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Team New Hampshire Competes in Seattle at 2018 Special Olympics USA Games *Monday, July 2, 2018*

Thirty-eight athletes and fifteen coaches from across New Hampshire are in Seattle, Washington competing at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games. From July 1-6, Team New Hampshire will join thousands of Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across the nation, along with tens of thousands of volunteers, family members and fans, for a week of special events and competitions. Team New Hampshire athletes will be competing in athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, powerlifting and swimming. In addition, Team New Hampshire has one athlete and one Unified Sports® partner participating in the Youth Leadership Experience, which will bring together high school students from across the country where they will participate in a week of volunteering and training on how to be representatives of change within their schools, communities, and state.

Photos of Team New Hampshire

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskDLtmwE> (photos added daily!)

Team New Hampshire Bios

<http://sonh.org/sports-and-competitive-events/Summer/USA-Games/default.aspx> (see Meet the Team section at bottom of the page).

Today's Competition Results

- Athletics
 - Ethan Brown: 100M Run **Bronze** (14:77)
 - Phoenix-Trinity Irish: 100M Walk 4th place (47:13)
 - Zach Morris: 100M Run 5th place (14:61)
 - Dylan Coyne completed a preliminary race for the high performance 100M run.
 - Bayzil Moreau completed a preliminary race for the high performance 100M run and qualified for finals later this week.
- Basketball
 - The team competed in two pool games.
 - South Dakota (17) vs New Hampshire (33)
 - New Hampshire (39) vs Massachusetts (23)
- Bocce
 - Singles competition began for Rachel Maxim, Lisa Moody, Joshua Brescia, Justin Houle
- Bowling
 - Richard Coulter: Singles 4th (260)
 - Ashley Dow: Singles 4th (280)
 - David Law: Singles 4th (414)
 - Lori Strand: Singles **Gold** (322)
- Golf
 - Round 1 of golf for Parker and Mark Thornton as well as Craig and Jan Eichler
- Swimming
 - Alec Cirulli: 25M Backstroke **Silver** (28:65)

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- Kelley Jon Scruggs: 25M Backstroke **Gold** (40:06)
- Amanda Coviello: 25M Backstroke 4th (31:89)
- Katie Bourque: 25M Backstroke **Bronze** (51:39)

Tomorrow's Events

- Athletics
 - Ethan Brown: 200M Run, Shotput
 - Dylan Coyne: 200M Run
 - Phoenix-Trinity Irish: 50M Run, Softball throw, standing long jump
 - Kora Kalfaoglu: 100M Run
 - Bayzil Moreau: 200 M Run
- Basketball
 - Pool play continues.
- Bocce
 - Singles competition concludes for Rachel Maxim, Lisa Moody, Joshua Brescia, Justin Houle
 - Bocce doubles competition begins for Rachel Maxim/Lisa Moody and Joshua Brescia/Justin Houle
- Bowling
 - Doubles competition for Lori Strand/Ashley Dow and David Law/Richard Coulter
- Golf
 - Round 2 of golf for Parker and Mark Thornton as well as Craig and Jan Eichler
- Powerlifting
 - Cory Remillard, Andrew Strzykalski and Adam Pelkey will compete in bench press, dead lift and squat.

ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. To learn more, visit www.sonh.org.

ABOUT THE 2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES

The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will be held in Seattle, Washington July 1-6, 2018. More than 4,000 participants representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, along with the support of tens of thousands of volunteers and spectators, will compete in 14 Olympic-type team and individual sports. The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games will celebrate the Special Olympics movement and its 50th anniversary; promote the ideals of acceptance and inclusion through sport; and showcase athletes from throughout the U.S. and the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. The 2018 USA Games will also highlight Special Olympics' work in sport, education, health and community-building.

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