

North Shore

**Special
Olympics**
British Columbia

ANOTHER SENSATIONAL SPORT SEASON IS UPON US

We are so excited to kick off another season with Special Olympics BC – North Shore! As always, the energy and enthusiasm from our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families remind us why our community is so special.

This year promises to be full of growth, connection, and opportunity. From welcoming new athletes and programs, to strengthening our volunteer team, to celebrating the incredible spirit of our community events, we know the months ahead will bring many moments of joy and achievement.

Thank you for being part of the SOBC – North Shore family. Together, we are building an inclusive, supportive, and inspiring season ahead. Let’s make it our best one yet!

Celebrating Success: North Shore Athletes at the 2025 Provincial Games

What an incredible showing from our SOBC – North Shore athletes at this year’s Provincial Games! Their dedication, sportsmanship, and determination were on full display as they competed with heart and pride. From the first whistle to the final medal ceremony, our athletes represented the North Shore with excellence and spirit.

Beyond the medals and results, the Games were a celebration of teamwork, inclusion, and the friendships that make Special Olympics so meaningful. We couldn’t be prouder of every athlete, coach, and volunteer who helped make this success possible. North Shore truly made its mark at the 2025 Provincial Summer Games!



We are also thrilled to share that very soon we will be announcing which individual athletes and teams will be advancing to represent SOBC at the 2026 National Games in Medicine Hat, Alberta, taking place August 11–15th. Stay tuned for this exciting news!

Accreditation Goals 2025 - 26

Each year, the Provincial Office requires our executive members to complete an accreditation package and outline yearly goals. Below is an overview of the priorities we presented for this year.

Growth

We are committed to enhancing the volunteer experience by improving communication, support systems, recognition, and appreciation efforts. Volunteer retention remains a priority.

Opportunities

Our new fundraising coordinator, Amy Fisher, has already begun brainstorming creative initiatives and will soon present them to the executive committee. Her fresh energy and perspective promise to bring more effective and sustainable fundraising.

Athletes

We aim to expand our athlete base, with a focus on youth recruitment through the reintroduction of Active Start and FUNdamentals. We will also revive the Athlete Council and expand leadership opportunities for athletes.

Local Committee

To strengthen our executive committee, we will clarify roles and responsibilities, enhance communication and collaboration, provide more orientation and development opportunities, and prioritize succession planning for sustainability.

Staff Support

Ways in which we have asked the Provincial Office to assist us include but are not limited to: supporting us with press releases, templates, revitalizing our youth programs, and introducing floorball,

Life-changing opportunities with Special Olympics BC – North Shore!

Special Olympics BC – North Shore is offering fun and welcoming Active Start and FUNdamentals programs for children with intellectual disabilities ages 2 to 11!

- When:** Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Where:** Capilano Elementary School
- Start Date:** September 17

These programs are specifically designed for children with intellectual disabilities, to help them learn vital motor, sport, and social skills in a supportive environment.

Join us to find fun skill-building sessions and joyful connections with wonderful coaches and fellow families! Parent participation is required and will lead to support and fun for your whole family.



FALL PROGRAM START DATES

10 Pin Bowling

Saturday, September 13
Rev's Bowling Centre

Active Start & FUNdamentals

Wednesday, September 17
Capilano Elementary

Basketball B

Sunday, September 21
The Basketball Lab

Basketball C

Sunday, September 14
Lynn Creek Community Centre

Club Fit

Tuesday, September 16
Brooksbank Elementary

Floorball

Monday, September 15
Memorial Gym

Floor Hockey

Wednesday, September 17
Memorial Gym

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Thursday, September 18
Brooksbank Elementary

Sport Start Basketball

Monday, September 15
Lynn Valley Elementary

Sport Start Swimming

Saturday, September 13
Harry Jerome

Swimming

Saturday, September 13
Harry Jerome

Introducing SOBC Floorball!

We are thrilled to announce that **Floorball** is joining the lineup of sports at SOBC - North Shore!

Floorball is a fast-paced, inclusive, and exciting game that is similar to hockey but played indoors with lightweight sticks and a ball. It combines the energy of ice hockey with the accessibility of a gym-based sport, making it easy to learn and fun for all skill levels.

Why Floorball is awesome:

- **Great exercise** – builds endurance, speed, and coordination.
- **Team-focused** – emphasizes passing, teamwork, and communication.
- **Inclusive fun** – perfect for athletes of all ages and abilities.
- **Quick to learn** – no skates required, just sneakers, a stick, and enthusiasm!

This sport is growing worldwide and is now officially recognized by Special Olympics. We can't wait to bring this new opportunity to our athletes here on the North Shore. Whether you're looking to try something new, sharpen your skills, or just have fun with friends, Floorball is sure to become a favourite!



inclusion
determination
courage
passion
respect
unity
strength
perseverance
acceptance
leadership
teamwork
bravery



WESTVANRUN

This year, the West Van Run is *beginning a new annual tradition* on **September 27 & 28, 2025!** As proud beneficiaries of the funds raised through these events, SOBC – North Shore is excited to support and cheer on this community celebration.

Free Registration for SOBC Athletes

Athletes are encouraged to join the fun and can register at no cost. Events include the **5K, 10K, and 1K Kids Run** – something for everyone!

Discount for Family & Friends

Family, friends, and supporters can use a special discount code to receive **10% off registration.**

Register today at: westvanrun.com

For more information and special codes, please contact our amazing Fundraising Coordinator at fundraising@sobcnorthshore.ca.



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