



Special Olympics
Kansas



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Casey's & Coca Cola Above and Beyond!

A huge Special Olympics Kansas thank you goes out to all the Kansas Casey's stores

that teamed up with **Coca Cola** for the

statewide fundraiser in July.

157 Kansas Locations participated:
 Icons sold: \$74,956.66
 44 oz. Cup Total: \$3,428.80
 Total Funds Raised in Kansas: \$78,385.46

Kansas ranked 4th in the states that participated! Shout outs go to:

- Mulvane** - #1 Store in icon sales
- Overland Park** - #1 Store in cup sales
- Caney** - #2 store in icon sales
- Salina** - sold 1,986 cups in 5 stores
- Pittsburg** - sold 1,936 cups in 3 stores
- Emporia** - sold 1,730 cups in 3 stores



STATE SOCCER & BOCCIE TOURNAMENT

Lone Elm Park, Olathe

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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2018 State Basketball Update

In 2018, SOKS will host two State Basketball & Cheerleading Tournaments one in Hays, March 16-17 and one in Topeka, March 23 - 24.

The Hays event will mirror years past at FHSU and the Topeka event will be hosted by Washburn University. Both tournaments will be two days instead of three.

The three main reasons for the move are:

- the growth in basketball across the state made a single site event very challenging to host from a facility and volunteer perspective;
- teams are facing tightening budgets so one less hotel night bill will help some; and,
- athletes want to attend state basketball therefore offering a smaller event where coaches choose which athletes attend or teams must qualify to attend, were two options that organizations were not in favor of based on discussions with teams attending the last program conference.

The tentative schedule at both sites:

Friday
 10am - 5pm Ball Games
 6pm - 9pm Dinner, Opening, Dance

Saturday
 8am - 10am Individual Skills, Cheerleading
 10am - 2pm Team Skills, Ball Games

Click here for a tentative list of where organizations will be assigned for their state tourney and for a memo that you can share with your constituents. Please direct any questions to Tim Rehder rehdert@kssso.org

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Youth Leader Recognition Program

SOKS has a brand new Youth Leader recognition program that we think schools and students alike will be very excited about. Any student can participate, whether they have special needs or not. Students do not necessarily need to have participated in Unified Sports, either.

Students simply complete actions in 5 of 6 categories and submit an online application explaining what they did. They can do these activities anytime throughout the 2017-18 school year and submit by April 15. In May, students will be honored and recognized as Unified Champion Schools Youth Leaders!

Questions- contact Clint - armisteadc@kssso.org

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Coaches' Corner

What Special Olympics Athletes Want From Their Coaches

"As athletes, we want our coaches to be dedicated to the team by committing to learn more, not only about their sport but also about the athletes. We want our coaches to know our individual strengths, weaknesses, and the personality traits that make us unique from our teammates.

As an athlete, I expect my coaches to:

- Put me in a position to be successful and challenge me to help realize my potential.
- Teach us teamwork and unselfish play and to know our limits, keeping in mind the "safety first" rule".
- Make playing and being part of a team a fun and enjoyable experience.
- Be open to change, because a drill may work for some of the team, but not for all of the team.
- Know the rules of the sport with regard to both the sport specific governing body and Special Olympic standards."

- Matt Millett, Special Olympics athlete and member of the 2013 Special Olympics International Coaching Fellowship

[***Check out this great resource- Athlete Centered Coaching Guide](#)

Coach Training

Congratulations all our coaches who completed trainings in June. [Click on the link for details.](#)

Upcoming Coaches' Training Schools

- [Metro Region Soccer](#) – Tues., August 22
- [Southeast Region Bowling](#) – Tues., September 5
- [Basketball & Soccer](#) – Sat., September 9
- [Metro Region Bowling](#) – Mon., September 11

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Good Luck to

New Hope Bulldogs & Topeka Stars who are competing at the SONA Softball Championship in Bismark, ND, August 17-20.

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Meet the athletes who will represent Kansas at the 2018 USA Games in Seattle



Contact Linda Hunt with questions - huntl@kssso.org

KU Weight Management Study for Metro Adolescents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Please consider having your athlete participate in the study. [Click here to register.](#) [Click here for information about the study.](#)

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Young Athletes Programs are being scheduled for the Fall. [Click on the link for dates and program details.](#)

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Don't miss out on any of our upcoming events.

EVENT CALENDAR



NW KS Truck Convoy

Sat., September 9

[Oakley and Goodland to Colby. Come out and enjoy the trucks, food, fun and fireworks.](#)



Sat., September 16

[Wine Walk, Beer Garden, Food, Fireworks and After Party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark.](#)



Crappie Tournament

Sat., November 4



Sat., November 18

[Dinner and Auction to benefit the 2018 Heartland Winter Games](#)

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