

Recreation and Athletic Opportunities for all District Families of Students with Disabilities



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# **Topics of Discussion**

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- 1. Challenger League
- 2. Special Olympics
- 3. Jackson Township Recreation Department Commission for the Disabled
- 4. Jackson School Based Athletics











# Challenger League



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# What is Challenger League?

 The Ocean/Monmouth County Challenger Sports League is designed to offer a socialization opportunity through athletic participation between disabled students with their non-disabled peers.

• Students are eligible to participate on the challenger team when they are in seventh grade. Students with disabilities can participate until the age 21.

 It enables students with disabilities who would not ordinarily participate in typical middle school and high school sports, to now have the opportunity to play in a competitive sports league.



# **Challenger League Sports**

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Flag Football Soccer	Basketball	Softball

- All sports are co-ed
- Home games are played at 10am on Sunday at Jackson Memorial High School
- Away games are played at 10am on Sunday at participating High Schools in Ocean & Monmouth Counties
- Cost = Free & District transportation is provided



## **Challenger League Additional Information**

 Special event ceremonies and activities may be scheduled at the conclusion of the Fall and Spring seasons

- Some examples may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Bowling, Blueclaws, Golf Outings, Award Banquets,
     Walk-a-Thons, Punt/Pass/Kick Competition

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# **Special Olympics**



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# What are the Special Olympics?

- Their mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities
- To be eligible to participate in Special Olympics, athletes must be at least 8
  years old and identified by an agency or professional as having one of the
  following conditions:
  - intellectual disability
  - cognitive delay as determined by standardized measures such as intelligence quotient (IQ) or other accepted measures
  - closely related developmental disability



# **Special Olympics Sports**

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Cycling Equestrian Flag Football Golf Soccer Triathlon	Alpine Skiing Cross-Country Skiing Figure Skating Floor Hockey Snowboarding Snowshoeing Speed Skating Volleyball	Basketball Bowling	Bocce Gymnastics Powerlifting Softball Swimming Tennis Track & Field (Athletics)



#### **Special Olympics Monmouth & Ocean Counties**

Monmouth and Ocean Counties make up Area 6. The following sports are available:

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Equestrian Golf Soccer Triathlon	Cross-Country Skiing Rowing Snowshoeing	Basketball Bowling	Bocce Baseball Swimming Tennis Track & Field (Athletics)



# **Special Olympics Additional Information**

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# Jackson Township Recreation Department Commission for the Disabled



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#### What is the Commission for the Disabled?

- The Commission serves the disabled and handicapped Jackson residents by providing a variety of recreational, educational and social activities throughout the calendar year. Events are open to all ages.
- The Commission for the Disabled/Handicapped, under the auspices of Jackson Township, advocates their advancement and independence through events, trips and recreational programs.
- The Commission provides help and information to residents in finding the proper agency responsible in resolving specific problems.



# **Commission for the Disabled: Sports**

FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Soccer	Basketball	Softball	Bowling

- <u>Soccer</u> is in the fall, starting in September and runs 6 weeks. Times are 9-11am at a local elementary school gym.
- <u>Basketball</u> is in the winter, starting in January and runs 6 weeks. Times are 9-11am at a local elementary school gym.
- <u>Softball</u> is in the spring, starting in April and runs 6 weeks. Times are 10am-12pm and practices are held at a local township softball field.
- <u>Bowling</u> is in the summer, starting in July and runs 6 weeks. Times are usually in the evening and the location is Howell Lanes



#### **Commission for the Disabled: Activities**

• The list below includes only <u>some</u> of the recreational activities offered:

Arts & Crafts	Holiday Winter Wonderland	Movie Night
Ceramics	Halloween/Fall Fun	Prom Night (13 and up)
Chorale Group	Horseback Riding	Spring Fling
Helping Hands (13 and up)	Mini Golf	Valentines Day

• These activities are subject to change depending on the demand and interest of their special needs clients.



#### **Commission for the Disabled Additional Information**

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# Jackson School Based Athletics



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#### What School Based Athletics are available?



#### **Elementary School**





#### Middle School



- > Intramural sports are available after school
- > Usually 1 hour sessions 2 days a week for 5 weeks
- > Fall Basketball
- > Spring Flag Football









> Fall

Field Hockey

Soccer (B&G)

Cross Country(B&G)

> Spring

Baseball

Softball

Track (B&G)

> Winter

Cheerleading

Basketball (B&G)

Wrestling (B&G)



#### What School Based Athletics are available?



#### High School



Fall

Cheerleading

**Cross Country** 

Field Hockey

Football

Gymnastics

Soccer

**Girls Tennis** 

Girls Volleyball

Winter

Basketball

Wrestling

**Indoor Track** 

Swimming

Bowling

Ice Hockey

**Spring** 

Baseball

Softball

Track

Lacrosse

Boys Tennis

Golf

Boys Volleyball

# Q & A Panel

**Questions for Discussion** 

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