

Special Olympics
North Dakota



— 2026 —

STATE SOCCER & BOCCCE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 19-20

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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MYRA FOUNDATION

Welcome to the 2026 State Soccer & Bocce Tournament!

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Families, Volunteers, and Friends,

It is an honor to gather with all of you as we gear up and celebrate another year of competition, determination, teamwork, and achievement.

This event is about much more than scores and medals. It is about athletes challenging themselves, discovering their strengths, and demonstrating the courage and perseverance that inspire everyone around them. Every participant who steps onto the field or court represents the very best of sportsmanship, dedication, and the belief that anything is possible through hard work and commitment.

As we begin this year's tournament, I encourage every athlete to embrace the experience, compete with confidence, and take pride in all you have accomplished to reach this moment. Success is not measured solely by wins and losses, but by the effort you give, the friendships you build, and the obstacles you overcome along the way.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to our volunteers. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and countless hours of service make this event possible. Whether you are helping behind the scenes, supporting competition venues, or cheering on athletes, your contributions create opportunities and unforgettable experiences for everyone involved. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and dedication.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Grand Forks Park District and Red River High School for generously providing outstanding facilities and support for this tournament. Your partnership helps create an exceptional experience for our athletes, coaches, families, and fans, and we are grateful for your continued hospitality and commitment to our mission.

As we come together this weekend, let us celebrate every achievement, encourage one another, and showcase the spirit that makes this event so special. May this tournament be filled with memorable moments, personal bests, new friendships, and lasting inspiration.

Thank you for being part of this incredible event. Together, we continue to build a stronger community where every athlete has the opportunity to shine.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable tournament!



Nancy Hanson
President/CEO
Special Olympics North Dakota

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We are grateful to the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their generous support of the 2026 State Soccer & Bocce Tournament. Your time, effort, services, and contributions help make this event possible.

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BEHIND THE TOURNAMENT.

SCHEDULE

2026 State Soccer & Bocce Tournament General Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>
8:00AM – 8:30AM	Head of Delegation Check-in – Oxford Sports Complex (in-between Diamonds 1 & 2)
8:30AM	Bocce Coaches Meeting – Diamond 3
8:45AM	Soccer Coaches Meeting – Soccer Field #2 on Diamond 4
9:00AM – 9:15AM	Line up for Opening Ceremony (Southwest Side of Kraft Field)
9:15AM – 9:45AM	Opening Ceremony (Kraft Field)
10:00AM – 3:00PM	Souvenir Sales
10:15AM	Bocce (Singles/Team) – Diamond 3
10:15AM – 11:50AM	Soccer Preliminary Rounds (Diamonds 1, 2, 4)
10:30AM – 3:30PM	Olympic Town
11:30AM – 1:00PM	Lunch Distribution (Outside of Kraft Field)
1:15PM	Soccer Competition (Youth/Unified/Traditional)
5:30PM – 7:00PM	Dinner – Red River Cafeteria
7:00PM – 8:30PM	Dance – Red River Small Gym

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>
9:00AM	Unified Soccer Continues
9:00AM	Bocce Doubles Begin
9:00AM	Souvenir Sales
11:00AM – 12:00PM	Lunch Distribution (Outside of Kraft Field)

*All events are held at Oxford Sports Complex, Kraft Field, and Red River except where noted.

*Awards presentations on Saturday and Sunday will take place after the completion of each division for both soccer (Diamond 4) and bocce (Diamond 3).

Oxford Sports Complex & Kraft Field

2511 17th Ave S
Grand Forks



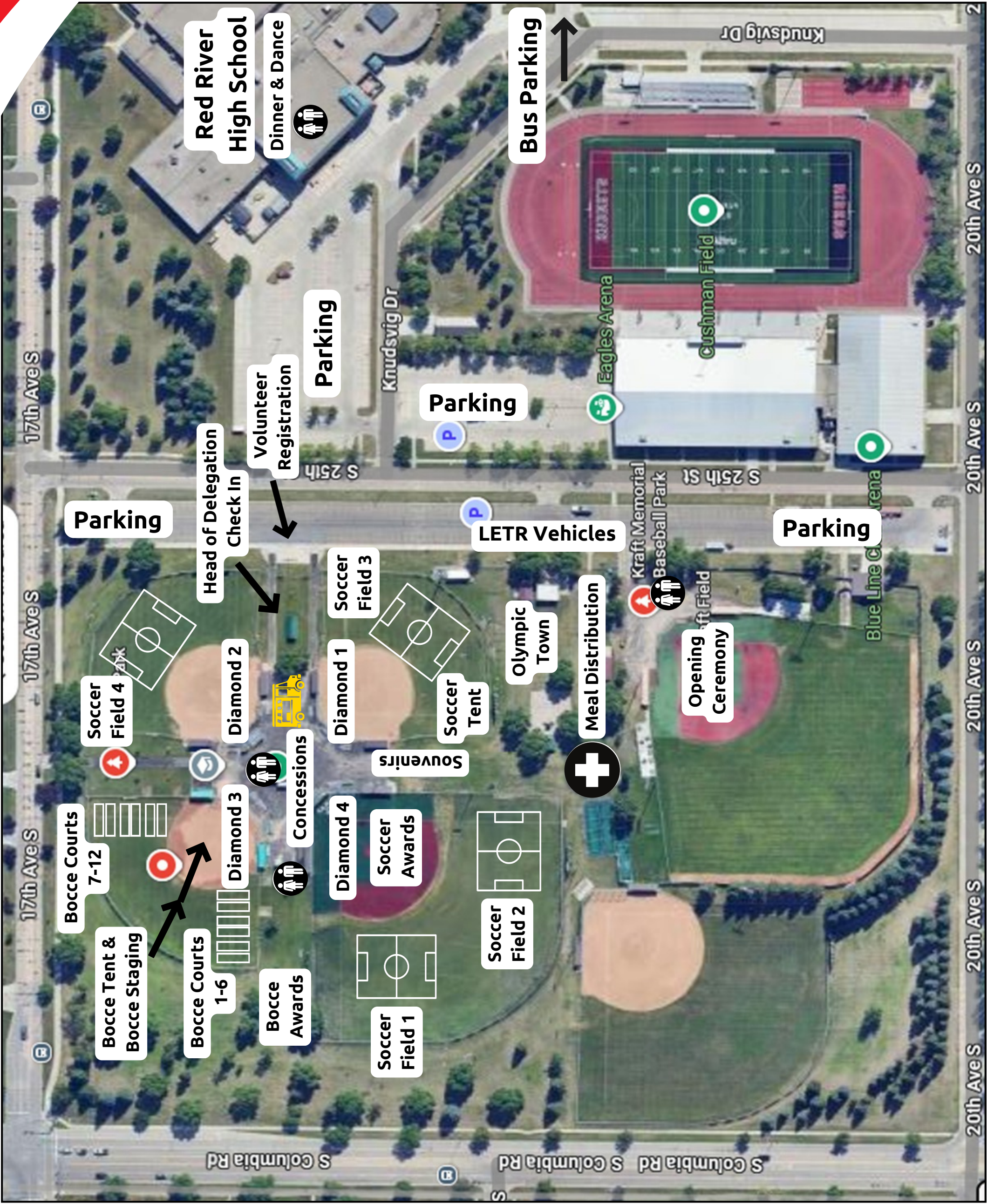
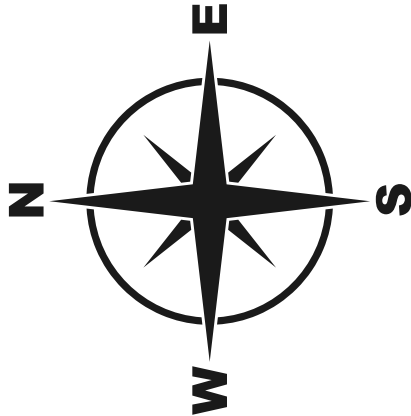
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Restrooms



Kona Ice Truck



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
26TH

LETR TRUCK PULL

Minot

OCTOBER
10TH

LETR TRUCK CONVOY

West Fargo

OCTOBER
17TH

LETR POLAR PLUNGE

Bismarck

NOVEMBER
1ST

STATE BOWLING

Fargo & Mandan

DECEMBER
6TH

STATE BASKETBALL

Minot

DECEMBER
2026

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TRAINING & COMPETITION CALENDAR



2026-2027

SOCCER/BOCCE

Unified & Traditional Bocce & Soccer

8-10 Week Training Period:

Assessments Due:

..Area Tournaments:

..Regional Tournaments: **Fargo/Bismarck**

Level 1 Coach Certification Deadline:

Entry Deadline:

State Tournament: **GRAND FORKS**

July 27 – September 18, 2026

August 10, 2026

August 15 – 22, 2026

August 22 – 23, 2026

August 31, 2026

September 4, 2026

September 19 – 20, 2026

**Bocce doubles (unified & traditional) at Regionals. Singles & Teams at Area Tournaments.*

BOWLING* (No Handicap)

8-10 Week Training Period:

..Area Tournaments:

Level 1 Coach Certification Deadline:

Entry Deadline:

State Tournament: **MANDAN & FARGO**

September 7 – November 1, 2026

October 10 – 18, 2026

October 12, 2026

October 16, 2026

November 1, 2026

**15 games must be bowled for an athlete to qualify for the State Bowling Tournament.*

BASKETBALL

8-10 Week Training Period:

Assessments Due:

..Area Tournaments:

..Regional Tournaments: **Jamestown/Dickinson**

Level 1 Coach Certification Deadline:

Entry Deadline:

State Tournament: **MINOT**

October 12 – December 6, 2026

November 6, 2026

November 2 – 7, 2026

November 7 – 15, 2026

November 13, 2026

November 16, 2026

December 6, 2026

WINTER GAMES

Unified Volleyball, Cornhole

8-10 Week Training Period:

Assessments Due:

..Area Games:

..Regional Tournament: **Grand Forks/Mandan**

Level 1 Coach Certification Deadline:

Entry Deadline:

State Games: **VALLEY CITY**

January 4 – February 28, 2027

February 1, 2027

January 25 – February 5, 2027

February 6 – 14, 2027

February 8, 2027

February 12, 2027

February 27 – 28, 2027

SUMMER GAMES

Swimming, Track & Field, Powerlifting

8-10 Week Training Period:

Assessments Due:

..Area Games:

Level 1 Coach Certification Deadline:

..Regional Tournament: **Valley City/Minot**

Entry Deadline:

State Tournament: **FARGO**

March 22 – May 15, 2027

April 9, 2027

April 17 – 23, 2027

April 23, 2027

April 24 – 25, 2027

April 26, 2027

May 15 – 16, 2027

**Specific dates for entry deadlines and tournaments subject to change depending on State tournament dates*

..Area tournaments are competitions that are organized within a specific geographic area/city. Regional tournaments are a broader level of competition that divides North Dakota teams into eastern and western regions, allowing teams to compete against others from the same part of the state before advancing to state-level competition.



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SOCCER

BISMARCK BLAZE

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SOCCER

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