

Greater Lehigh Valley
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Athletics North 2026

We are excited to share that your Student Athlete will be participating in the Team Northampton Special Olympics School-Based Athletics North Event at Pocono Mountain West High School (*181 Panther Ln, Pocono Summit, PA 18346*) on Monday, April 27th with a rain date of Wednesday, April 29th.

During this event, your Student Athlete will have the opportunity to participate in three Athletic Events. These event selections are based on the skills your Student Athlete has been developing in their Adaptive Physical Education classes throughout the 2025–2026 school year.

All Student Athletes will be paired with a Student Buddy from Pocono Mountain West High School or one of the other participating districts, who will assist and encourage them throughout the day. These buddies play an important role in creating a supportive, inclusive, and positive experience for all participants.

The event will run from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, with a banner parade beginning at 10:15 AM to highlight all participating classrooms.

For families who wish to attend, please park in the C Lot of Pocono Mountain West High School. Overflow parking will be available in the A Lot, as well as the WJHS back lot. A security guard will be present to assist spectators in safely crossing the parking areas to the turf while buses are unloading.

To support our program, Team Northampton apparel will be available for purchase, including a new t-shirt design celebrating 50 Years of Team Northampton. A concession stand will also be open, offering a variety of food and beverage options. Food items will range from \$1-\$6 and beverages from \$1-\$2. Both cash and card will be accepted.

Additionally, we are happy to announce that Kona Ice will be in attendance at all of our Athletics Events this year. Prices will range from \$4-\$7, with additional fees for refills or add-ons. Kona Ice will generously donate 20% of all sales back to Team Northampton Special Olympics.

If you do not plan on purchasing food from the concession stand, please be sure to send your Student Athlete with a packed lunch for the day to ensure their needs are met.

Please be sure to dress your Student Athlete in comfortable, active wear for the day of the Event. We also encourage applying sunscreen to help ensure all Student Athletes are protected from harmful UV rays.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to work with your Student Athlete and to create meaningful, inclusive experiences like this Event. Thank you for your continued support and for trusting us to provide opportunities that celebrate each Athlete's abilities, growth, and sense of belonging. We look forward to sharing a memorable and joyful day together.

Amanda Sechrist - *Director, Team Northampton Special Olympics*