



WINTER GAMES

SPORTS: *Alpine, Poly Hockey, Powerlifting, Snowboarding*

	Poly Hockey, Powerlifting	Alpine, Snowboarding
AREA	Late January - February	Feb 10 – Afton Alps
STATE	March 2 & 3 – Stillwater High School	Mar. 10 – Afton Alps

SUMMER GAMES

SPORTS: *Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming, Track & Field*

	Basketball, Swimming, Gymnastics	Track & Field
AREA	March – early May	Late April - May
REGIONAL BASKETBALL	Preseason Reg BB Tourney – March Reg Season Reg BB Tourney - May	<i>No Track & Field Regional</i>
STATE – Gymnastics***	June 14 & 15 – Concordia University	
STATE - Basketball, Swimming, Track & Field	June 21-23 – University of St Thomas	

*Volleyball Tournament – Area 9 competition only, early May

**NEW in 2019 – Area Unified Basketball for Areas 11, 12, 13 (April – date TBD, see SOMN website for info)

***NEW LOCATION/DATE - State Gymnastics – see back page for details

SUMMER SPORTS CLASSIC *see back page for information

SPORTS: *Equestrian, Golf, Tennis*

AREA	July – Early August
STATE	EQ- Aug 16, TN – Aug 17, Golf – Aug 18

FALL GAMES

SPORTS: *Bocce & Softball*

AREA	August
REGIONAL SOFTBALL	August 24 - Waconia
STATE	Sept. 27-29 – HealthEast Sports Center, Woodbury

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

AREA	Late September – Early October
STATE	Oct. 25 – 27, HealthEast Sports Center, Woodbury

BOWLING

LOCATIONS	Alexandria, Brainerd, Brooklyn Park, Duluth, Lakeville, Mankato, Monticello, Red Wing & Thief River Falls
STATE	Nov. 21-24



2019 SUMMER SPORTS CLASSIC

Why was this change made?

The 2018 sports calendar change was put into place to allow new athletes to join the Special Olympics movement and compete in as many sports as venue space allowed without SOMN limiting competition experiences through a delegation quota system at competitions. In 2019 we want to create more opportunities for athletes to compete at venues and competitions that have space available which is why we created the Summer Sports Classic (tennis, golf, and equestrian). The Summer Sports Classic gives athletes an opportunity to compete at more State level competitions in tennis, golf, and equestrian, along with bocce or softball at Fall Games. New in 2019, athletes do not need to pick between tennis and softball/bocce OR golf and softball/bocce.

For example, an athlete in 2019 could now compete at the Summer Sports Classic in equestrian on Friday, tennis on Saturday, golf on Sunday and then at Fall Games they would have to choose either bocce or softball.

Why can't we do this with all sports?

We're unable to do this with our Summer Games sports because space had already been maxed out and to allow for future growth, we needed to make the sports calendar changes.

Our goal is to offer as many competition opportunities for athletes and slightly adjusting the current fall sports schedules where we still have room for growth is one way we are able to do this.

2019 STATE GYMNASTICS AT SUMMER GAMES

Why is State Gymnastics at a different location and on a different date than State Basketball, Swimming and Track & Field?

Due to facility issues at last year's venue, Special Olympics Minnesota has decided to move the State Gymnastics meet to a venue that is better suited to host a high-quality State Gymnastics meet.

State Gymnastics participants are still a part of Summer Games, including access to meals, Victory Village, Healthy Athletes and Celebration Ceremonies. Because the State Gymnastics meet is the weekend prior to all other Summer Games activities, any Gymnastics athlete or Unified Partner is eligible to compete in both gymnastics and one other Summer Games sport. (Athletes still need to qualify for Summer Games by competing at Area prior to State).