

Training and Competition Calendar 2026-2027

Special Olympics
North Dakota



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.