

SUMMER SEASON

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Washington*



TECHNICAL MANUAL



2019 East Region SOFTBALL & BOCCE Competition

Saturday, July 27th

Pasco 6 Complex - Pasco

TEAMS

We welcome the following teams to our **2019 EAST REGION SOFTBALL & BOCCE BALL COMPETITION**:

SOFTBALL	BOCCE BALL
West Plains	Lakeland Village
Community Colleges of Spokane	Moses Lake
Spokane Wolfpack	Twin River
Tri Cities	West Plains
Twin River	
Wenatchee	
Moses Lake	
Othello	
Yakima	

GENERAL SCHEDULE

8:30 am – 10:30 am	Team Registration	COMMAND CENTER
9:00am – 9:20pm	Coaches Meeting	COMMAND CENTER
9:30 am – 5:30 pm	Softball / T-Ball Competition	Softball fields
9:30 am – completion	Bocce Ball Competition	Designated area
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch	near COMMAND CENTER
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Softball: Individual Skills Competition	Designated grass area and field

COMMAND CENTER

Here are some things you will find at our **COMMAND CENTER**:

Team check in (pick up packets) / Coaches Meeting / Results processed / Lost and Found / Merchandise table / Volunteer check in / General Information / Medical bag

Venue Directions and Information

Pasco 6 Complex
6520 Home Run Rd., Pasco



DIRECTIONS: Click [here](#) for Google directions!

GENERAL DIRECTIONS BELOW MAY HELP – CHECK ROUTE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL:

From Spokane: Head West on I-90. At exit 220, take ramp right for US-395 South toward Pasco. Take ramp right for I-82 West toward Richland/Pendleton. From I-182 take Road 68 exit, go right out Rodeo, right onto Convention Place, left on Homerun Road

From Yakima: Head East on I-82 toward Richland. At exit 102 take ramp right for I-182 East toward Richland/Pasco. From I-182 take Road 68 exit, go right out Rodeo, right onto Convention Place, left on Homerun Road.

From Wenatchee: Take WA-281 North. Take ramp right for I-90 West toward Seattle. At exit 137, take ramp right for WA-26 East toward Othello/Richland. Keep straight onto SR-26. Turn right onto SR-243. Bear right onto SR-24. Keep straight onto SR-240. Turn right to stay on SR-240/By bass Hwy. Take ramp for I-182 East. From I-182 take Road 68 exit, go right out Rodeo, right onto Convention Place, left on Homerun Road

From Moses Lake: Take SR-17 toward Pasco. Take ramp right and follow signs for US-395 South. Take ramp right for I-82 West toward Richland/Pendleton. From I-182 take Road 68 exit, go right out Rodeo, right onto Convention Place, left on Homerun Road.

From Clarkson: Turn left onto Bridge St (US-12)/Turn right onto Owens Rd/Turn left onto Lewis and Clark Trail Hwy (WA-127) toward US-12 W/Walla Walla/Continue on Preston Ave (WA-124)/Turn right onto Main St (WA-124)/Turn left onto W 2nd St (WA-124)/Turn right and take ramp onto W Highway 12 (US-12 W)/Continue on I-182 (Lewis and Clark Trail Hwy)/Take exit 9 toward Road 68/Turn right onto N Road 68/Turn right onto Rodeo Dr/Turn right onto Convention Pl/Turn left onto Homerun Rd

GENERAL VENUE INFORMATION:

RESTROOMS: Located near the concession stand.

GARBAGE: The tournament grounds including the parking lot must be left in good repair, clear and litter free. Failure to do so will result in loss of part or all the SOWA deposit. **Please place all litter in a garbage container.**

SMOKING: Smoking, vaping and tobacco use is prohibited in all City of Pasco buildings and within 20 ft. from any playground structure.

PETS: No pets are allowed inside the Pasco Sporting complex gates (service animals must have credentials and be approved). Pet owners may walk their pets on the paths and in the grass areas **outside the gates**, but must always pick up after their animal and keep their pet under control according to the City of Pasco Ordinance # 8.04.050.

ALCOHOL: Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at all city owned parks, sports complexes, and facilities.

WEATHER: Bring sunscreen, baseball hats, coolers, and refillable water containers (water refill stations available at complex. Misters will be running over some of the bleachers if the weather is hot.

MERCHANDISE

Our merchandise table will be located near **COMMAND CENTER**. Along with our current SUMMER SEASON clothing, we will be selling our “past season” clothing at deeply reduced prices. **Cash / check / credit cards are all excepted.**

COMPETITION STYLE

SOFTBALL / T-BALL: will be a **double elimination competition**. Awards presented soon after each team completes their bracket and results posted. Individual Skills will be awarded soon after everyone has completed the Individual Skills Competition.

BOCCE BALL: will be a **round robin competition**. Awards presented soon after each team completes their bracket/division and results processed.

LUNCH:



PANDA EXPRESS is once again providing LUNCH BOXES – ALL DONATED, how about that!! Lunch will be available starting at approximately 11:00am. LET THEM KNOW WE APPRECIATE THEM! **Welch’s fruit snacks** will help “round out” lunch. A **limited amount of bottled water** will be onsite, however – please encourage your players to bring water containers that can be refilled on location

FYI: Lunch is available **for athletes /partners / coaches / and volunteers** only.

CONCESSION STAND operated by PASCO 6 COMPLEX will also be open and items available for purchase during the competition.

HOUSING INFORMATION

NO housing is being provided for this competition.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of our EAST REGION SOFTBALL / BOCCE BALL COMPETITION. Dozens of dedicated and enthusiastic persons are needed in the days before, during and after our Saturday event.

Coaches – WE NEED HELP: if you know of anyone interested in helping us at this event, please refer them to our online registration site: <https://2019eastsoftball.my-trs.com/>

A heart-felt thank you to **ALL** who have volunteered to help make this competition happen!

COACHES MEETINGS:

We will have a short onsite COACHES MEETING at the COMMAND CENTER on the day of the event don't forget about our **ON-LINE/PHONE-IN meeting on Thursday, July 18th** (instructions in COACHES PACKET and EAST REGION webpage) and below:

2019 ER Softball/Bocce Coaches Call

Thu, Jul 18, 2019 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PDT

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/398103653>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412)

Access Code: 398-103-653

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MEDICAL

AMR American Medical Response continues to provide excellent medical care at our regional competitions and will be onsite for this competition! Stop by to let them know just how much we appreciate them.

We highly encourage each team to bring your own personal medical kit with you.... and, don't forget – coaches are **required to carry current AFP and UP forms** with them! **FYI:** A medical bag will also be kept at the COMMAND CENTER.

Application for Participation (AFP) – Unified Participation release (UP)

SOWA requires all participants to poses a current AFP / UP in order to participate during the season – that includes practice and competition! Coaches are **required to carry copies** of those forms while at practice and competitions. It is very important to keep those forms in a safe place as they contain personal information.

AWARDS



Awards will be presented near the designated area as results are processed and completed. **This is a state qualifying competition.**

We ask that all teams or individuals remain at the venue until their awards have been presented. If it becomes impossible to stay for the award presentation, the HEAD COACH is responsible to have a team or individual representative pick up the awards as they are presented and be responsible to deliver them to the recipients.

SUMMER STATE GAMES REGISTRATION

A quick turnaround - registration deadline for those advancing to our SUMMER STATE GAMES in Everett will be **no later than Tuesday, July 30th**. Required forms will be available on our [East Region Webpage](#).

DIVISIONING INFORMATION

Special Olympics competitions provide teams and athletes with the opportunity to demonstrate sport skills they have acquired during training. Special Olympics teams and athletes strive for their best performance at each competition. Most regional competitions are also used to advance teams to our season's STATE GAMES based on their results and allowed state allocations (see "allocation" section for explanation).

TEAMS: Based on Special Olympics International's Article 1, teams are divisioned by age group and skill level. If necessary and safe, age groups may be divisioned together. However, allocations are adjusted so that the age groups are not competing against each other for a state invitation – we are simply looking for ways to provide regional competition.

In order to cultivate equitable competition, we try to division teams according to their level of play. Skill level is based on qualifying scores submitted by the coach during the FINAL REGISTRATION process and past season results if the team is basically made up of the same athletes/partners.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS: Based on Special Olympics International's Article 1, athletes are divisioned by age, gender, and ability unless there are not enough participants to create a competitive division within these parameters. Divisions are generally created with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 participants. However, if there are not enough participants to accommodate age, gender and ability while also abiding by the minimum and maximum division numbers, we may combine the categories above in order to cultivate equitable competition.... or, in some cases reduce the minimum number to 1 or 2.

In addition to using the guidelines above to cultivate equitable competition, we use the qualifying scores submitted on the INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM.

We will always strive to create the best divisions, however, there may be times when divisioning pairings fall short of our stated goals.

STATE SOFTBALL / BOCCE BALL ALLOCATIONS:

Here are how the state SOFTBALL / BOCCE BALL allocations (how many teams/individuals the EAST REGION can send) for our upcoming SUMMER STATE GAMES are determined:

Special Olympics Washington has divided the state into three regions – the East Region includes the areas of **North Central / Northeast / Southeast / Tri-Cities / Walla Walla / Valley** as shown on the map at the end of this manual:

The state office works from a pre-determined matrix (formula) in order to approve how many ALLOCATIONS a region is allowed. That matrix includes things such as: housing space / venue space / time restraints / volunteer availability / budget boundaries / etc.

The total ALLOCATION number must then be divided amongst the three regions. This is determined by calculating the number of teams/skills individuals representing each region. The number of ALLOCATIONS each region is awarded is proportionate (percentage) to the number of participants/teams the region reports.

The East Region SOFTBALL / BOCCE BALL allocations will be determined and announced just before our competition on July 27th.

AREA LEADERSHIP

AREA MAP

Special Olympics Washington

Region	Counties
Peninsula	Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Gig Harbor, Mason
Capitol	Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, Pacific
Columbia River	Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Wahkiakum
Cascade	Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit, Island
North Central	Douglas, Okanogan, Chelan, Grant, Adams
Northeast	Spokane, Ferry, Stevens, Lincoln, Pend Oreille
Southeast	Whitman, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield
Tri-Cities	Benton, Franklin
Walla Walla	Walla Walla
King County	King
Valley	Yakima, Ellensburg, Sunnyside, Kittitas, Klickitat

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SEE ALL OF YOU ON JULY 27TH AT THE PASCO 6 COMPLEX!!