



TALKING POINTS

Special Olympics New Jersey

- **Mission:** To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.
- Special Olympics New Jersey serves 20,000 + athletes across the Garden State
- **24 Sports** are offered throughout **4 Sports Seasons**, with annual state-wide events culminating the competition seasons at **Fall Games, Winter Games** (just wrapped up), **Spring Games (Basketball – March 25-26, Bowling – April 1-2)**, and **Summer Games (June 9-11 at TCNJ)**.
- Additionally, more than **265 local competitions** take place throughout the state year-round.
- All programming is **FREE** to registered athletes. That includes all training, competition, uniforms, sports equipment, meals, housing, health programs and much more.
- The various fundraising events hosted by Special Olympics New Jersey throughout the year enable our athletes to train and compete. Upcoming events include the [Fire Truck Pull](#) on **April 22**, [Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K](#) on **May 7**, [The Perlman Cup](#) all women's golf tournament on **May 9**, [Higgins Golf Classic](#) on **June 19** and [Statue of Liberty 5K](#) on **July 4**.
- Visit www.sonj.org to learn more and get involved today.

Snow Bowl Facts

- This is the **17th annual Snow Bowl** to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey.
- The 2022 Snow Bowl raised more than **527 thousand dollars**.
- **111 teams** will compete this weekend, with approximately **1,500** participants
- The 2023 Snow Bowl is sponsored by **Amazon, Flag House, EY**, the **Monica & Richard Cohn Foundation (MRCF)** and hosted by the **New York Football Giants**.
- Visit www.njsnowbowl.org to see fundraising progress

○ **UPCOMING SONJ EVENTS:**

March 25-26	Spring Games- Basketball
April 1-2	Spring Games- Bowling
April 22	Fire Truck Pull
May 7	Lincoln Tunnel 5K
May 9	The Perlman Cup – all women’s golf outing - Forsgate Country Club
May 12	Delta Dental Golf Classic - Essex Fells Country Club
June 9	Law Enforcement Torch Run
June 9-11	Summer Games
June 19	Higgins Golf Classic
July 4	Statue of Liberty 5K

