SOTN Coronavirus Statement
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Special Olympics Tennessee is extending the suspension of all in-person events—including training, competitions and travel through June 30, 2020. The health and safety of our athletes, volunteers, staff and the community remains to be our top priority. We continue to be in close contact with the CDC, World Health Organization, and other stakeholders in similar situations to make informed decisions so the Special Olympics movement can adjust accordingly. This decision has been made using evidence available at this time—including emerging data showing elevated risk for people with intellectual disabilities developing serious illness if they contract coronavirus.

This extension of the suspension of in-person events includes golf events scheduled for the month of June. We will provide our golf programs with season updates as they become available to us.

We will continue to host virtual fitness challenges, fitness trainings, coaches trainings, virtual games, mental exercises, athlete leadership training and provide online resources for athletes to remain active and engaged during this time. Upcoming Virtual Events:

- **Ongoing** – [Special Olympics Tennessee Facebook Online Health and Wellness Group](http://www.specialolympicstn.org)
- **May 1 to May 11** - [Fitness Challenges presented by Jackson](http://www.specialolympicstn.org)
- **May 11-15** – [Virtual Summer Games](http://www.specialolympicstn.org) presented by LifePoint Health, Publix and Lipscomb University
  - [Virtual Summer Games Registration](http://www.specialolympicstn.org)
  - May 19 – Online Powerlifting Coaches Training
  - May 26 – Online Bocce Coaches Training
  - June 2 – Online Flag Football Coaches Training
- Click [here](http://www.specialolympicstn.org) to register for Coaches Trainings

For more information on the Virtual Summer Games and other programming, please visit our website: [http://www.specialolympicstn.org/](http://www.specialolympicstn.org/) our Facebook Page: SpecialOlympicsTN or email us at [vmehren@specialolympicstn.org](mailto:vmehren@specialolympicstn.org).

Thank you and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions.

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