

## for Exceptional Athletes

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes (S4EA) is a sports program serving athletes with developmental disabilities ages 5 through adult in San Diego. 9575 Aero Drive, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92123 \* Website: <a href="https://www.s4ea.org">www.s4ea.org</a> \* E-mail: <a href="https://sds4ea@gmail.com">sds4ea@gmail.com</a> \* Phone 858-565-S4EA (7432).

# **SPORTS NEWS - JUNE 2020**

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The health & safety of the S4EA community is our top priority. In light of the daily changes in the news on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, we are hearing more and more of the dangers of having large numbers of people gathered in one location. Due to the medical conditions of some people with developmental disabilities, the nature of close and physical contact while playing sports, and the increased exposure to the virus, our athletes are at a higher risk of contracting the virus, including a severe case.

As decided at S4EA Board meeting of May 13, all S4EA practices & tournaments have been CANCELLED until at least June 15. We will then evaluate if we are ready to open at that time. <u>Contact S4EA at www.s4ea.org or 858-565-7432 regarding updates on any activities.</u>

## The following S4EA activities have been cancelled or postponed:

- All S4EA Practices Cancelled Until At Least June 15th [or a later date]
- Spring S4EA Baseball, Basketball, Floor Hockey & Track Seasons Cancelled
- Summer S4EA SPORTS Camp #2 at Buckhorn Camp in Idyllwild Cancelled
- Summer S4EA Swim Meet & Day at the Beach Cancelled
- Summer S4EA Sports Practices and Tournaments still To Be Determined (TBD)

For more information on precautions and the Coronavirus, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at

<u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html</u> Take steps to protect yourself and others

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact.
- Avoid giving handshakes, high fives, and hugs.
- Social distancing stay at least 6' away from other people.
- Wear a face mask when need to go out in the public.
- Stay home whether you're sick or not (self-quarantine).
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect.

As of March 21 California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an order for all 40 million Californians to stay at home due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Message from Executive Director Walter Jackson

Because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, our lives have changed completely.

I miss so much seeing our S4EA athletes & volunteers at S4EA practices & tournaments. It is frustrating for all of us not to get out of the house to see our friends & relatives. But until we get through this Pandemic, we must all stay safe by staying at home and maintaining social distancing. We will let you know when we are able to resume certain S4EA practices & events using new guidelines including social distancing, facemasks, etc. We will have an update by June 15 if we can open some of our summer sports.

Citizens are allowed to leave their homes to visit grocery stores or pharmacies but must "at all times practice social distancing."

## **Exercising at Home**

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, S4EA athletes, families, volunteers, and coaches should continue to do exercising at home as long as you are feeling well. If you want to take a walk, just maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) from others and wear a facemask when out in the public. You should continue to communicate with others, including by phone, text, email, social media, etc. If you want to chart your progress in doing Exercising each day, then S4EA has a <u>S4EA Exercise Chart</u> or <u>Biggest Loser-Fitness Challenge</u>. Visit the S4EA website at <u>www.s4ea.org</u> to find links to doing Sports and Exercises at Home during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

## S4EA Tournament/Event Dates \*TBD

All of May thru May 28 S4EA Alternative Fundraiser to "A Taste 4 SPORTS" – From Comfort & Safety of HomeJul 31-Aug 2CancelledS4EA SPORTS Camp #2 – Buekhorn Camp in Idyllwild (Fri 4pm-Sun 1pm)August 15CancelledS4EA Swim Moot – St. Madeleine Sophie's Center (8am 1pm)August 30 TBDS4EA Soccer & Golf Tournament – Morley Field in Balboa Park (9am-5pm)September 13 TBDS4EA Softball & Tennis Tournament – Morley Field in Balboa Park (9am-5pm)October 9 TBDS4EA Golf Classic Fundraiser –Riverwalk Golf Club (11am-8pm)October 23-25 TBDS4EA Halloween SPORTS Camp #3 – Green Oak Ranch, Vista (Fri 4pm-Sun 4pm)

## **S4EA Summer Season**

### Practices/Tournaments are CANCELLED until at least June 15. Contact S4EA at www.s4ea.org or 858-565-7432 for more updates.

<u>Sport-Practices</u> <u>Meet</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location
<u>Bocce</u> TBD	Tue	5:30-7:00pm	Morley Field Bocce Courts (2221 Morley Field Dr., SD 92104) starting July 7 [League Play]
	Wed	5:30-7:00pm	Chula Vista Elks Lodge (901 Elks Lane, CV 91910) starting July 8
	Thu	5:30-7:00pm	Brengle Terrace Park (1200 Vale Terrace Dr., Vista 92084) starting July 9
<b>Bowling</b> TB	Sat	1:30-3:30pm	Poway Fun Bowl (12941 Poway Rd., Poway 92064)-\$5.50/2 games {NOT June 6/13/20?/27?}
<u>Cycling</u> TBD	Sat	1:15-3:30pm	Various Locations starting in June/July [see calendar, S4EA website, coach for more info]
lce Skating	<b>TBD</b> Sa	t 1:00-3:00pm	TSA Kroc Center (6845 University Ave, SD 92115)-\$5 per session {NOT June 6/13/20?/27?}
	Wed	4:00-5:00pm	San Diego Ice Arena (11048 Ice Skate Place, San Diego 92126) {NOT June 3/10/17?/24?}
	Thu	3:30-5:00pm	University Towne Center (4545 La Jolla Village Dr, SD 92122) {NOT June 4/11/18?/25?}
Soccer TBD	Mon	6:00-8:00pm	Park de la Cruz (3901 Landis St, SD 92105) starting possibly in July [League Play]
	Tue	6:00-7:00pm	Palomar Elementary (300 E Palomar St., Chula Vista 91911) starting possibly in July
	Sun	9am-5pm	Morley Field Soccer Fields (2221 Morley Field Dr. near Texas & Upas St., SD 92104)
Softball TBI	Wed	5:30-8:00pm	Park de la Cruz (3901 Landis St, SD 92105) starting June/July [League Play]
	Tue	5:00-6:00pm	Palomar Elementary (300 E Palomar St., Chula Vista 91911) starting June/July
	Sun	3:30-5:30pm	Breeze Hill Park (645 S. Melrose, Vista 92081) starting June/July
	Sun	9am-5pm	Morley Field Softball Fields (2221 Morley Field Dr. near Texas & Upas St., SD 92104)
Swimming Day at the Beach Meet-Aug 15	Fri Sat <del>h Sat Jul</del>	3:30-5:00pm 5:00-7:00pm 10:30-11:30am <del>25 9am 3pm 8:00am-1:00pm</del>	Copley YMCA (4300 El Cajon Blvd, SD 92105)-\$5/ses. [swim only] {NOT June 5/12/19?/26?} Vista Terrace Pool (301 Athey, SD 92173)-\$20/mo. start Jun/Jul [Swim 1 <sup>st</sup> Hr/Non-Swim 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hr] La Mesa Pool (5100 Memorial Dr, La Mesa 91942) start Jun/Jul -\$5 per session [swim only] Windansea teach surfing La Jolla Shores Limited spots available Call Clara 858-565-7432 St. Madeleine Sophie's Ctr (2119 E. Madison Ave., EC 92019) [Harbor Kiwanis provide lunch]
<u>Table Tenni</u>	<mark>s</mark> TBD :	Sun 12pm-1pm	After School Learning Tree (11525 Sorrento Valley Rd, SD 92121) {NOT June 7/14/21?/28?}
Tennis TBD	Mon	6:30-8:00pm	Barnes Tennis Center (4490 W. Point Loma Blvd., SD 92107) starting June/July
Tourn-Sep 13	Sun	9am-3pm	Morley Field Tennis Courts (2221 Morley Field Dr. near Texas & Upas St., SD 92104)

## \*TBD Dates To Be Determined Based on the Status of the Coronavirus (Call S4EA at 858-565-7432)

## **Alternative Fundraiser to "A Taste 4 SPORTS"**

<u>The Alternative Fundraiser to "A Taste 4 SPORTS"</u>, held during the month of May, has been a great success. S4EA has raised \$35,000 to help support sports programs for athletes with developmental disabilities. S4EA has been honoring our 'SPORTS Heroes of the Year' by watching videos of our SPORTS Celebrities on <u>"A Taste 4 SPORTS" website</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. Participate in Interactive Postings on <u>Facebook</u>. Post what you are eating that evening, show-off what you are wearing, give positive thoughts, etc.

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes would like to thank the following sponsors:

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~ June 2020 ~										
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
<u>Year Round Sports</u> - Bowling (BO) - Ice Skating (IS) - Swimming (SW) - Table Tennis (TT)	<u>Summer Season Sports</u> - Bocce (BC) - Cycling (CY) - Soccer (SO) - Softball (SB) - Tennis (TE)	San Diego Co. Location C - San Diego City EC - East County NC - North County SB - South Bay SR - Scripps Ranch	Facilities After School Learning Tree Breeze Hill Park Brengle Terrace Park Palomar Elementary Sch. Park de la Cruz TSA Kroc Center	Facilities Barnes Tennis Center Copley YMCA La Mesa Pool Poway Fun Bowl University Towne Center Vista Terrace Pool	Facebook Birthday FR For your birthday this year, please consider doing a Facebook birthday fundraiser for S4EA. Call S4EA at 858-565-7432 for more info.	Community Giving Program Please contact Clara at sds4ea@gmail.com or 858-565- 7432 if your company has a community giving, matching gift or volunteer recognition program.				
Stay safe at home during Coronavirus Pandemic. Keep doing stretching, exercises & walking while maintaining social distancing (6' away from others).	1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
<b>14</b> Flag Day	15	16 SB-SB 5-6pm Palomar Eløm?	<b>17</b> IS-SR 4-5pm SD Ice Arena? SB-C 5:30 8pm Park de la Cruz?	18 IS-SR 3:30-5pm UTC?	<b>19</b> SW-C 3:30-5pm Copley Y? SW-SB 5-7 Vista Terrace?	<b>20</b> Summer Begins BO-NC 1:30-3:30 Poway? CY 1:15-3:30pm Location TBD? IS-C 1-3pm TSA Kroc Center? SW-EC 10:30-11:30am LM Pool?				
<b>21</b> Father's Day SB-NC 3:30-5:30 Breeze Hill? TT-C 12-1pm Sch. Learn Tree?	<b>22</b> <del>TE-C 6:30-8 Barnes Tennis Ctr?</del>	<b>23</b> SB-SB-5-6pm Palomar Elem?	<b>24</b> I <del>S-SR 4-5pm SD Ice Arena?</del> <del>SB C 5:30 8pm Park de la Cruz?</del>	<b>25</b> I <del>S-SR 3:30-5pm UTC?</del>	SW-SB 5-7 Vista Terrace?	<b>27</b> BO-NC 1:30-3:30 Poway? CY 1:15-3:30pm Location TBD? IS-C 1-3pm TSA Kroc Center? SW-EC 10:30-11:30am LM Pool?				
<b>28</b> SB-NC 3:30-5:30 Breeze Hill? TT-C 12 1pm Sch. Learn Tree	29 TE-C 6:30-8 Barnos Tonnis Ctr?	<b>30</b> SB-SB 5-6pm Palomar Elem?	Practices listed with a strike through? may possibly open after June 15th. Call starting June 15th at S4EA at 858-565- 7432 to check on status of practice.	Donate Stocks to S4EA Tax season has arrived & if you would like to donate appreciated securities, stocks, or real estate to S4EA, call attorney Jerry Harris at 619-282-4415.	Vols Needed for Office Projects Volunteers are needed to help with various office projects including mail- outs, newsletters, etc. Call S4EA at 858-565-7432 to help.	Shop Online with AmazonSmile By registering S4EA at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to S4EA. You get the same low prices & selection as on Amazon.com.				

The purpose of SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes is to create enhanced opportunities for people with and without disabilities to interact and form lasting bonds of friendship through shared sports and recreational activities in their community.

### SPORTS – Special Program Opportunities in Recreation, Teamwork, and Sports Printing courtesy of a grant from Las Patronas Happy Father's Day – June 21st! SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes S4EA Board of Directors 2020-21 NONPROFIT ORG.

Congratulations to the new 2020-21 S4EA Board of Directors elected at the S4EA Board meeting on May 13th. 3-year term: Skip Covell, Randy Levinson, Carissa Nelson Zink. 2-year term: Nicole Alvarez 1-year term: Isaac Hernandez, Joe Alvarez. Executive Committee: Matt Stickley (Pres), Randy Levinson (Vice President), Skip Covell (Treasurer), Adrian Lizano (Secretary), Tamara Ahrens (Past Pres). Other current Board Members: Rodney Caudillo, Martin Duarte, Aik Kalantarian, Teri King.

Special thanks to out-going Board Members Kathy Nelson & Kenyetta Pete for their outstanding dedication to S4EA.



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## **How To Register In S4EA**

If you are interested in becoming an athlete in SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes, please call the S4EA Office at 858-565-7432 and we will mail you a Registration Packet. You can also download registration information directly from the SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes website at www.s4ea.org. The Registration Fee is \$20 per sport (scholarships available). S4EA offers over 20 sports: baseball, basketball, bocce, bowling, cross country/downhill skiing, cycling, flag football, floor hockey, golf, ice skating, snowboarding, snowshoeing, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track, volleyball & walking/running/exercise.

In team sports, teams may be made up of athletes with developmental disabilities, families, friends, and others in the community who want to play on inclusive teams.

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes (S4EA) is a sports program serving 1,400 athletes with developmental disabilities ages 5 through adult in San Diego County.

## **S4EA Needs Your Help**

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes is a volunteer-based community-wide program that needs your help:

- To serve as coach, event organizer, fundraiser, sports official, or other worker.
- To provide sports facilities, equipment, meals, and other in-kind services.
- To provide operating funds for the SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes program here in San Diego County. SPORTS for • Exceptional Athletes is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (ID # 20-8886536). Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. To donate a vehicle to S4EA, call toll free 855-500-7433; free pick-up; tax receipt provided; and no smog certificate required.
- Volunteers are needed as coaches for the Summer Season in bocce, bowling, cycling, ice skating, soccer, softball, swimming, table

tennis, and tennis. You do not need any prior experience in the sport or working with persons with developmental disabilities, just a desire to help. Head coaches run the practices, while assistant coaches help the athletes under the direction of the head coach in teaching the athletes various sports skills. Volunteers also act as scorekeepers and timers in team sports league play. Coaches spend 2-3 hours weekly for a 3-month period. Call S4EA Office at 858-565-7432 to get involved.

SPORTS Pledge

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I play with Pride. . . You'll be impressed! We are SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes.



## **SPORTS Endowment Fund**

S4EA has created the SPORTS Endowment Fund to help ensure long-term continuity and sustainability for S4EA. For more information on planned giving and other endowment options, call attorney Jerry Harris at 619-282-4415.