



MPS Adaptive Athletics

MPS Adaptive Athletics is a cross-categorical competition-based athletics program for MPS students with disabilities.

MPS Adaptive Athletics Events



Athlete Qualifications

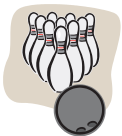
Students that are classified as having a primary cognitive disability (CD), orthopedic impairment (OI), visual impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI), other health impairment (OHI), or autism (AUT) qualify to participate in the MPS Adaptive Athletics program. We are presently developing our program components for students that are classified as having an emotional behavioral disorder (EBD). Our program is geared toward individuals who may have difficulty participating in regular education athletics, as they need adaptations in time, equipment, rules, and/or specific events.

Days/Hours

All MPS Adaptive Athletics school-based tournaments are held during the school day. A typical tournament occurs between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM.

Sports Offered

The MPS Adaptive Athletics program currently offers, bowling, volleyball, team basketball, basketball skills, bocce, track and field, and Sports Challenge Day (for students with multiple and significant disabilities).



Location of Events

Most MPS Adaptive Athletics events are held in MPS high schools and field houses, with the exception of bowling which is held at a local bowling alley.

Practice/Training

Athlete training and practice takes place at the school or a facility arranged by the school and is provided by the coach or other individuals designated by the school. Athletes must be trained prior to competing in a MPS Adaptive Athletics event.



Communication

All information regarding competitions will come out of the MPS Adaptive Athletics office.

Divisioning

Athletes are divisioned according to their qualifying score/average score, age, grade, special education classification, and level of social functioning in order to ensure fair competition for all participants.

Transportation

Bussing is provided by MPS Adaptive Athletics. If space permits, busses are often shared by more than one school.

Equipment

The MPS Adaptive Athletics program has some equipment available for schools to borrow while training athletes.



Nursing Services

MPS nurses are available when there are participating athletes that require nursing services such as medication or tube feeding. The need for nursing services must be indicated on the entry form and the coach must also communicate details of athletes participating in the upcoming tournament with the school nurse.

Uniforms

Athletes participating in MPS Adaptive Athletics events must wear a school uniform. This could be something as simple as a school t-shirt, or as elaborate as a two-piece uniform. Athletic shoes are required and jeans are not permitted.

Lunches

Schools must ensure that bag lunches are brought to each MPS Adaptive Athletics event. Concessions are NOT sold at MPS Adaptive Athletics events. School personnel are strongly discouraged from leaving an event to purchase fast food.



Volunteers

All MPS Adaptive Athletics events are facilitated with the assistance of MPS high school student volunteers.

Spectators

Parents and/or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend competitions. Unfortunately, students that are not competing are not permitted to attend events.

Special Olympics Wisconsin Events

Athlete Qualifications

Students with a primary cognitive disability may participate in Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) through Special Olympics of the Greater Milwaukee Area (SOGMA) where they compete in area, regional, and statewide competitions against other athletes from Wisconsin. In order to participate in SOWI/SOGMA, athletes must have valid medical and release form on file with the Special Olympics of Wisconsin office.

Days/Hours

Competitions take place on the weekends and do not interfere with the school-based schedule.



Sports Offered

SOWI/SOGMA offers bowling, volleyball, team basketball, basketball skills, gymnastics, aquatics, and athletics (track and field) which all occur during the school year. There are several other sports available for athletes to participate in during the summer months. They may do so through the MPS Team Milwaukee Special Olympics Program.

Location of Events

SOWI/SOGMA events are held at various locations throughout the city and state.



Transportation

Athletes competing in SOGMA events have the option to pay \$2.00 for door-to-door transportation from their house to and from the events, or to have their parent/guardian drive them to and from the events. State SOWI events in the winter and spring take place outside of Milwaukee. Athletes take a bus with other athletes to and from the event.

Nursing Services

There are individuals trained in First Aid on site at SOWI/SOGMA events, but nurses to assist with tube-feeding and medication are not provided.

Chaperones

In order for an athlete or group of athletes to participate in a SOWI/SOGMA event, a certified coach must be present and there must be enough chaperones to provide a 4:1 athlete to chaperone ratio.



Coach Certification

In order for athletes from a particular school to participate in a SOWI/SOGMA event, at least one certified coach from that school must be in attendance at each competition and be certified in that specific sport. Coaches certification clinics are offered periodically through the Special Olympics Area office. Certifications must be renewed every three years.

Cost

There is a fee to participate in SOWI state competitions which is either paid by the athletes or the school. Fund raising initiatives are a good way to defray the cost.



Uniforms

All participating athletes **MUST** wear a school uniform for all competitions. When participating in a team sport, uniforms must be completely identical in color and style. Any undershirts must be the same color as the main panel of the jersey. Other uniform regulations may apply.

Special Needs

Coaches can complete a special needs form that is filed with both Area and State Special Olympics offices in the event that an athlete requires special attention during their competition. This form must be completed for each sport, each year.

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