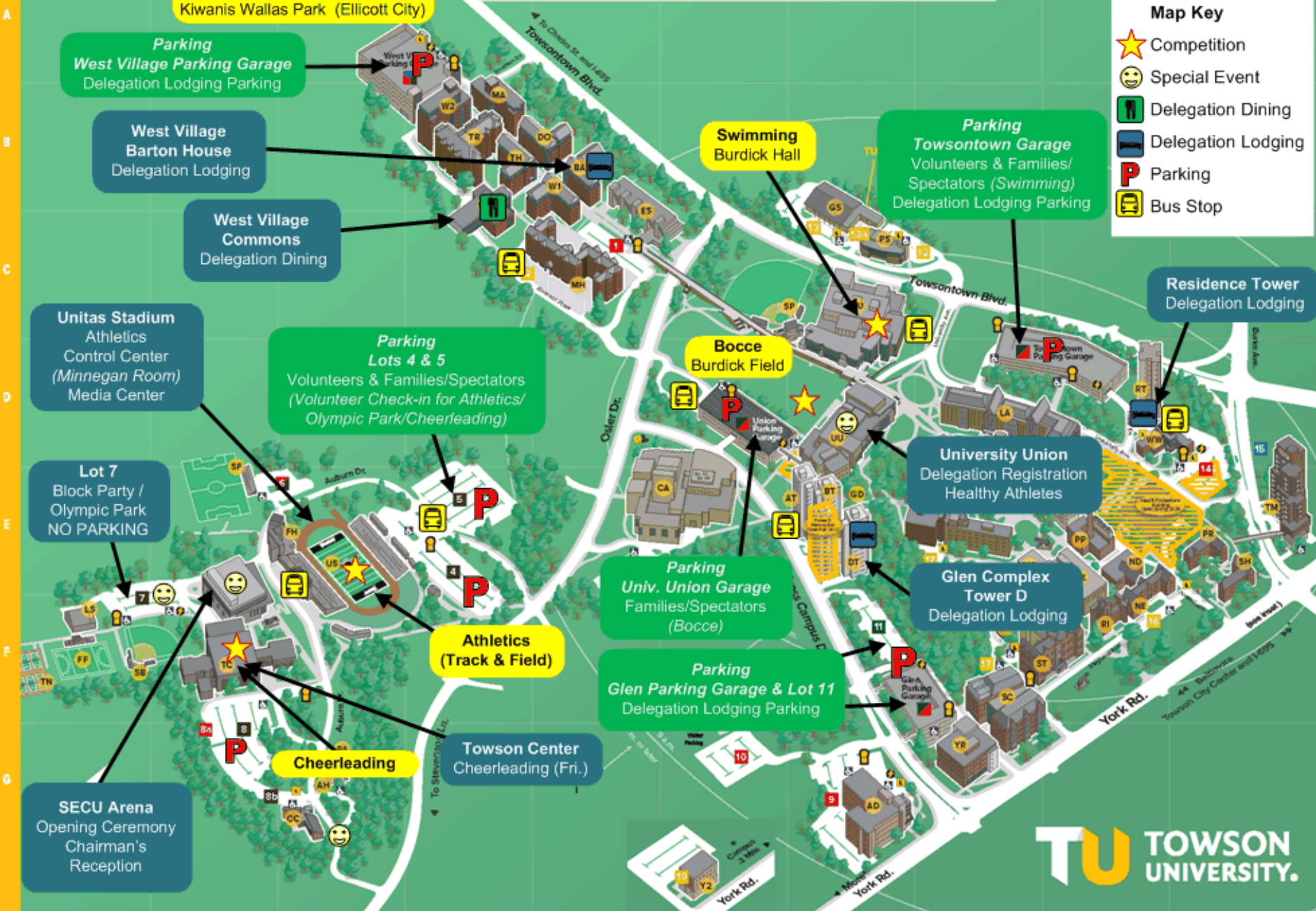
# Summer Games Logo



# 2023 Summer Games Towson University Campus Map

**Map Key**

- Competition
- Special Event
- Delegation Dining
- Delegation Lodging
- Parking
- Bus Stop



**Softball**  
Kiwanis Wallas Park (Ellicott City)

**Parking**  
West Village Parking Garage  
Delegation Lodging Parking

West Village  
Barton House  
Delegation Lodging

West Village  
Commons  
Delegation Dining

Unitas Stadium  
Athletics  
Control Center (Minnegan Room)  
Media Center

**Parking**  
Lots 4 & 5  
Volunteers & Families/Spectators  
(Volunteer Check-in for Athletics/  
Olympic Park/Cheerleading)

Lot 7  
Block Party /  
Olympic Park  
NO PARKING

**Swimming**  
Burdick Hall

**Parking**  
Towsontown Garage  
Volunteers & Families/  
Spectators (Swimming)  
Delegation Lodging Parking

**Bocce**  
Burdick Field

Residence Tower  
Delegation Lodging

University Union  
Delegation Registration  
Healthy Athletes

**Parking**  
Univ. Union Garage  
Families/Spectators  
(Bocce)

Glen Complex  
Tower D  
Delegation Lodging

**Athletics**  
(Track & Field)

**Parking**  
Glen Parking Garage & Lot 11  
Delegation Lodging Parking

**Cheerleading**

Towson Center  
Cheerleading (Fri.)

SECU Arena  
Opening Ceremony  
Chairman's  
Reception



# Summer Games Master Schedule

*(subject to change)*

## Thursday June 22, 2023

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Delegation Registration -  
University Union - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

HOD Meeting -

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Meeting Room #305, West Village Commons

## Friday June 23, 2023

### *Competition and Events*

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Volunteer Registration - Lot 4/5 and near Burdick Hall

Control Center Open - *Unitas Stadium, Minnegan Room*

Cheerleading Competition - *Towson Center*

Swimming Competition - *Burdick Hall*

Dinner

*Ballrooms A, B, C - West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

Block Party - *SECU Lot 7*

Merchandise - *SECU Lot 7*

Champions Reception - *SECU Arena*

Staging for Parade of Athletes - *SECU Arena*

The Opening Ceremony - *SECU Arena*

### *Friday Head Coaches' Meetings*

9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

12:45 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cheerleading - *Towson Center (Competition Mat)*

Swimming - *Burdick Pool (Pool Deck)*

Athletics (T&F) - *TBD*

Bocce - *TBD*

NOTE: Softball's first coaches' meeting will occur at the venue on Saturday morning at the competition venue.

### *Meals*

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Lunch - *Cheerleading Venue*

*(Cheerleading delegation members only)*

Dinner

*Ballrooms A, B, C - West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

# Summer Games Master Schedule

*(subject to change)*

## Saturday June 24, 2023

### *Competition and Events*

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | Control Ctr Open - <i>Unitas Stadium, <u>Minnegan Room</u></i>                |
| 7:00 a.m.              | Buses to Ellicott City (Softball) Begin                                       |
| 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  | Volunteer Registration - <i>Lot 4/5 and near Burdick Hall</i>                 |
| 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  | Swimming - <i>Towson - Burdick Hall</i>                                       |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Bocce - <i>Towson - Burdick Fields</i>  |
| 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Athletics (T&F) - <i>Towson - Unitas Stadium</i>                              |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Softball (and Home Run Derby) - <i>Kiwanis Wallas Park</i>                    |
| 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Healthy Athletes - <i>University Union - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Ballrooms</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | Olympic Park - <i>SECU Arena Lot 7</i>  |
| 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | Merchandise - <i>SECU Arena / Lot 7 (at Dance)</i>                            |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  | Head of Delegation Meeting - <i>TBD</i>                                       |
| 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | Dance - <i>SECU Lot 7 (Theme - "Out of this World")</i>                       |

### *Tentative Dining Schedule*

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.  | Breakfast Shift 1 - <i>Swimming and Softball<br/>West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms</i> |
| 7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.  | Breakfast Shift 2 - <i>Athletics and Bocce<br/>West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms</i>   |
| 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch - <i>Competition Venues</i>  |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | Dinner - Shift 1 - <i>Athletics and Bocce<br/>West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms</i>    |
| 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  | Dinner - Shift 2 - <i>Swimming and Softball<br/>West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms</i>  |

### *Saturday Head Coaches' Meetings*

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Softball - <i>Kiwanis Wallas Park</i>   |
| 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Swimming - <i>Towson - Burdick Hall</i>   |
| 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Athletics (T&F) - <i>Towson - Unitas Stadium Track Staging<br/>(or 10 minutes following end of competition)</i> |
| 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Bocce - <i>Towson - Awards Area<br/>(or immediately following end of competition)</i>                           |
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Softball - <i>Softball Venue (following last game)</i>  |

# Summer Games Master Schedule *(subject to change)*

**Sunday June 25, 2023**

*Competition and Events*

6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Control Ctr. Open - *Unitas Stadium, Minnegan Room*  
Buses Begin for Cockeysville (Softball)

Volunteer Registration - *Lot 4/5 and Burdick Hall*

Swimming - *Towson - Burdick Hall*

Bocce - *Towson - Burdick Fields*

Softball - *Kiwanis Wallas Park - Ellicott City*

Athletics (T&F) - *Towson - Unitas Stadium*

Healthy Athletes - *University Union - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Ballrooms*

*Tentative Dining Schedule*

6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Breakfast Shift 1 - *Swimming and Softball*

*West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms*

Breakfast Shift 2 - *Athletics and Bocce*

*West Village Commons - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Ballrooms*

Lunch - *Competition Venues*



# Summer Games Updates



## Opening Ceremony & Block Party

- ▶ Dinner each night served in dining hall at West Village for those delegation members staying overnight on campus.
- ▶ Block Party will be located in Lot 7 on Friday, and the Olympic Park will be in Lot 7 on Saturday (SECU Lot).
  - ▶ Currently planned to include: Music by DJ, street entertainers,
  - ▶ Parade staging starting at 6:30pm (for those walking in parade)
  - ▶ Parade will include a maximum of 4 competitors and 1 coach from each delegation (designated by HOD).
  - ▶ The Opening Ceremony & Cauldron Lighting in lot 7 & general area.
- ▶ Incident Weather Plan: Block Party and Parade Staging in Towson Center
- ▶ Need To Know From Each Delegation (by way of HOD):
  - ▶ Total number of delegation members at the Opening Ceremony
  - ▶ Number of users of wheelchairs in the Opening Ceremony (and those with significant mobility challenges)
  - ▶ Send via email to [mczarnowsky@somd.org](mailto:mczarnowsky@somd.org) per Opening Ceremony Survey distributed to HODs on June 14

# Summer Games Updates



## Transportation

- ▶ Schedule & Routes
- ▶ Things You Need to Know about Transportation
  - ▶ University Union Garage is open on all levels (access from both Osler Drive and Cross Campus Boulevard).
  - ▶ Shuttles will run from the West Village and Towers to all on-site TU venues and main parking areas.
  - ▶ If a bus is crowded, please be patient. There are plenty of buses on each route. ON CAMPUS you can stand. Off Campus, Ellicott City - no standing is allowed.

# Transportation



## ▶ Friday, June 23

- ▶ There will be a loop running from 7-10:00am that will service Parking Lots #5 & #4 and going to Lot #8 (Towson Center) for Cheerleading.
- ▶ The loop will then run from the Parking Lots #5 & 4 and loop through Lot #8 (Towson Center) and the Housing Facilities (West Village). This will run from 10:00am - 4:00pm.
- ▶ The loop will then service the Housing Facilities, Parking Lots #5 & #4 and Lot #7 for the Opening Ceremony/Block Party from 4:30-8:00pm.
- ▶ The loop will then go from Lot #7 (SECU Arena) to the Housing Facilities based upon dismissal from the Opening Ceremony by Delegation.
- ▶ Drop off prior to Opening Ceremony will be on Auburn Drive near Lot #7 until approximately 6:00pm to make room for staging the delegations.
- ▶ Mobility concerns will be addressed at the HOD Meeting on June 16.
- ▶ Pick-up after Opening Ceremony will be in Lot #7. Groups will be dismissed by announcement from the stage in SECU Arena.

# Transportation



## Saturday, June 24

- ▶ There will be a Shuttle from 7:00am for the Softball venue located at Kiwanis Wallas Park. This Shuttle will pick up at the front of University Union Garage.
- ▶ There will also be a Shuttle loop 6:45am until 5pm from Parking Lots #5/4 to the Athletics venue as well as Olympic Park in Lot #7 - no Housing Facilities.
- ▶ Another Shuttle loop will run from 7:30am-5pm and will service all Housing Facilities to Lot #5/4, Athletics Lot #7 for Olympic Park back to the Housing Facilities.

This Shuttle loop will then run from 5:30-9:30pm from the Housing Facilities to Lot #7 for Dinner, the Dance and Olympic Park.

# Transportation



## Sunday, June 25

- ▶ There will be a Shuttle from 7:00am for the Softball venue located at Kiwanis Wallas Park. This Shuttle will pick up at the front of the University Union Garage.
- ▶ There will also be a Shuttle loop starting at 6:45am-5pm from Parking Lots #5/4 to the Athletics venue as well as Olympic Park in Lot 7.



# Transportation Notes



- ▶ Note: If competition is delayed for any reason, the Shuttle service will be extended until the end of competition.
- ▶ Towson Shuttles all have wheelchair lifts and these shuttles will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- ▶ There are no “lifts” on the buses to/from Kiwanis Wallas Park - as there were no needs for this regarding Softball delegates (per team coaches).

# Transportation Notes



**NO PARKING  
IN UNITAS STADIUM  
LOADING DOCK**

# Transportation Notes



## Transportation

- ▶ END OF OPENING CEREMONY
- ▶ The Emcee will call (by Area/County name) the first group for the shuttle buses (delegation escorts will also have the order of departure).
  - ▶ 500 - 525 people per wave.
  - ▶ Final process and details to be covered by at HOD Webinar on June 19 and additional information as needed at the HOD Meeting on June 22.
  - ▶ Buses in Lot #7 (in front of SECU Arena).
- ▶ All Summer Games delegations should be returned to their dorm rooms in three bus trips.
- ▶ Delegations will remain seated at the Opening Ceremony until called by announcements for dismissal to load shuttles in Lot #7.

# Summer Games Updates



## Olympic Park and Victory Dance

- ▶ Additional Activities Currently Planned at Block Party & Olympic Park include:
  - ▶ Sports clinics
  - ▶ Art activities
  - ▶ Entertainers
- ▶ Saturday Dance Theme: *Out of this World - Inclusion, The Final Frontier*

# Summer Games Updates (Misc.)



## Meals

- ▶ All *registered delegation members* will be provided lunch on Saturday and Sunday (and on Friday for Cheerleading registrants only).
  - ▶ Each delegation will pick up all of the lunches for their delegation for each day at designated time/location. Do not send individuals to get individual lunches - they will be turned away.
- ▶ All registered delegation members staying overnight on campus will be provided dinner and breakfast during the designated periods.
  - ▶ Location for the provided breakfast and dinners will be in the West Village dining hall - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ballrooms.
- ▶ Other individuals, non-registered visitors, are on their own for meals. Meals will not be available for purchase at the dining hall.
- ▶ *Reminder: Lunch is not provided for delegations for Swimming on Friday.*



# Summer Games Updates (Misc.)



## Control Center (HOD's ONLY Please)

- ▶ At Unitas Stadium in Minnegan Room
- ▶ Delegation Registration will be held at University Union
  - ▶ Thursday, June 22
- ▶ All delegations have received housing info from Jane Dunne
  - ▶ Only people registered in GMS as a member of delegation are housed
    - ▶ Jane will verify housing lists vs. GMS delegations
    - ▶ Any delegation housing any individual not on the official housing list will not be eligible for on-campus housing in 2023.
- ▶ Reminder - Housing keys are returned at the front desk of your housing building

# Summer Games Updates (Misc.)



## Event Guide

- ▶ Is uploaded to the Coaches Resource Page - Summer Games Section
- ▶ <https://www.somd.org/coach-resources/summer-games-coach-resources/>

*Note: The Coach Resource Pages are the primary source for information on Summer Games. In addition to the Event Guide, competition divisions and brackets, updates and results will be posted there.*

## Medical Reminders

- ▶ Watch for over exposure issues and dehydration
  - ▶ Encourage athletes (& deleg members) to drink liquids throughout the day, even if they don't "feel" thirsty
  - ▶ Just because we are indoors does not mean this does not need to be enforced and addressed (it can be warm in the pool area)

# Protest Procedures



Protests filed at the competition venue Control Center within 30 minutes of posted results (in most cases per sport)

Only credentialed Head Coaches are permitted to file a Protest form (with the exception of Athletics per specific rules for this sport, where an athlete may file a protest)

- ▶ In general, issues that may be legitimately protested include a rules error by an official; a mis-recording of a score; the maximum effort rule; etc.
- ▶ Issues that will be automatically denied if protested include an official's judgment call including if the official did not call a violation, divisioning, etc.
- ▶ Must properly complete the form

Appeals of decisions by the Games Rules Committee may be filed by the Head of Delegation within 24 hours in the main Control Center in the Minnegan Room of Unitas Stadium.

# 2023 Summer Games Coach Credentialling



## Coaches

- Only people who have met ALL requirements to be a coach will be credentialed as a coach at Summer Games
  - This includes **up-to-date coach sport certification (valid through June 25, 2023)** in addition to the “standard forms”
  - Coaches must have completed the Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA) course - *no exceptions*
  - Coaches must have completed an SOMD approved course specific to their sport to be credentialed any higher than “Assistant Coach” - *no exceptions*
  - Individuals who do not meet these requirements can register as a “volunteer” or “sport volunteer” within their delegation
- Current sport certification status and transcript of courses completed are available on the Coach Education and Development section on SOMD’s Coach Resource Page (updated each Friday)
- <https://www.somd.org/coach-resources/>

# Summer Games Updates (Misc.)



## Weather

- ▶ Inclement Weather plans are included in event guide
- ▶ Will review at On-site HOD meeting
- ▶ Only TU Staff, SOMD Staff or GMT will decide to activate the inclement weather plan (may vary by venue)
- ▶ Note: We MUST wait 30 minutes from the last lightning/thunder sighting before restarting competition
- ▶ Please notify ALL delegation members and families to respect the decisions of Special Olympics Maryland
- ▶ At venues where pop up tents are permitted, Special Olympics Maryland and Towson University may require that tents be taken down temporarily or permanently due to wind, weather, and/or other factors. We ask for your quick cooperation to ensure everyone's safety. Unless very severe weather occurs, tent structures from Special Olympics Maryland will remain standing and appropriate accommodations will be made to ensure athletes have adequate shade.



# Athletics Competition Information

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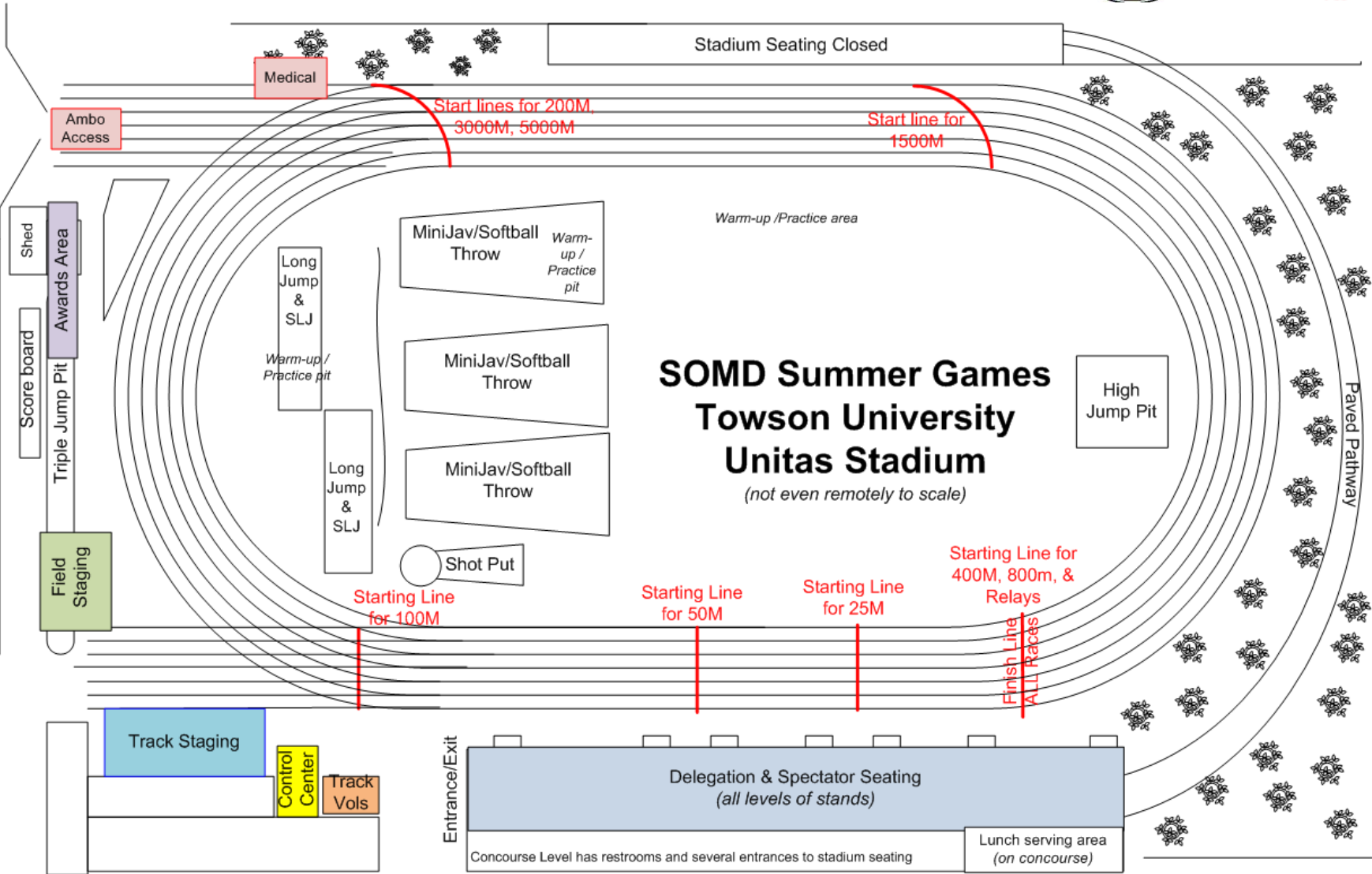
# Athletics Competition Team



- **Ron Freeman** (Competition Director)
- **Ken Olga** (Field Events Official)
- **Jane Dunne** (Track Staging)
- **Rhonda Garrison** (Finish Line assistant)
- **Chris McGuinness** (Athletics Referee)
- **Ed Dubois** (Finish Line)
- **Luke Weierbach** (Volunteers Coordinator)
- **Scott Rippeon** (Starter)
- **Eva Tucholski** (Control)
- **Antonio Washington** (Track)
- **Jason Zimmerman** (Throws, Mini-Jav, Standing LJ)
- **Krista Kennedy** (Field Staging)
- **Lilly Bean** (Announcer)

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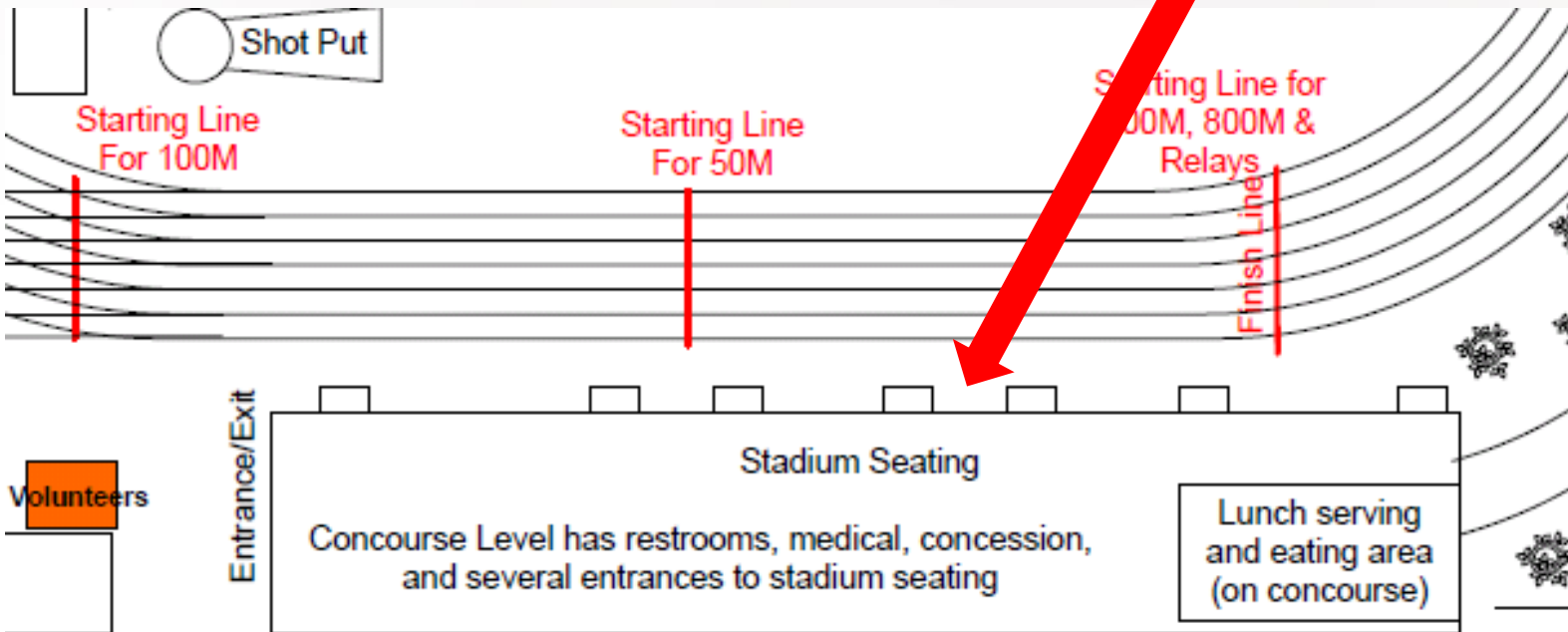
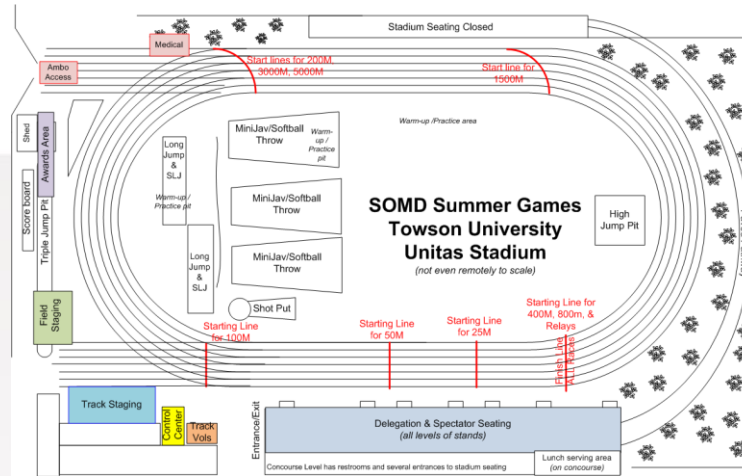
# Venue Map



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# Spectator Stands



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# Spectator Stands

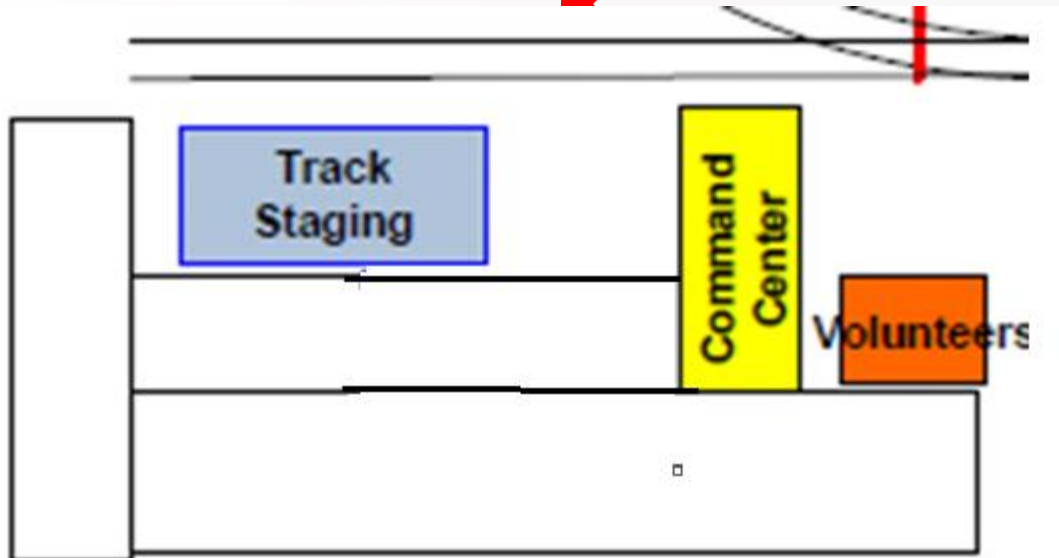
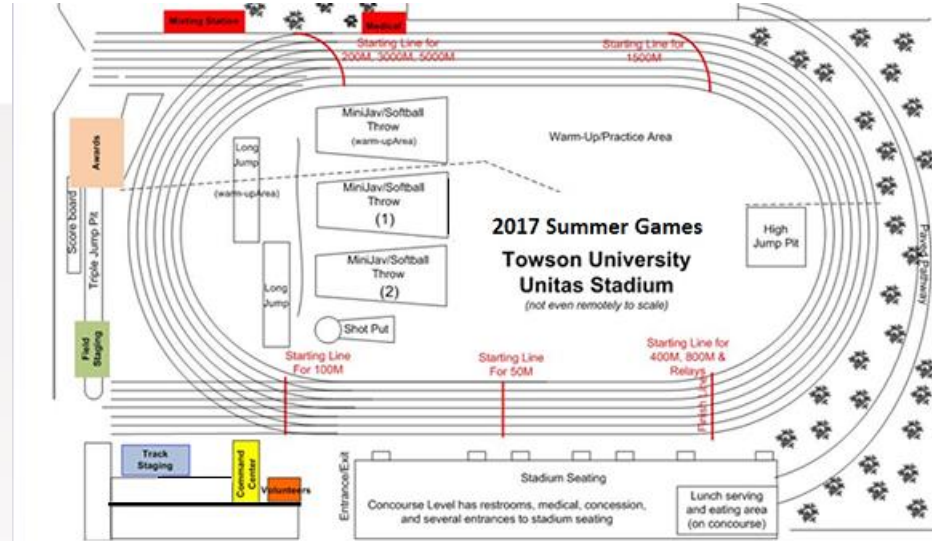


Reminder for teams and families:

- Please be considerate of others when placing tents in the stands.
- We will be placing signs indicating lowest row that tents can be situated.

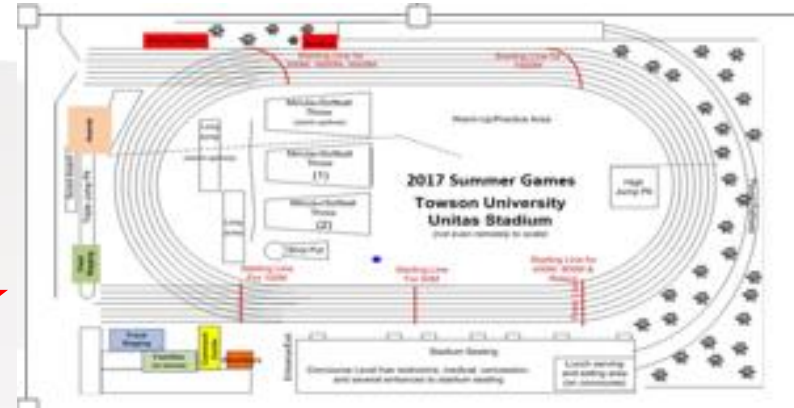
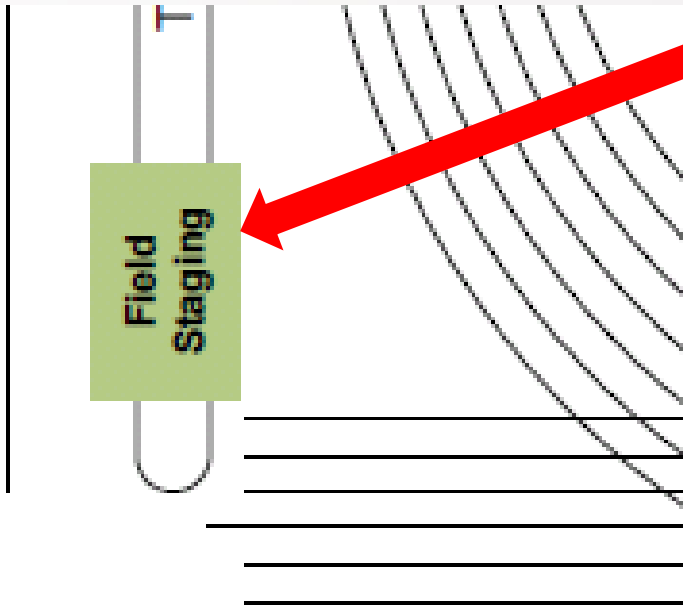


# Track Staging Area





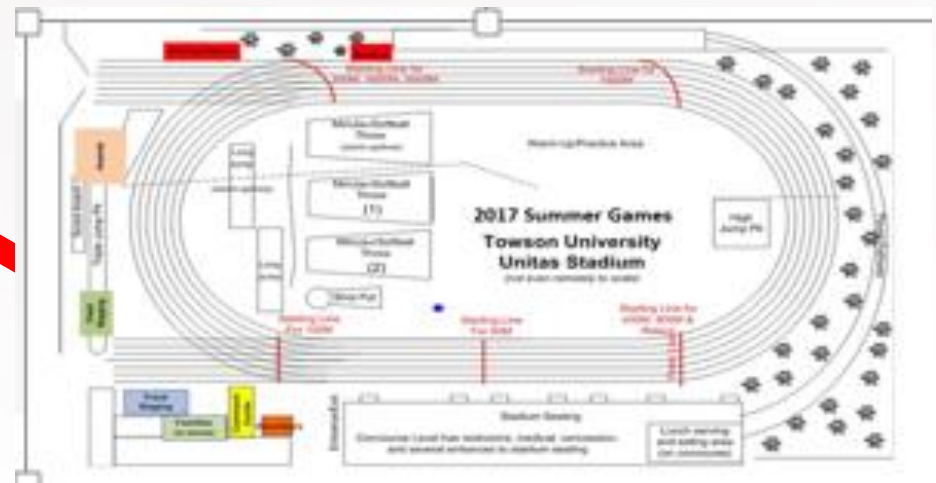
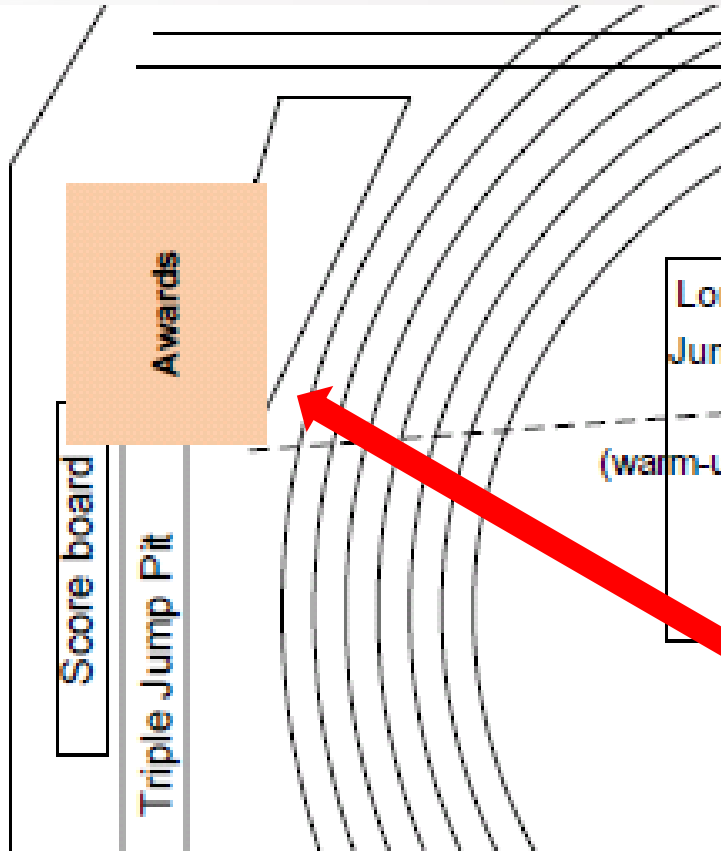
# Field Staging Area







# Awards Area

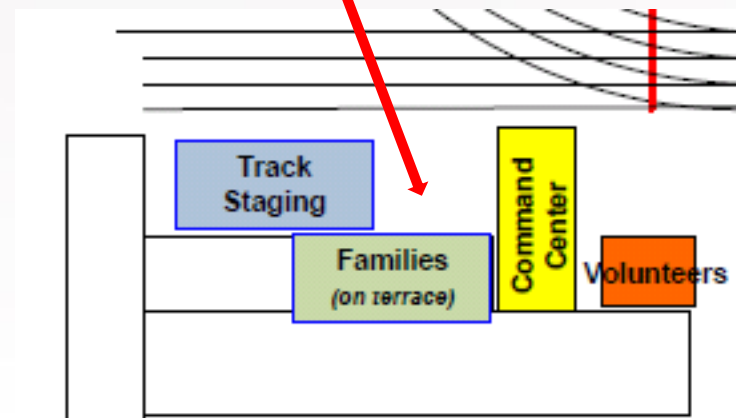
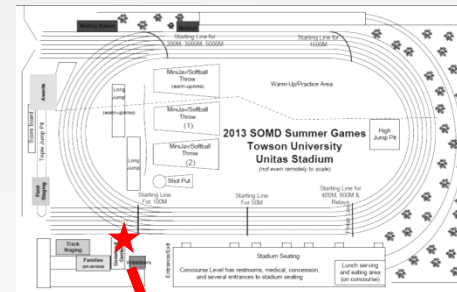


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# Athletics Control Tent/Center



- Primary Information Source for Athletics.
- Pick-up stickers for badges, printouts, etc.
- Stop by each morning to see if there are any updates or messages for you or your delegation
- Typically, the location to report to if you are paged over the loudspeaker



# Athletics Events Exit Criteria



- Several Events in Athletics are considered “fundamental events” and are intended only for athletes of beginning level ability who are unable to compete in the standard events.
- At Summer Games, delegations have frequently entered athletes whose ability level is above the “fundamental” level – they should be competing in events that more appropriately match their skills (e.g., 100M Race, Mini-jav)
  - Athletes with entries “better” than the criteria will not be permitted in the event and have been scratched from those events.
  - Athletes who earn a score that is “better” than the criteria may be subject to disqualification
  - These criteria may be “tightened” in future years.

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Softball Throw Criterion | 20M    |
|                          |        |
| 50M Race Criterion       | 10 sec |

# Athletics Event Edits



Athletes may enter up to 3 individual events and up to two relays; 4x200 and either 4x100 or 4x400

In some cases, athletes were entered into 4 events. This was adjusted using the following criteria (which took care of all of the issues)

1. If an athlete was entered in a Walk **and** a Run event (e.g. 25 M Dash and 25M Walk) – Athlete was scratched from the Walk
2. If an athlete was entered in Softball Throw **and** either Shotput or MiniJav– Athlete was scratched from the Softball Throw

# Athletics Schedule



## 2023 SOMD Summer Games

### Athletics Venue Competition Schedule

| Saturday, June 24, 2023 |                           |                         |                | Sunday, June 25, 2023 |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|--|
|                         | Track                     | Field Event #1          | Field Event #2 |                       | Track                        | Field Event #1 | Field Event #2             | Field Event #3 |  |  |
| 8:30                    | 3000M Run                 | W Shot Put              | SLJ            | 8:30                  | 1500M Run                    | W Running LJ   | High Jump & Pent High Jump |                |  |  |
| 8:45                    |                           |                         |                |                       | 8:45                         |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 9:00                    | Pent 100M & 100M Walk/Run | Pent Long Jump          |                | 9:00                  | 50M Run                      | M Running LJ   |                            | M Shot Put     |  |  |
| 9:15                    |                           |                         |                | 9:15                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 9:30                    |                           |                         |                | 9:30                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 9:45                    |                           | Mini Jav all W & M 8-15 | Mini Jav M 16+ | 9:45                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 10:00                   |                           |                         |                |                       | 10:00                        |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 10:15                   |                           |                         |                | 10:15                 | 50M walk & 25/50M wheelchair |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 10:30                   | 25M Walk                  |                         |                | 10:30                 |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 10:45                   |                           |                         |                | 10:45                 | 400M Run                     |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 11:00                   | 200M Run                  |                         |                | 11:00                 |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 11:15                   |                           |                         |                | 11:15                 |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 11:30                   |                           |                         |                |                       | 11:30                        | Pent 800M      |                            |                |  |  |
| 11:45                   |                           |                         |                |                       | 11:45                        |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 12:00                   |                           | Pent Shot               |                | 12:00                 | Relay Staging                |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 12:15                   |                           |                         |                | 12:15                 |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 12:30                   |                           | Softball Throw          |                | 12:30                 | 4x200M                       |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 12:45                   |                           |                         |                |                       | 12:45                        |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 1:00                    | 30M Wheelchair Slalom     |                         |                | 1:00                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 1:15                    | 800M Run                  |                         |                | 1:15                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 1:30                    |                           |                         |                | 1:30                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 1:45                    | Relay Staging             |                         |                | 1:45                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 2:00                    | 4x400M                    |                         |                | 2:00                  |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 2:15                    | 4x100M                    |                         |                |                       |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 2:30                    |                           |                         |                |                       |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |
| 2:45                    |                           |                         |                |                       |                              |                |                            |                |  |  |

# Updated Schedule



- Changes to impact the following
  - Decrease conflicts as much as possible
  - Ensure a longer break between longer race
  - Take advantage of the volunteer numbers on Saturday compared to Sunday
- Will have some minor adjustments up until competition day.
- Track will be open by 7:30 a.m. each morning for warm-ups and practice. Will be closed to athletes and coaches at approximately 8:20 a.m.
- Coaches meeting will take place by the track control center at 8:00am.
- Breakfast/dinner schedule is flexible. If you need to take your team to a breakfast or dinner shift different from your assigned time contact Matt Otwell, Food Service Director, who is focused on meeting your needs.

# Friday Coaches Meeting



All Head Coaches MUST attend

- ▶ Other coaches are welcome to attend if they wish
- ▶ **Unitas Stadium in the Field view Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor next to the Minnegan Room) at 6:00pm**
  - ▶ Saturday's coaches meeting will take place 10 minutes following the conclusion of the last event in the track staging tent

Athletics Packets will be distributed

- ▶ Bibs and safety pins
- ▶ **Badge-backs (labels) with events for entire weekend (two sets)**
  - ▶ One for back of athlete badges
  - ▶ One for use by coach
- ▶ Copies of delegation Roster (athletics only)
- ▶ Copies of "Bucci Report" (Time Sequence Report)
- ▶ Coach Staging Credentials
- ▶ Photographer Credentials
- ▶ Misc other materials

Will review any changes/updates

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# RESOURCES



## 2015 SOMD IUS Team Track & Field Championships – Day 1 Delegation Report - Time Sequence

### AL - Allegany HS

|           |                    |         |
|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| Tue 11:00 | Kelley, McKenna    | Bib: 6  |
| Tue 11:00 | Filleti, Makayla   | Bib: 10 |
| Tue 11:00 | MacBryghde, Wynne  | Bib: 13 |
| Tue 11:15 | Dieterich, Hillard | Bib: 2  |
| Tue 11:15 | Frost, Joshua      | Bib: 4  |
| Tue 11:30 | Dorsey, Ian D      | Bib: 3  |
| Tue 11:30 | Younger, Alasha M  | Bib: 16 |
| Tue 11:30 | Pryor, Jason       | Bib: 8  |
| Tue 11:30 | Wilson, Johnathan  | Bib: 15 |
| Tue 11:30 | Livengood, Corey   | Bib: 7  |
| Tue 11:30 | DeWitt, Chase      | Bib: 9  |
| Tue 12:45 | Jenkins, Sawyer    | Bib: 5  |
| Tue 12:45 | Wilson, Johnathan  | Bib: 15 |
| Tue 12:45 | DeWitt, Chase      | Bib: 9  |
| Tue 12:45 | Dieterich, Hillard | Bib: 2  |
| Tue 12:45 | Frost, Joshua      | Bib: 4  |
| Tue 12:45 | Kelley, McKenna    | Bib: 6  |
| Tue 12:45 | Filleti, Makayla   | Bib: 10 |
| Tue 01:00 | Hensel, Tyler      |         |
| Tue 01:00 | Rice, Tiona        |         |

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Shotput - 3kg   | Bib: 6  |
| Shotput - 3kg   | Bib: 10 |
| Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 13 |
| Shotput - 3kg   | Bib: 2  |
| Long Jump       | Bib: 4  |
| Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 3  |
| Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 16 |
| Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 8  |
| Shotput         | Bib: 15 |
| Shot            | Bib: 7  |

### Banks, Cameron

Baltimore County

Bib: 283

| Event              | Div. | Time  |
|--------------------|------|-------|
| 4x200M Relay       | 102  | 09:30 |
| Shotput Men 4KG    | 403  | 09:45 |
| 200M Run           | 120  | 10:30 |
| Standing Long Jump | 306  | 10:45 |
| 4x100M Relay       | 126  | 11:15 |

## 2015 SOMD IUS Team Track & Field Championships – Day 2 Delegation Report - Athletes With Events In Time Sequence

### AL - Mountain Ridge HS

|           |                 |          |          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Wed 12:00 | 100M Run        | Bib: 351 | Div: 120 |
| Wed 01:00 | Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 352 | Div: 315 |
| Wed 12:00 | 100M Run        | Bib: 353 | Div: 118 |
| Wed 01:15 | Shotput - 3kg   | Bib: 353 | Div: 411 |
| Wed 02:00 | 4x100M Relay    | Bib: 353 | Div: 149 |
| Wed 12:30 | 400M Run        | Bib: 358 | Div: 125 |
| Wed 01:00 | Long Jump       | Bib: 358 | Div: 209 |
| Wed 02:00 | 4x100M Relay    | Bib: 358 | Div: 149 |
| Wed 12:15 | 200M Run        | Bib: 359 | Div: 122 |
| Wed 01:15 | Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 359 | Div: 319 |
| Wed 12:15 | 200M Run        | Bib: 360 | Div: 122 |
| Wed 01:30 | Mini-Jay - 400G | Bib: 360 | Div: 320 |
| Wed 12:30 | 400M Run        | Bib: 360 | Div: 125 |
| Wed 01:30 | Shotput - 3kg   | Bib: 360 | Div: 112 |

“Badgeback” labels will include days of competition as well as event start times.

# Maximum Effort Rule



## Individual Sports

- ▶ Divisioning is conducted to ensure that athletes compete against athletes of a similar ability level in their final competition. To ensure that athletes provide entry scores that reflect the best of their ability, the maximum effort rule will be implemented.
- ▶ Maximum effort would indicate that there should be no more than **25%** difference in performance between entry and final events.
- ▶ Only an athlete affected by this violation or his/her delegation's head athletics coach may file a protest under the maximum effort rule.
- ▶ If a protest is filed and it is determined that a violation of the maximum effort rule has occurred one or more of the following will be applied at the discretion of the Athletics Sports Rules Committee:
  - ▶ Verbal and/or written warning to the athlete and coach
  - ▶ Adjusted division placement
  - ▶ Adjusted final placement
  - ▶ Disqualification from the event or the entire competition

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# Staging



- Staging for Track events will be held in the large tent running along the building. Staging for Field events will be held in the tent along the back stretch of the track. Wheelchair events, Assisted Walks and Pentathlon events will be staged at the Control Center tent.
- All athletes must be in the Staging tent a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their report time. Coaches will be provided with individualized schedules, including the start times for each event, for their Delegation/athletes on Saturday morning, available for pick-up in the Control Center tent.
- Only athletes and registered Athletics' volunteers will be permitted inside the Staging Area. Coaches and family members are not permitted in the Staging Area.

# Staging



- If an athlete misses his/her designated heat/flight due to a competition conflict, an effort will be made to add the athlete to an appropriate heat/flight later in the schedule that meets Special Olympics divisioning guidelines up until the conclusion of that event type. That said, it is highly likely that an athlete will not be able to be added to another heat/flight.
- An athlete may not compete in a heat/flight if he/she is not registered for that heat/flight or has not been added to it by authorized personnel (Director of Athletics, the Athletics Referee (Chris McGuinness) or SOMD personnel). The heats/flights are based on entry times submitted by the coach. To add new athletes to a heat/flight would be unfair to the other athletes who were properly registered.
- Athletes will be escorted from the Staging area to the start line or field event by Athletics competition volunteers. Following each heat/flight, athletes will be escorted from the finish line or field event to the Awards area. Coaches are to meet their athletes in the Awards area near the main scoreboard.
- Pentathlon athletes will be escorted as a group to each event by the Pentathlon Clerk. The Pentathlon Clerk will give Coaches of Pentathlon athletes designated times to have the athletes meet by the Control Center tent before each of the five events.

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# Staging



PLEASE NOTE- Each Head Coach (one per delegation) will be issued two credentials that will each allow one coach into the Staging Area for the sole purpose of assisting athletes with stretching in preparation for their upcoming event.

- All stretching must be done in the immediate proximity of the athlete's assigned staging row.
- It is the coaches' responsibility to make certain that the athlete is seated and ready to go with his/her division at the proper time.
- Staging personnel and escorts will not search for athletes who have been moved by their coach and may thus result in an athlete missing their event.
- Head coaches may allow different coaches at different times to use these two credentials at their discretion.

# Relays



PLEASE check GMS and ensure that the way your team is listed, resembles their leg number. If it does not – please email Ryan Kelchner and Ron Freeman so it can be adjusted.

Run order changes are due Friday at the Coaches Meeting.

For any change after 10:00 a.m. offered to the venue director, if accepted, that team will only be considered for a participation ribbons – not awards (outside of a medical reason).

| Team   | Lane     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner  | Final Runner          | T<br>i<br>m<br>e | Place |
|--|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|
| <b>Example</b>   |          |                        |                        |                         |                       |                  |       |
| <b>Baltimore Co.</b><br>Fenwick, Brandon #99<br>Lamb, Chazz # 109<br>McConnell, Carley #112<br>Chernick, Daniel #97<br><i>Entry: 1:54.93</i>     | <b>1</b> | Fenwick, Brandon #99   | Lamb, Chazz # 109      | McConnell, Carley #112  | Chernick, Daniel #97  |                  |       |
| Schnorf, Julia # 178<br>Warren, Marcus #182<br>Gaines II, Charles #163<br>Wilson, #183<br><i>Entry: 1:48.40</i>                                  | <b>2</b> | Schnorf, Julia # 178   | Wilson, #183           | Gaines II, Charles #163 | Warren, Marcus #182   |                  |       |
| <b>Howard</b><br>Phillips, Robert #176<br>Jackson, Lakiva #168<br>Hill, Amanda #167<br>Smith, Thomas #180<br><i>Entry: 1:40.10</i>               | <b>3</b> | #167                   | Jackson, Lakiva #168   | Smith, Thomas #180      | Phillips, Robert #176 |                  |       |
| <b>St. Mary's</b><br>Somerville, Shawn #328<br>Johnson, Michelle #311<br>Fanzo, Ann Marie #301<br>Cundiff, Scarlet #295<br><i>Entry: 1:43.05</i> | <b>4</b> | Somerville, Shawn #328 | Johnson, Michelle #311 | Fanzo, Ann Marie #301   | Cundiff, Scarlet #295 |                  |       |
| West, Katie #209<br>Miller, Danny #203<br>Smith, Donta #205<br>Croom, #190<br><i>Entry: 1:50.60</i>  | <b>5</b> | West, Katie #209       | Miller, Danny #203     | Smith, Donta #205       | Croom, #190           |                  |       |

# Relays



Team must be in matching uniforms.

Exchange zone umpires will:

- ▶ Show the beginning and end of exchange zone to athletes
- ▶ Return all runners to middle of exchange zone
- ▶ Athlete may then move to whatever position in the exchange zone/fly zone they wish

Reminder: If a runner impedes another team, even after they have completed their exchange, the team will be DQ'd (*this happened at least twice this season at qualifiers*).

Remind your runners that once they've completed their leg, they are to remain in their lanes, after the baton pass, until they are instructed to leave the track by the official.

- ▶ This applies even after the team has completed running their race.

Alternates must be registered as alternates (all alternates are available for all teams in that specific event). If you are not sure if you submitted alternates, email them to Ron Freeman [rfreeman@somd.org](mailto:rfreeman@somd.org) and "cc" Ryan Kelchner ([rkelchner@somd.org](mailto:rkelchner@somd.org)) by Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

4 x 400 will start with a 1 turn stagger. Teams can cut into Lane 1 at break-line.

4 x 100 and 4 x 200 will remain in assigned lanes through the entire race



# Relay Rule Reminder



- Relay exchange zones for 4x100 and 4x200
  - Small yellow triangle to large yellow triangle (for all 4x100 exchanges; for third exchange of 4x200):
  - Small black triangle to large black triangle (for first & second exchanges of 4x200)



# Relay Rule Reminder

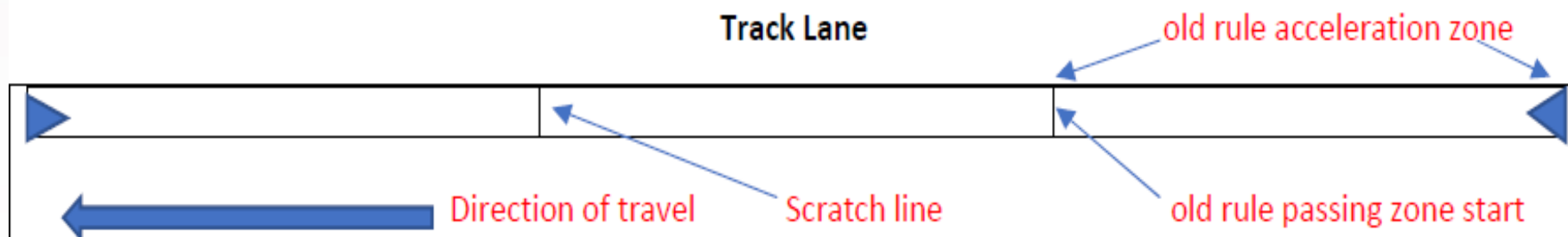


- Relay exchange zones for 4x200
  - 1<sup>st</sup> exchange – black triangles
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> exchange – black triangles
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> exchange – yellow triangles (same zone as 4x100)





## Incoming legs 200m or less (4x100, 4x200, etc.)



1. Baton must be exchanged completely inside **30m** passing zone (large triangles above\*); position of baton is what counts. If both runners touch baton outside of the zone, it is a DQ.
2. While awaiting pass, outgoing runner must stand completely within **30m** passing zone; position of feet is what counts.  
Remember that there are no more 10m acceleration zones in any USATF or IAAF relay.
3. Dropped baton must be picked up by person who dropped it
4. When leg is run in lanes, one check mark of tape 0.05m (2 inches) x 0.40m (15 ¾ inches) may be used.

# Weather



## Rain Plan

- ▶ If it is only rain, we will continue with the competition (unless torrential).
- ▶ If thunder/lightening, move to seats in the arena through doorway near track staging & medical. Wait for announcement to move to this location.
- ▶ Rain plan will only be implemented at the direction of the Athletics Director or SOMD staff
- ▶ Do not assume a rain delay has been implemented unless/until you hear it announced over the main PA system.

# Weather



## Rain Plan

- ▶ When we resume, we will start at the same point that we ended.
- ▶ If we have rain, we will likely also be short of volunteers. If you have family members/coaches who would be willing to help escort, they should register at volunteer registration in volunteer tent next to/shared with the control tent.
- ▶ Saturday events may possibly be rescheduled for Sunday. Buses will be re-routed to the track to pick up Delegates and deliver them to the dorms. *Some events may be canceled due to time constraints.*
- ▶ In the event of higher than normal winds, SOMD and Towson University may determine that tents may need to come down for the safety of spectators.



# Uniforms & Athletic Attire



- Athletes not in proper uniform will be disqualified.
- It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure that athletes comply with this rule *prior to checking into the Staging Tent*.
- Any coach who has a question as to whether the attire or footwear of an athlete is appropriate is responsible for asking the Venue Director for a ruling in advance of check-in at the Staging Tent.
- Divisions will not be held up for the purpose of changing attire/footwear and athletes will not be re-assigned to a subsequent division.

# Uniforms & Athletic Attire



## See Event Guide

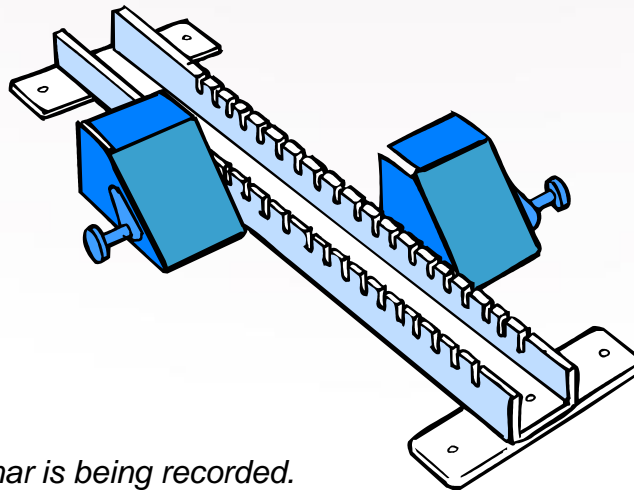
- Must be athletic shorts – not jeans or street shorts
- Athletic shoes
- No loose jewelry, medals, ribbons when competing
- No headphones
- Bibs pinned to FRONT of uniform (using 4 pins please)
- Credentials will be collected by escorts when competing and returned following each event
- Spikes (no more than 11 spikes, no more than ¼ inch long, 4 mm in diameter)
- Relay teams must be in a consistent uniform (use the Opening Ceremony t-shirts if you don't have anything else)



# Special Needs or Equipment



- Please notify us if anyone in your delegation will be using starting blocks and which events they are registered in.
- Please notify us if anyone will need to use a guide rope or have a need for another accommodation.



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# Coaching During Competition



- Coaching during competition is contrary to the goals of Special Olympics as it provides an unfair advantage to athletes/partners who are to be competing in their events independently.
- Coaching is not permitted by any coach, spectator, family member or non-competing athlete/partner.
- Coaching is prohibited in the start area and while the athlete/partner is on the competition course.
  - Non-adherence to this rule will subject your athlete to possible disqualification (and violator to possible ejection).

# Protests / Appeals



Protests filed at Athletics Control within 30 minutes of posted results

Only credentialed Head Coaches and athletes can file protests (as per Athletics Rules)

- ▶ We see the option for athletes to file protests as an excellent growth opportunity, but it also has the potential for athletes to be frustrated if they don't understand protests
- ▶ Please provide guidance to athletes who wish to file protests as to what is a protestable issue and what isn't
  - ▶ In general, issues that may be legitimately protested include a rules error by an official; a misrecording of a score; the maximum effort rule; etc.
  - ▶ Issues that will be automatically denied if protested include an official's judgment call including if the official did not call a violation, divisioning, etc.
  - ▶ Must properly complete the form

Appeals of decisions by the Games Rules Committee may be filed by the Head of Delegation within 24 hours in the main Control Center in the Minnegan Room of Uitas Stadium.

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**PROTEST FORM**

Must be submitted to the Sports Rule Committee no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event being protested. Form must be complete in order to be considered.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION / HEAT: \_\_\_\_\_

Information on *YOUR* athlete/team:

Athlete or Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

Information on athlete/team whose "action" you are protesting:

Athlete or Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Protest** (*You MUST quote the rule infraction*):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Decision of Jury/Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Protest Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Protest Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Committee Designee: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event here (100M Run, etc.)

Name and delegation of athlete from ***your*** delegation who was impacted (*NOT the athlete who you believe made the violation*)

Name and delegation of athlete from delegation who you believe made the violation

Describe the incident including:

- **Specific rule** that was violated
- Name, delegation and bib number of athlete who you believe violated the rule
- Location on track at which incident occurred (if a track event)
- If an Honest Effort protest, must include the qualifying score and the final score (not just the % difference)

*Coaches can pick these up at the Control Ctr. They are on 3-part NCR with:*

➤ *White & yellow copies stay at control ctr (yellow attached to revised results if the protest is honored)*

➤ *Pink copy is for coach.*



# Thank you!

