

2019 Special Olympics New Mexico SPORTS UPDATE



The 2019 State and Area Games schedules have been updated on the SONM website (www.sonm.org) and can be accessed at any time. Listed below are the State competition dates followed by Area competition schedule links.

2019 SONM STATE COMPETITION DATES

<i>SONM State Poly Hockey Championships</i> https://sonm.org/poly-hockey-2/	<i>February 22-23</i>	<i>Farmington</i>
<i>SONM Unified Team Bowling Tournament</i> https://sonm.org/sports/sonm-unified-team-bowling-tournament/	<i>March 16</i>	<i>Santa Ana</i>
<i>SONM State Summer Games</i> https://sonm.org/sports/summergames/	<i>May 31-June 2</i>	<i>Albuquerque</i>
<i>SONM Four Corners Invitational</i> https://sonm.org/four-corners-invitational/	<i>August 23-24</i>	<i>Farmington</i>
<i>SONM State Equestrian Event</i> https://sonm.org/state-equestrian/	<i>September 13-14</i>	<i>Clovis</i>
<i>SONM Holiday Classic</i> https://sonm.org/holiday-classic-2/	<i>October 25-26</i>	<i>Las Cruces</i>
<i>SONM State Bowling Tournament</i> https://sonm.org/north-regional-bowling-tournament/	<i>November 8-10</i>	<i>Santa Ana</i>

2019 SONM AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITION DATES

Area 1	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Area-1-Competition-Schedule.pdf
Area 2	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Area-2-Competition-Schedule.pdf
Area 3	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Area-3-Competition-Schedule.pdf
Area 4	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Area-4-Competition-Schedule.pdf
Area 5	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Area-5-Competition-Schedule-2.pdf
Area 6	https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Area-6-Competition-Schedule.pdf

AREA CONTACTS

Contact your Area Director for specific start times, event schedules and tournament brackets/schedules. Also, please confirm each Area date with your Area Director to ensure you have to most up-to-date information.

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2019 IMPORTANT CHANGES, UPDATES AND GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

New Medical Forms

The Application for Participation, otherwise known as the “Athlete Medical”, will be replaced by the most recent nationwide medical forms issued by Special Olympics, Inc (SOI) in 2017. SOI requires that all US programs adopt the new forms by 2020. By implementing the new forms on **January 1, 2019**, SONM will be in position to meet the nationwide requirements within the stated timeline.

The plan is to phase out the old forms by **July 1, 2019**. The new medical forms are currently available on the SONM website and the old forms have been removed. We are well aware that Local Programs have blank copies of the old medical forms already distributed to athletes who are in need of an update. Because of this, there will be a six month “grace-period” when both, the old and new, forms will be accepted. Old medical forms dated after **June 30, 2019** will not be considered valid and will not be accepted.

Athletes who have current medicals on file will not be required to get a new one until the old one on file expires. This means that SONM will not be in 100% compliance until June of 2022 but we will have the new system in place by 2020.

The new forms are vastly different than the old forms and will require your immediate attention to the new format and detailed information required. The new medical has three sections:

1. **Athlete Registration** – this part of the medical is to be complete by the athlete, parent or guardian and is basically an expansion of the top part of the old medical with more detailed information requested. This is also where the athlete release is located.
2. **Health History** – in this section, the athlete, parent or guardian completes a health inventory. This section is an expansion of the middle part of the old medical.
3. **Athlete Exam** – the exam must be performed by a Licensed Physician or other licensed professional such as a Nurse Practitioner or a Physician Assistant. If, by chance, an athlete is not cleared to participate, there is a specialist referral form that must be completed before the athlete will be eligible to participate.

The new medical PDF file has been coded to include fillable fields. This means that the form can be completed in PDF format and emailed to the physician’s office where it can then be electronically signed. Because the fields are “coded”, we cannot change the form to be state specific. The first place this is most noticeable is that there is no place to record what Local Program the athlete is associated with. Athletes will still be able to print the forms and complete them by hand if that is the preferred method.

All of the new forms are available in English and Spanish.

English Version

Medical Instructions: https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Medical-Form-Completion-Instructions_March2018.pdf

Medical Forms: <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SONM-Athlete-Registration-and-Medical-Forms-English.pdf>

Supplemental Forms

AAI Form: <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/AAI-Special-Release-Form-English.pdf>

Emergency Care Refusal (Athlete): <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Emergency-Care-Refusal-Athlete-English.pdf>

Emergency Care Refusal (Parent/Guardian): <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Emergency-Care-Refusal-Parent-Guardian-English.pdf>

Spanish Version

Medical Forms: <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SONM-Athlete-Registration-and-Medical-Forms-Spanish.pdf>

There are no instructions in Spanish at this time.

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Emergency Care Refusal (Athlete): <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Emergency-Care-Refusal-Athlete-2017-Spanish.pdf>

Emergency Care Refusal (Parent/Guardian): <https://sonm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Emergency-Care-Refusal-Parent-Guardian-2017-Spanish.pdf>

NEW SATFF POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning the second week of January, Jena Waddell will be joining the SONM staff full time. Jena has been the Area 5 Director for the past couple of years and will be filling the Assistant Sport Director position. She previously held the Coaches Education position for several years. In her new position, Jena will remain the Area 5 Director and will be taking on many responsibilities related to sports and competition.

2019 SONM STATE POLY HOCEKY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Team Assessment Fee for the 2018 SONM State Poly Hockey Championships is \$20.00 per person. Certified Officials, who are scheduled to officiate both Area and State level games, are **exempt from this fee**. There are no other major changes planned for the 2019 tournament. We will begin competition on Friday, February 22 at 12:00 pm. More information will be available once all team information and numbers have been processed. The Individual Skills Competition times and location will be determined once all entries have been received and space availability has been calculated.

2019 SONM UNIFIED TEAM BOWLING TOURNAMENT

There are no changes planned for 2019 in this event. All delegations planning on competing in this event are asked to remember that this event is scheduled for one day only (3 Sessions) and the tournament slots will be offered on a "first-come-first-served basis". The Team Assessment Fee is \$20.00 per person registered.

2019 SONM STATE SUMMER GAMES

The Team Assessment Fees will remain at \$30.00 per person. There are a few "tweaks" planned for the 2019 SONM State Summer Games. Most of the details are still being worked out but I can tell you all that there is a change to the Track Event Schedule that you should be aware of. The 50 Meter Run/Walk and Wheelchair events have been divided by gender. Currently, the 50 M events for female athletes are scheduled to report to staging at 7:30 am and the male participants are scheduled to report at 12:00 pm. We hope this will help with the backup in staging, secondary staging and at the awards venue. In addition, the pentathlon will now be hosted over two days. Beginning on Friday, May 31st at 9:00 am, athletes who are participating in the pentathlon will compete in the 100 Meter Run, Long jump and Shot put. On Saturday, June 1st athletes will compete in the high jump at 9:00 am and the 400 Meter Run at 11:00 am.

There is a plan to re-organize the Bocce Venue but those plans have not been solidified yet but you are encouraged to expect some changes in how the bocce tournament is scheduled.

More detailed information will be made available as we get closer to the event.

2019 SONM FOUR CORNERS INVITATIONAL

The golf lunch will be eliminated at all golf venues in 2019. Please be sure to make other arrangements for your golf teams. The Team Assessment Fee will remain at \$30.00 per person and there are no other planned changes to Golf, Aquatics or Unified Softball. In Golf, we will be offering competition in Level 1, Level 1.5 and Level 2. We will also be extending the golf season into the Holiday Classic.

2019 SONM STATE EQUESTRIAN EVENT

There are no major changes planned for the 2019 State Equestrian competition. All patterns used in 2018 will be the same in 2019 with changes coming in 2020.

2019 SONM STATE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

The Holiday Classic will feature the State Basketball Tournament, Golf Level 1 and Level 2 and Unified Team Bocce. The Team Assessment fee will remain at \$30.00 per person. Level 3 golf competition will not be offered in 2019. All golfers are eligible to compete in either event or both if you prefer to do so.

2019 SONM STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Since the situation with the bowling alley in Las Cruces is far from being solved, we are planning on offering a State Bowling Tournament at the Santa Ana Starlight lanes just as we did this year. The event will again be hosted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If the bowling alley in Las Cruces reopens under new ownership, we will definitely take a look at adding the South Regional Tournament back into the mix but this will have to happen before August to ensure we can be released from other facility contracts. The Team Assessment Fee will remain at \$20.00 per person.