



## WINTER GAMES

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

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

## SUMMER GAMES

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

	<b>Basketball, Swimming, Gymnastics</b>	<b>Track &amp; Field</b>
<b>AREA</b>	March – early May	Late April - May
<b>REGIONAL BASKETBALL</b>	Preseason Reg BB Tourney – March Reg Season Reg BB Tourney - May	<i>No Track &amp; Field Regional</i>
<b>STATE</b>	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)*

## SUMMER SPORTS CLASSIC *\*see back page for information*

**SPORTS:** *Equestrian, Golf, Tennis*

<b>AREA</b>	July – Early August
<b>STATE</b>	EQ- Aug 16, TN – Aug 17, Golf – Aug 18

## FALL GAMES

**SPORTS:** *Bocce & Softball*

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

## UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

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

## BOWLING

<b>LOCATIONS</b>	Alexandria, Brainerd, Brooklyn Park, Duluth, Lakeville, Mankato, Monticello, Red Wing & Thief River Falls
<b>STATE</b>	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.