

**2026**

**State Winter Games**



***Special  
Olympics  
North Dakota***

**February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Valley City, North Dakota**



Dear Athletes, Partners, Coaches and Fans,

Get ready—because another amazing season of Special Olympics North Dakota is here, and the excitement is off the charts! Our athletes have trained with incredible passion and perseverance all winter long, and this weekend is their moment to shine. The energy they bring to the Games inspires all of us, and I can't wait to see that determination light up every competition.

We're also thrilled to celebrate the second year of cornhole as an official sport! What began as a new addition has quickly become a crowd favorite. Its popularity continues to grow, and it's been so rewarding to see how much joy and confidence it brings to our athletes. We're proud to have found a sport that resonates so strongly with them and adds such a vibrant spark to our lineup.

A huge shoutout to our dedicated coaches and partners—your commitment, encouragement, and belief in our athletes fuel everything we do. Thank you for standing with us and helping create opportunities that empower and inspire.

And to our host city, Valley City, and the phenomenal Games Management Team: you have poured your heart into this event. Your planning, teamwork, and behind-the-scenes magic set the stage for an extraordinary experience. We are grateful for your leadership at these Games.

As we launch into the weekend, let's celebrate the power of sport, the joy of inclusion, and the unstoppable spirit of our athletes. Let's cheer loudly, support boldly, and create memories that will last long after the final award is given. Together, we will make this weekend unforgettable with the sports and experiences that continue to bring us together.

Let's make this an unforgettable Winter Games!

Best regards,

*Nancy Hanson*

Nancy Hanson  
President & CEO



# Welcome!

Thank you for participating in the State Winter Games Tournament. We truly hope you enjoy all the activities taking place during this event. We thank the community of Valley City for its hospitality and the following people, businesses, and organizations for the generous donations of their time, effort, and the many contributions on behalf of the tournament.

**Bridgetown Imprints**

**Connect Church Youth Group**

**North Valley 4H Club**

**RM Stoudt Ford**

**Shriners' Color Guard**

**Smith Lumber Company**

**Special Olympics Valley City Area Management Team**

**Stoudt-Miller Car Dealership**

**Tradition Funeral Services**

**Valley City Community Volunteers**

**Valley City Fire Department**

**Valley City High School**

**VC JO Volleyball Program**

**Valley City Police Department**

**Valley City Public Schools – Cora Potts**

**Valley City State University**

**VCSU Football Team**

**VCSU Volleyball Team**

## Saturday February 28th

## Valley City High School

10:45am	Valley City High School Door 5 Opens to Teams and the Public
11:00am-2:00pm	Souvenir Sales in the Lobby Area
12:15pm	Head of Delegation Check In
12:30pm	Cornhole Coaches Meeting in Conference Room
1:00pm	Competition Begins
2:30pm	Award Ceremonies

**\*Award Ceremonies for Cornhole will start immediately following the completion of each division. \***

Let me win.

But if I cannot win,

let me be brave  
in the attempt.

-Special Olympics athlete oath

## Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

### Valley City High School & Recreation Center

- 8:00am South Door #5 Opens to Teams and the Public
- 8:00am - 2:00pm Souvenir Sales in the Lobby Area
- 8:15am - 8:30am Head of Delegation Check In at Valley City High School Door #5
- 8:45am - 9:00am Line up for Opening Ceremony in the Cafeteria
- 9:00am Opening Ceremony in Hi Liner Activity Center (HAC)
- 9:45am Unified Volleyball Coaches Meeting at HAC Court 1
- 10:00am Unified Volleyball Competition at HAC Courts 1 & 2 at VCHS North & South Gym
- 10:15am Unified Volleyball Competition at VC Rec Center Courts 1 & 2 at 140 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW
- 11:30am-1:00 pm Lunch Distribution
- 1:30 pm - 5:00pm Award Ceremonies at VCHS Cafeteria & Rec Center

**\*Award Ceremonies for Unified Volleyball will start immediately following the completion of each division in the respective competition locations. \***

**GET READY... TOSS THE BAG...  
AIM FOR GLORY...  
LET'S PLAY SOME  
CORNHOLE!**

## **Cass County**

### **Coaches: Dave Schmidt & Yvonne Hummel**

Dan Ackerman	Shelby Anderson	Branden Austinson
Brady Blatchford	Amy Blehm	Alex Clute
Collette Colling	Mistie Creech	Kelli Cymbaluk
Codie Devaney	Austin Donahue	Becky Donahue
Debra Drovdal	Kalvin Easley	Andy Erickson
Amanda Fickert	Kenny Fowler	Melissa Geiszler
Brita Greenawalt	Presley Hagen	Ashley Hogness
Ryan Hogness	Jenni Hummel	Matt Ihringer
Kyle Mason	Collin Pribula	Ali Reili
Dominic Rodriguez	Lance Rosenkranz	Matthew Ruona
Kari Scott	Annie Tarr	Lane Wilson
Rose Zehrer		

## **Dickinson**

### **Coach: Ken Stockert**

Carol Bobb	Shannon Galster	Nicole Hanell
Scott Palmero	Pat Renner	Connie Stockert

# Grand Forks

## Coach: Eric Ripley

Dante Agnes	Teresa Agnes	Erin Baumann
Payton Baumann	Nolan Callahan	David Dahlgren
Chad Daucsavage	Joanne Faulhaber	Lena Faulhaber
Lilia Fish	Riley Fuchs	Riley Gerhardt
Deion Hanson	Olivia Jenson	Tyler Lee
Terri Morin	Kristin O'Connor	Jenna Rehling
Toby Ripley	Kelli Swingen	Adam Walski
Hannah Watson	Breanna Whiting	

# Mandan

## Coach: Tonya Jans

Danielle Bingert	Jean Bingert	Delores Christian
Kayla Foth	Jared Jans	Tonya Jans
Anna Landeis	Alex Leach	Ryan Moore
Ann Schuh	Sheridan Twobears	
Christian Ortega-Rivera		

# Minot

## Coach: Renee Dufner

Angela Barbara	Christy Coughlin	Kelly Coutts
Michael Dufner	Brittany Gosselin	Bryan Johnson
Chad Kolb	Jesse Kraft	Tyler Leintz
Cassie Lunde	Andy May	Randy Miller
David Norwood	Dale Opstedahl	Donald Pruitt
Paula Pruitt	Jaedyn Rust	Tiffany Smith
Kyle Ziegler	Vitoria Zurcher	

# New Town

## Coach: Arnie Grady

Demarcus Blaise

Ariel Castaneda

Zakiyah Colombe

Coy LoneBear-Smith

Miguel Tito Oba-ob

Shayne LoneBear-Smith

# Valley City

## Coach: Cindy Schopper

Grant Anderson

Adam Compson

Marie DeLorme

Natasha Esch

Faith Hanson

Terry Hunter

Keytyn Lemer

Krystyl Lemer

Adam Maresh

Marshall Pederson

Marah Pickell

Richard Roorda

Aydyn Runge

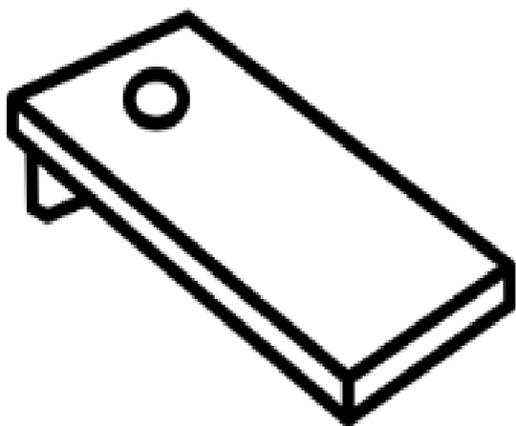
Holly Sabinash

Tarissa Severson

Jess Stack

Joanne Stack

Jonah Koch-Helgerson





SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
**USA GAMES**  
MINNESOTA 2026

**Congratulations**  
**Team North Dakota!**

**June 20-26, 2026**

**Minneapolis, MN**



**SERVE, SET, SPIKE, SCORE....**

**TIME TO PLAY  
VOLLEYBALL!**

## **Bismarck**

### **Blaze**

**Coach: Wendy Schweitzer**

Benjamin Antonsen	Jesse Christensen	Chris Goetz
Chase Irwin	Mandy Nagel	Quinn Nagel
Taylor Ohlhauser	Mark Wald	Charles Warren

### **Broncos**

**Coaches: Tom Dworshak & Lori Dworshak**

Adam Bobbe	Zachary Cottingham	Samantha Gorden
Vedrana Hodzic	Adam Kuhn	Chance Leingang
David Magembe	Alan Radzus	Hailey Sandwick
Lacey Theisen	Shalynn Vetter	

### **Bruins**

**Coach: Rachel Barnes**

Carly Amundson	Lucy Bartholomew	Miles Bishop
Nathan Gaddis	Karen Halsey	Steve Nilles
Connor Rewald	Jack Rewald	Patrick Sundby
Sundance Thomas	Brandon Bonagofsky	

# Bulldogs

## Coach: Sara Koppen

Lindsey Doll

Daniel Freidt

Chad Munsch

Joseph Nacau

Juanita Rooker

Delynn Schmidt

Ronnie Schmidt

Crystal Seefeldt

Debbie Scott

Roxanne Scott

Margot Smith

Skye Wald

# Cass County

## Bears

### Coaches: Sara Percy & Jim Chevalier

Alicia Chevalier

Andrea Chevalier

Arica Chevalier

Collette Colling

Tawnya Jenner

Angie Kiefer

Kyler Lewis

Ashley Ortner

Sawyer Percy

Miranda Persellin

Alec Stein

Taylor Wakelee

## Eagles

### Coach: Shayli Kratcha

Brady Blatchford

Shane Desautel

Kalvin Easley

Lindy Hanson

Shawn Knutson

Sonia Kolstoe

Kyle Mason

Isaac Obeng

Daniel Ortiz

Nick Poolman

Tony Starling

Kiara Wakefield

## Foxes

### Coaches: Mari Beth Reitmeier & Rhonda Gaden

Larson Braley

Ashley Campbell

Anthony Eckroth

Jason Faltersack

Kenny Fowler

Brita Greenawalt

Kelson Kuylee

Kelvin Kuylee

Cindy May

Ali Reile

Laicy Somerville

Nikki Stromme

# Hawks

## Coach: Steve Anderson

Evan Geyer

Troy Hakanson

Dani Hamvig

Taylor Lau

Melanie McIntyre

Patricia Olson

Xandi Olson

Josh Schiltz

Jim Schmidt

Owen Schreiner

Zach Schulz

Annie Tarr

Audrey Zeleny

# Panthers

## Coach: Shar Hanson

Daniel Ackerman

Branden Austinson

Samantha Dewald

Randy Gillman

Nick Hirschert

Alexie Krie

Jackie Krei

Nikki Krei

Dominic Rodriguez

Ann Selzer

Biance Wegner

Mackenna Ziemer

# Wolves

## Coach: Dave Schmidt

Corey Abraham

Alexis Bolstad

Codie Devaney

Anthony Erickson

Stephanie Hakanson

Jordan Lorenzen

Ashley Magelky

Collin Pribula

Lance Rosenkranz

Cody Sorlien

James Wolfgram



# Dickinson

## Dominators

### Coach: Chantel Keller

Jasmine Booth

Zach Cox

Curt Duppong

Janell Duppong

Ryan Duppong

Jenna Holman

Mitch Keller

Ashley Zastoupil

## Rebels

### Coach: Stephanie Rogers

Rachael Axtmann

James Cox

Sean Duppong

Rylan Jochim

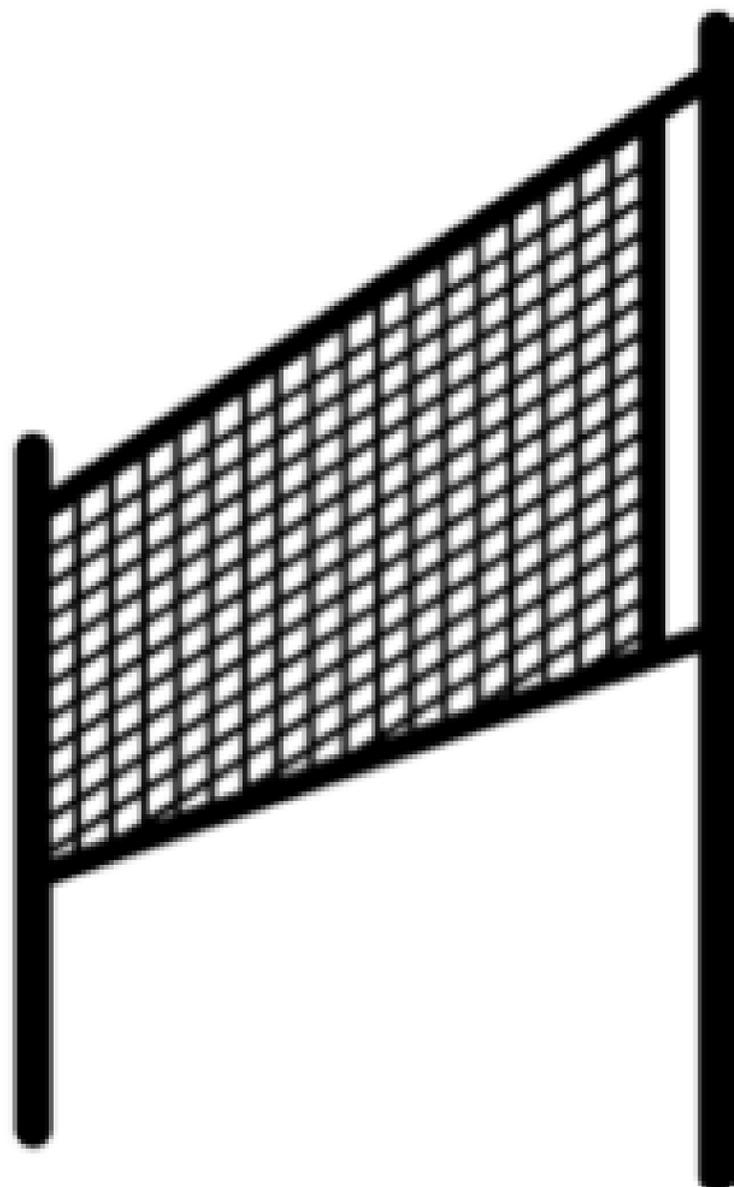
Alizaya Ogren

James Ogren

Scott Ogren

Maxwell Rogers

Scott Rogers



# Grand Forks

## Blizzard

**Coaches: Julie Watson & Georgia Hershey**

Allie Dub

Bella Costa

Jolynn Faulhaber

Breanna Foy

Meghan Foy

Janell Johnston

Mady Stallmo

Kyanne Stringer

Nova Stringer

## Coyotes

**Coach: Scott Conrad**

Erin Baumann

Kelly Bertils

Elise Carter

Jayden Johnson

Bennett Klein

Karen Miller

Jane Sillers

Adam Weiler

## Eagles

**Coaches: Deb Schlieff & Jackie Hodney**

Paige Bakke

Lilia Fish

Jenna Hasbrouck

Kiera Hodney

Grace Nikle

Olivia Lennon

Trinity Orona

Austin Schlieff

## Falcons

**Coach: Jen Capes**

Ethan Johnson

Jassen Johnson

Bailey Jongeward

Teri Morin

Annie Motherwell

McKenzie Olson

Elsa Parrill

Jenna Rehling

Jaiden Thompson

## Lightning

**Coach: Katrina Tjepkema**

Gabe Glassner

Jadean Johnston

Tommy Mikkelson

Juliana Nelson

Quinn Rosten

Corey Shuler

Tom Sorenson

Zach Waldra

# Ravens

**Coaches: Tony Johnson & Tracy Latraille**

Hannah Coble

Ashlyn Foertsch

Stephanie Hoff

Olivia Jenson

Sara Johnson

Francisco Navarro

Vanessa Rodriguez

Adam Walski

# Thunder

**Coach: Katelyn Weber**

Bailey Bjorge

Trevor Bratvold

Kieran Dale

Chad Daucsavage

Kristian Herman

Kevin Nelson

Jecky Oulare

Alex Samardzic

Jett Weis

# Wolfpack

**Coach: Chad Sattler**

Raquel Allison

Cheyenne Booth

David Dahlgren

Beth Johnson

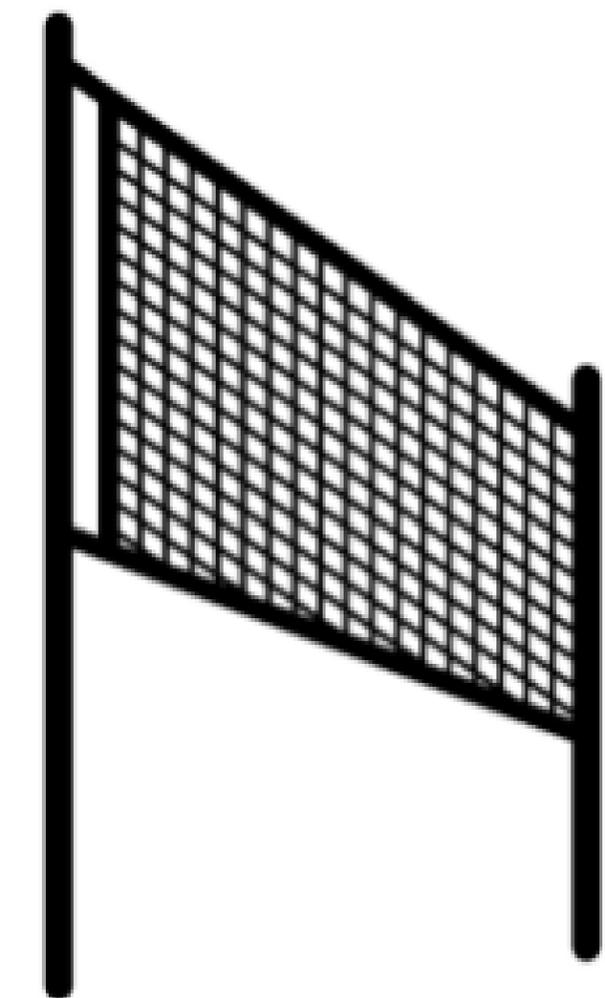
Austin Lieser

Stacy Olson

Dani Sattler

Jennifer Trader

Logan Vacura



# Jamestown

## Cougars

**Coach: Jeremy Willman**

Natasha Benson

Jake Hanson

Myron Houser

Ty Kersting

Gabby Kolden

Sammy Kolden

Skylar Lux

Dominic Radtke

Billy Whitecotton

## Wildcats

**Coach: MaLinda Lux**

Rainann Bull

Jerry Grenz

Dana Holden

MarrLa Kraft

Richard Kraft

Theresa Kraft

Luna Calkins

Kaeonna Radtke

Sandy Ruark

Joey Walden

Haylie Hakanson

# Mandan

## Dinomites

**Coach: Morgan Vitek**

Kayla Foth

Kelli Frederick

Kalvin Kingsley

Ryan Moore

Ann Schuh

Sheridan Twobears

Blake Vetter

Sheldon Himmelpach

Christhian Ortega-Rivera

## Kool Kats

**Coach: Tonya Jans**

Jenny Adams

Henley Frederick

Kendra Gehrke

Monet Paulish

Teddy Pierce

Sakkara Pruett

Dale Reis

Stuart Robillard

Mariah Wanner

Patrisia Schumacher

# Sonics

## Coach: Jenn Frankeberger

Danielle Bingert	Nick Edwards	Matt Grenstiener
Mike Miller	Jasiah Monaghan	Cierra Philbrick
Servando Papoca	Sharon Purcell	Patrick Ridley
Jonathan Zacher		

# Minot

## Chewblockas

### Coaches: Mathew Tollefson & Mikkel Benjamin

Markelle Alexander	Ray Carlson	Christy Coughlin
Lydia Fyelling	Baden Gilkerson	Robert Gorman
Chad Kolb	Aushata Land	Jeff Nehring Jr.
Krista Permentier	Tatum Stebleton	Kyle Ziegler

# Eagles

### Coach: Lane Banister

Seth Grady	Ashley Hanson	Kachine Jackson
Joyce Ngouateu	Dale Opstedahl	Grace Redding
Brandon Reilly	Drew Roberts	Tiffany Smith
Victoria Zurcher	Fateema Edwards-Dorval	

# North Stars

### Coach: Alisha Bower

Sammy Aalund	Cindy Brossart	Morgan Cummings
Brittany Gosselin	Betty Hanson	Jamie LaFromboise
Josh Preston	Sammie Robbins	Jaedyn Rust
Naveah Stone	Scott Tollefson	Skylar Tollefson

# Mini Beavers

## Coaches: Tiffany Walter & Shelley Abernathey

Stetson Erickson	Cody Hanson	Shelby Hess
Mystic Knight	Peyton Morton	Ethan Permentier
Caleb Smith	Tyasia Tollefson	Ethan Walter
Keegan Walter	Mercedes Wolff	
Phoenix Schwarzkopf		

# Storm

## Coaches: Renee Dufner, Jen Rewald & Amanda Kelley

Jimmy Charley	Kim Coutts	Tiffany Coutts
Katie Dufner	Matt Dufner	Michael Dufner
Toni Eide	Jordan Gudmundson	Gavyn Herfendal
Avery Iversen	Tyler Leintz	Erica Moen
Max Osadchuk		

# Valley City

# Aces

## Coaches: Sheila Larson & Paige Lindgren

Cassie Colwell	RoxAnne DeKrey	Jake Deutsch
Uria Gabel	Danielle Hagler	Lee Hoff
Kinsley Larson	Chloe Liebersbach	Emma Nelson
Kandice Novak	Mike Venhuizen	

# Hi Liners

## Coaches: Katie Sather & Alyssa Yorek

Anthony Anderson	Mikayla Deal	Brielle Dulay
Ethan Hamilton	Ali Kohn	Avery Marthaler
Aidyn McCombs	Sullivan Peterson	Hayley Sather
Ben Sorby	Breanna Storly	Mya Sundstrom
Alyssa Wilmes		

# Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 21	Polar Plunge	Grand Forks
March 28	Polar Plunge	Fargo
April 16	Dancing for Special Stars	Grand Forks
May 10-15	Law Enforcement Torch Run	Statewide
May 16-17	<b>State Summer Games</b>	Fargo
June	Truck Pull	Minot
June 20-26	<b>USA Games</b>	Minneapolis
June 29	Fargo Golf Classic	Fargo
September	Tip a Cop	Statewide
September	<b>State Soccer &amp; Bocce</b>	Grand Forks
October 10	Truck Convoy	Fargo
October	Polar Plunge	Bismarck
November 1	<b>State Bowling</b>	Mandan & Fargo
December 5-6	<b>State Basketball</b>	Minot

**As we celebrate the incredible talent and dedication on display at this year's state tournament, we invite you to continue supporting our athletes by attending upcoming events and participating in community activities. Your presence and encouragement make a lasting impact on their journey.**

**Let's keep the momentum going—mark your calendars, bring your team spirit, and help us create more unforgettable moments together. We look forward to seeing you there!**

# Make a Difference

**Volunteer at a Local Event or Fundraiser**

**Become a Unified Partner**

**Become a Coach**

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