



Volunteer Guide

**Special
Olympics**
Rhode Island



State Summer Games
May 31st, June 1st & 2nd, 2024

University of Rhode Island



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**RHODE ISLAND
SUMMER GAMES**
2024



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the Summer Games?

Special Olympics Rhode Island Summer Games are an annual Olympic athletic event for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

When are the 2024 Summer Games?

This year's Games will be held Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2024. [Click here](#) for a list of competition dates and times.

Who will be there?

The 2024 Summer Games is expected to draw 1,000 athletes, 500 coaches, 1,000 volunteers, and 2,000 or more families, friends, and fans!

Where will the 2024 Summer Games take place?

The Summer Games are annually held at the University of Rhode Island located in Kingston, RI. The location of competition venues can be found below.

- **Bowling:** Old Mountain Lanes, 756 Kingstown Rd, Wakefield, RI
- **Powerlifting:** 75 Keaney Rd, Kingston, RI
- **Soccer:** 75 Keaney Rd, Kingston, RI
- **Swimming:** Tootell Aquatic Center, 105 Keaney Rd, Kingston, RI
- **Track & Field:** Mackal Field, 75 Keaney Rd, Kingston, RI

Who leads Special Olympics Rhode Island?

Special Olympics Rhode Island is a 501c3 not for profit led by a volunteer board of directors and fourteen (14) staff. Robin Erban Moses is the current chair of the board. Ed Pacheco was appointed President and CEO on May 16, 2022.

What is the mission of Special Olympics Rhode Island?

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by providing them with continuing opportunities to develop fitness, demonstrate courage,

experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Who is managing the 2024 Summer Games?

The entire staff of Special Olympics Rhode Island along with an amazing group of volunteers known as the Games Management Team (GMT) have planned and manage the Summer Games. The key individuals responsible for managing the event are Ed Pacheco, President and CEO of Special Olympics Rhode Island, and Brian Goldberger, Games Management Director.

If I need assistance at the Games, who should I look for?

Special Olympics Rhode Island staff and Games Management Team volunteers will be available throughout the various Summer Games venues to answer any and all questions. GMT and staff members will be wearing **RED** polo shirts and identification badges. Medical personnel will also be on site and identifiable by their **NEON GREEN** t-shirts and **BLUE** medical cross symbol.

What competitions are taking place at the Games?

The 2024 Summer Games will feature athletes competing in Swimming, Athletics, Bowling, Powerlifting, Unified Soccer, and Soccer Skills.

GENERAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS RHODE ISLAND STATE SUMMER GAMES

May 31 - June 2, 2024

CHECK IN

Please park at the Keaney Lot and check in at the Volunteer Registration Tent located at 75 Keaney Rd, Kingston, RI, adjacent to Mackel Fieldhouse at the main entrance to the Games. If you are volunteering from a corporation or a group, please make sure to check with your community affairs office to ensure you are pre-registered. Once you are checked in, you will receive a volunteer name badge with your job assignment listed, a volunteer t-shirt, and your specific venue assignment. Any training needed will be provided at each sport venue by the venue director. If you have any questions or problems during the events, the Special Olympics Rhode Island staff or Games Management volunteers at each venue will be more than willing to assist you.

The Volunteer Tent will be open beginning at 8 a.m. if you would like to check in earlier than your stated time. **PLEASE NOTE**, Bowling Volunteers should check-in directly at Old Mountain Lanes.

ATTIRE

Dress for comfort and mobility, keeping weather in mind if you are volunteering in an outdoor event. We ask that you wear khaki pants/shorts or something similar but preferably not jeans. Comfortable athletic shoes are a good idea.

There is no storage for bags, purses, or backpacks. Please leave these locked in your car or at home.

FOOD/LUNCHES

Lunch will be provided if you are assigned to work through lunch. You may also bring lunch or a snack from home. Please do not eat while working at your assigned venue in front of athletes. Snacks and refreshments will be available in the volunteer tent, Olympic Village and throughout the Games.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Please refrain from using your cell phone while volunteering unless it is an emergency. Cell phones should remain on silent at all times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

You represent Special Olympics Rhode Island as a volunteer. Remember to conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to athletes, other volunteers, family, the general public, and the media. Please give your full attention to your volunteer duties.

Smiles, applause, and enthusiasm are always welcomed! Use your normal voice when giving support to the athletes. Physical recognition should be led by athletes based on their preference and comfort. Some athletes are instructed by their coaches and parents not to hug strangers. High-fives or fist bumps are most often appreciated!

Enjoy your interactions with the athletes, but don't be afraid to ask coaches, more experienced volunteers, or staff members for help when faced with an uncomfortable situation.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

The Games are held rain or shine. Outdoor activities schedules are subject to change.

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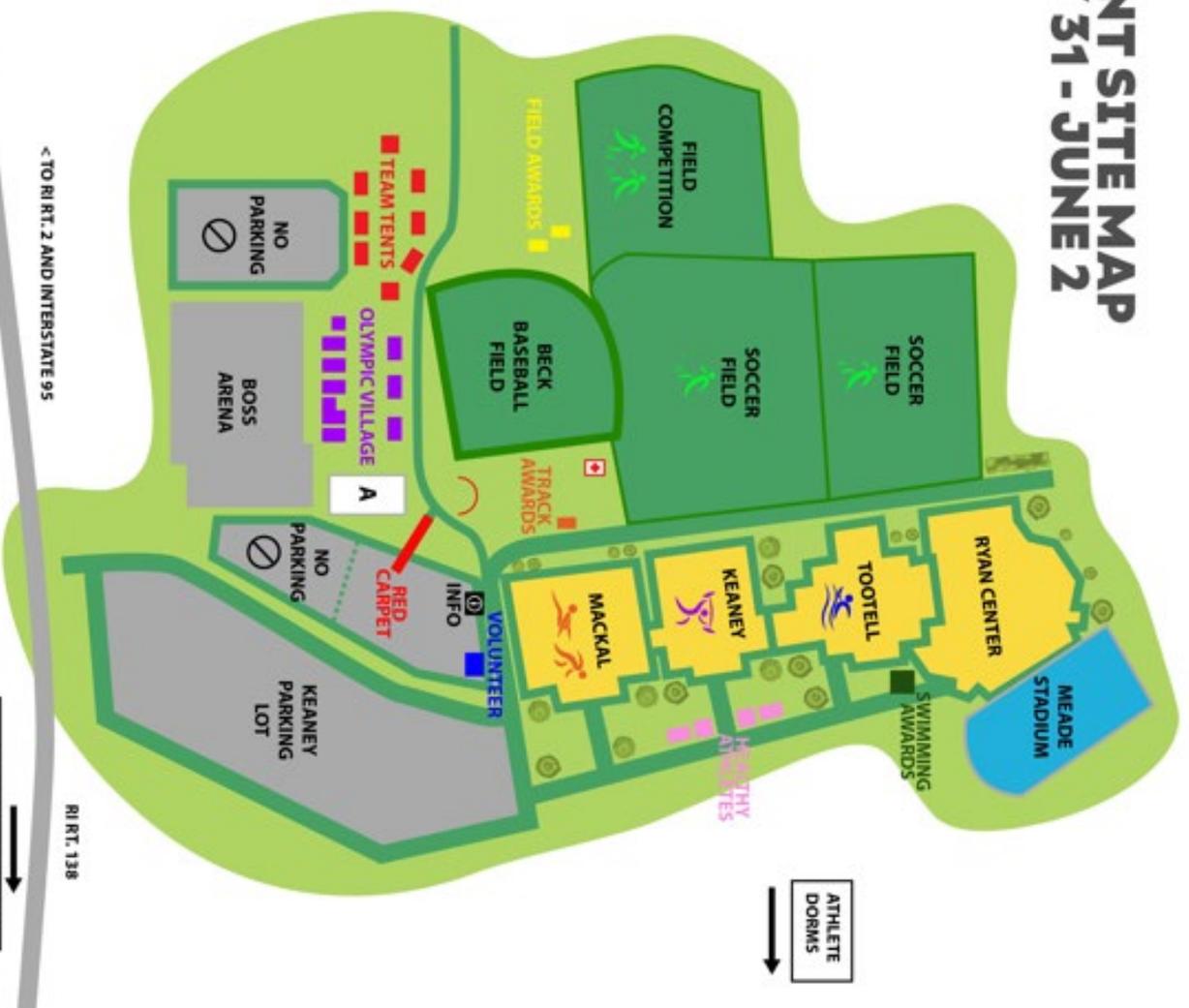
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EVENT SITE MAP MAY 31 - JUNE 2

- OPENING CEREMONY
- SWIMMING
- TRACK
- LONG JUMP
- POWERLIFTING
- SOCCER
- BOWLING
- TEAM TENTS
- OLYMPIC VILLAGE
- FIELD AWARDS
- TRACK AWARDS
- SWIMMING AWARDS
- VOLUNTEER
- HEALTHY ATHLETES
- INFORMATION
- MEDICAL
- ACTIVITIES TENT



< TO RI RT. 2 AND INTERSTATE 95

RI RT. 138

BOWLING LOCATED AT
 OLD MOUNTAIN LANES
 756 KINGSTOWN RD,
 WAKEFIELD, RI 02879