

2024

State Summer Games



***Special
Olympics
North Dakota***

May 18th & 19th

Fargo, North Dakota



May 19, 2024

Dear Athletes, Coaches, Families and Friends:

We gather here this weekend to experience the sights and sounds of athletes showcasing their amazing talent and abilities. Swimmers streamlining in the pool kicking for the win. Powerlifters demonstrate just how truly strong they are and not backing down from hard things. And our Track & Field athletes, zipping around the track, leaping in the sand, or heaving the shotput or softball long distances. Each of these athletes striving to be our 2024 State Champions.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make all this possible. From coaches and partners giving time to our athletes each week during their sports seasons, to the countless volunteers here this weekend helping to work each of our sports competitions, preparing and serving meals or selling souvenirs, please know that we appreciate you giving your time and know it does not go unnoticed! We recognize this is a busy time of year and hope the hours that you volunteer this weekend will fill your heart with joy and bring smiles to your face that make your cheeks hurt. Thank you!

Today, we are here at Fargo North due to the fantastic support of one of our true SOND Champions – Jon Darling. Jon was the athletic trainer here at Fargo North. I remember our conversation last year when we were struggling to find a host location for our State Summer Games. He asked me if I would consider moving it to Fargo North. I told him to work his magic. In true Jon fashion, he smiled that sly smile and I knew he could make it happen. Unfortunately, we lost Jon far too soon. He was always so kind and treated our athletes so well. He took time to truly listen to each and every one of them. He would talk through the situation and come up with a plan to get them back in the competition. Jon was a part of our 2022 USA Games North Dakota delegation. I was so happy when they chose to honor Jon during the ESPN airing of the Opening Ceremonies. A man of high character and an even bigger heart (not to mention very funny). Jon touched many lives within the SOND family and I'm so thankful we are here today to say, "Thank You".

It's at the local level – right here in our local communities across the state of North Dakota – where interested volunteers meet the athletes. That's where the perceptions start to change and where the miracle of transformation takes place. **“Opening Doors in '24”** is our theme for this year. Establishing and cultivating relationships with our partners, we seek to develop shared-value partnerships and immersive, employee engagement opportunities while furthering our ability to deliver life-changing programming to individuals with intellectual disabilities. We strive to deliver high-quality training and competition in an inclusive culture that stresses athletic excellence, rewards determination, emphasizes health and celebrates personal achievement. Our athletes inspire people in their communities to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential. Together with your continued support, we will continue to grow and evolve to drive positive change.

As Kieren Perkin stated, “Being your best is not as much about overcoming the barriers other people place in front of you as it is about overcoming the barriers we place in front of ourselves.” Thank you for helping us break down barriers to open more doors for our athletes in '24.

Sincerely,



Nancy Hanson
President & CEO



Welcome!

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

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Athlete Oath

***Let me win. But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt.***



Saturday, May 18th – Fargo North



7:30am - 8:30am	Powerlifting Weigh Ins & Rack Height Check
8:00am - 8:30am	Head of Delegation Check In
8:00am - 9:00am	Powerlifting Warmups in Weight Room
8:15am	Powerlifting Coaches Meeting in Weight Room or Hallway
9:00am – 6:00pm	Powerlifting-First Bench Press then Deadlift Flights
9:00am – 4:30pm	Souvenirs Sales in Commons Area
10:00am – 4:00pm	Olympic Town in Fitness Gym
10:30am – 11:00am	Head of Delegation Check In for delegations with no Powerlifters
11:00am – 12:30pm	Lunch Distribution in the Commons Area Athlete Meal Ticket Required
11:45am	Swimming Coaches Meeting on Pool Deck
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Swimming Warm Up
1:00pm	Swimming Competition Begins
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner in Commons Area Athlete Meal Ticket Required
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Dance in Commons Area

****Powerlifting will be a running schedule. Times listed are approximate and the schedule will run ahead when possible.***

Powerlifting Award Ceremonies will be after each Division is completed in Spartandome Plaza.

Swimming Award Ceremonies will be after each Division is completed on the Pool Deck.



Sunday, May 19th – Fargo North



9:00am	Head of Delegation Check In
9:40am	Opening Ceremony Line Up in Commons
10:00am – 10:45am	Opening Ceremony in Theatre
10:45am	Track & Field Coaches Meeting (Near Long Jump Pit)
11:00am - 3:00pm	Souvenir Sales near Door #28
11:00am	Track Events Begin
11:00am – 12:30pm	Lunch Distribution
11:20am	Field Events Begin
Approx. 3:00pm	Final Track Event

Track & Field Award Ceremonies will be after each Division is completed outside of the track near Door #25.



Powerlifting, Swimming, and Track & Field

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