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Special Olympics New Jersey Announces State Team Competing at USA National Games in July

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ – Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) has announced the 52 athletes and 15 coaches selected to represent the state at the 2010 Special Olympics National Games in Nebraska this July.

The 2010 USA National Games will be the largest sporting event held in the history of Nebraska. Organizers expect 3,000 athletes, 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and 15,000 family members and friends to come to Lincoln and Omaha for the event.

At Nationals, New Jersey athletes will compete in Aquatics, Basketball, Bowling, Bocce, Flag Football, Golf, Track & Field, or Soccer. Team New Jersey members qualified to compete at the national level by winning Gold medals in those sports at the 2008 Fall Sports Festival, 2009 Spring Sports Festival, or the 2009 Summer Games. Those qualifiers were then eligible for a random draw that determined the team.

“We are confident that we are sending a top notch team to Nationals to represent New Jersey,” said Marc Edenzon, President of SONJ. “Most of these athletes have never competed outside of their state and this experience will be one that they will remember for a long time.”

SONJ athletes competing at the National level will qualify to be on Team USA for the 2011 Special Olympics Word Games in Athens, Greece. The number of slots for that team has yet to be determined.

Special Olympics New Jersey provides year-round athletic training and competition in 24 sports to more than 21,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, completely free of charge.

For more information on Team New Jersey and the 2010 National Games, visit www.sonj.org.

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TEAM NEW JERSEY

AQUATICS	
Katherine Cajulao	Galloway
Daisy Desimone	Bernardsville
Joseph Hale	Westville
Margo Lee	Princeton Junction
Christopher McMullen	Freehold
Tracy Sanok	Point Pleasant
Coaches	
Karen Pratz	Galloway
David Desimone	Benardsville
ATHLETICS (Track)	
Victoria Benfield	Morristown
Traci Fischer	Plainsboro
Robert Fredericks	Lincoln Park
Mark Halpern	Fair Lawn
Carol Spilotras	Vernon
Christina Vassar	Cape May
Coaches	
Larry Hanko	South River
Joanne Monaco	Ewing
BASKETBALL	
Marques Davis	Trenton
Shawn Gill	Branchburg
Terry Hamilton	Edison
Noah Ivans	Ringoes
Jonathan Joiner	Hamilton
Michael Reed	Somerset
Sammy Rivera	Passaic
Jose Rodriguez	Trenton
Andrew Vanderpoel	Mount Holly
Travis Vanderpoel	Mount Holly
Coaches	
Charlie Zelinsky	Westampton
Kimberly Moebus	Newton, PA
BOCCE	
Dorothy (Patti) Bennett	Eatontown
Shivonne Hancock	Wayne
Steven Haskoor	Paterson
Padraig Westgate	Howell
Coach	
Rich Deska	Ringwood

BOWLING	
Michael Capone	Lawrenceville
Denise Navarro	Hawthorne
Jason Selin	Cherry Hill
Rebecca Visalli	Mullica Hill
Coach	
Della Porter	Hamilton
FLAG FOOTBALL	
Joey Clawson	Ewing
Dan Jertson	Mays Landing
Chris McCormac	Eastampton
Kevin McCormac	Eastampton
Kelly Petterway	Lawrence
Patrick Rhoads	Hamilton
Steven Rodenbeck	Marlton
Kurt Schmidt	Pennsauken
Derrick Spicer	Robbinsville
Daulton Stilts	Riverside
Coaches	
Michael Koval	Little Egg Harbor
Michael Margerum	Trenton
Jerry McCormac	Eastampton
GOLF	
Tom Azilides	Northvale
Christopher Harold	Freehold
Coach	
Ray Harold	Freehold
SOCCER	
Cody Bruner	Barrington
Alexander Buzgo	Robbinsville
Brian Cannavina	Morris Plains
Carlos Hoz De Vila	Moorestown
Alonzo Massenat	Hamilton
Kyle McKay	Collingswood
Jason Newbury	Hillborough
Michael O'Brien	Skillman
Zachary Stroik	Millstone Twsp
Shaun Woolf	Skillman
Coaches	
Brian Rostron	Hamilton
Paul Terreri	Greenwich, CT
Brian Wertz	Philadelphia