



DAIRYLANDGAMES

May 1-3, 2026

Verona High School

234 Wildcat Way, Verona, Wisconsin

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Dairyland Sports' Mission & Vision

Founded in 2017, Dairyland Sports is a non-profit organization with a mission to engage and empower individuals of all ages, physical abilities, and experience levels to improve their health and well-being through participation in sports, fitness, & recreation. Over the years, Dairyland Sports has served hundreds of adaptive athletes from across the Midwest to provide new opportunities for athletic programming, provide support for existing Wisconsin-based adaptive sports organizations, and to deliver education aimed at improving access and equity to health, fitness, and recreational opportunities in Wisconsin. Our staff works to advocate for disability rights & inclusivity in sports, educate about the importance and impact of adaptive sports in our communities, and support local clubs, teams, and events that allow adaptive athletes to discover the important life values of participating in sports. Dairyland Sports aims to serve as your “one-stop-shop” for Wisconsin adaptive sports – a place where adaptive athletes and families can discover, share, and engage with our adaptive sports partners from across the state.

Dairyland Games - The Start of it All

Dairyland Sports was officially incorporated as a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization in December 2017, however, our local organizing committee was established well before that time. In May of 2016, our team worked in collaboration with the Adaptive Sports USA (now known as “Move United”) to establish the Dairyland Games – Wisconsin’s first and only sanctioned multi-sport competition allowing athletes with physical disabilities the opportunity to qualify for Move United Junior Nationals. The inaugural Dairyland Games was proudly hosted at Sauk Prairie High School and saw 16 athletes compete in track and field - marking the beginning of a tremendous adaptive sports movement in Madison. In 2026, Dairyland Games is proud to serve over many more adaptive athletes from across the country, offering events in swimming, powerlifting, track, and field. Many of our athletes have qualified for national competition through participation in the Dairyland Games each year, and some participants have even gone on to represent Team USA in the Paralympic games! Dairyland Games is a unique opportunity for individuals with diverse physical abilities to participate in sports in an inclusive and supportive environment, and we are excited you have decided to join us this year!

Due to the tremendous growth and support we have received from hosting the Dairyland Games, our leadership team recognized the need to establish a nonprofit organization to expand our mission and make an even bigger impact in the adaptive sports community. We are dedicated to providing the best possible experiences for our athletes so that they may reach their highest potential and, most importantly, we hope that all athletes are able to make meaningful connections with other peers and community members while enjoying the physical, social, and emotional benefits of participating in sports.

Get Involved

As a growing nonprofit led primarily by volunteers, we rely on support from the community to further the mission of Dairyland Sports. You can make a direct impact in supporting Dairyland Sports in a variety of ways including tax-deductible donations, referring individuals to our programming, volunteering, or even engaging with us on social media. Additionally, if you have any background or interest in nonprofit work or adaptive sports, we are always looking for talented individuals to add to our leadership team. Just send us a message, and we will get you involved!

If you do choose to make a tax-deductible donation to Dairyland Sports to help us in our charitable efforts, you can do so in a variety of ways:

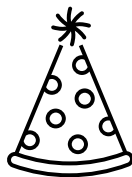
- Visit our website www.dairylandsports.org to make a secure one-time or recurring donation through our partners at Network for Good (top right corner of page)
- Send a personal check to our business address at:
 - PO Box 45736, Madison, WI, 53744
- Donate new or gently used sports equipment for our local sports & fitness programming
- Provide scholarships or grants for athletes in need of financial support (contact us!)
- Contact us directly (info@dairylandsports.org) if you would like more information on how to donate or if your business is interested in sponsoring any of our annual programs

Dairyland Sports is a 501(c)3 non-profit, and, therefore, your donation may be tax deductible on your end-of-year taxes. What's better than saving money on taxes?!

Want to Learn More?

For more information about Dairyland Sports, or to connect with our leadership team, please visit our website at www.dairylandsports.org. Additionally, we would encourage you to engage with us on social media (@TeamDairylandWI) for the most up-to-date information. Please feel free to contact our staff at any time with questions, we want to hear from you!

Celebrate 10 Years of Dairyland Games!



RSVP Here! <https://forms.gle/NWftLtxzNgxTYxRM9>

When: May 2nd, 4:00 – 5:30pm

Where: Verona High School Atrium

Parking: Lot A, Enter Main Entrance of School

What: Dairyland Games is celebrating its 10th year! Come help us celebrate 10 years of providing para sport opportunities to our community, for over a decade!

Cost: Entry is **FREE** for all athletes, volunteers, sponsors, family members, and community supporters of Dairyland Sports! Consider bringing cash for raffle tickets!

Entertainment: Dairyland Sports will offer a cash raffle, cheese gift basket, restaurant gift cards, ice cream, music, photos from past events, and more! Raffle tickets will be made available for purchase and winners announced at the end of celebration. Come learn about the Dairyland Games history, connect with other athletes & families, and celebrate another year of Dairyland Games!

Restaurant Gift Cards: Thank you to the local restaurants who will be donating gift cards for the event! You may just find your dinner plans at the Dairyland Games 10 Year Celebration!

Noodles & Company Verona <https://locations.noodles.com/wi/verona/611-hometown-circle>

Gus's Diner Verona <https://www.gussdiner.com/>

Yeeshan Eatery <https://www.yeeshaneatery.com/>

Pizza Ranch Verona <https://pizzaranch.com/locations/wi/verona/100-keenan-ct>

Stone Porch Alehouse <https://www.stoneporchalehouse.com/>

Sugar River Pizza Verona <https://www.sugarriverpizza.com/verona>

North & South Seafood and Smokehouse Verona <https://eatnorthandsouth.com/madison-north-and-south-seafood-and-smokehouse-madison-menu-verona>

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 1st

TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Powerlifting: Athlete Check-In & Weigh-In	Verona High School – Fitness Center
4:30 pm – 5:50 pm	Powerlifting: Warm-Ups	Verona High School – Fitness Center
5:50 pm – 6:00 pm	Powerlifting: Lifter/Coach's Meeting	Verona High School – Fitness Center
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Powerlifting Competition:	Verona High School – Fitness Center
8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Track & Field Classification	Verona High School – PAC Rooms (Dairyland Staff will contact athletes individually prior to appointment)
2:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Swim Classification	Verona High School – Aquatics Center (Dairyland Staff will contact athletes individually prior to appointment)

Saturday, May 2nd

TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
8:15 am – 9:30 am	Swimming: Athlete & Volunteer Check-In	Verona High School – Aquatics Center
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Swimming: Athlete Warm-Ups	Verona High School – Aquatics Center
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Swimming Competition	Verona High School – Aquatics Center Live Streamed! https://www.youtube.com/@vasdaquatics/streams
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Intro to Para Powerlifting Clinic	Verona High School – Fitness Center
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Track & Field Practice	Verona High School - Track
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Dairyland Games 10 Year Celebration!	Verona High School – Main Entrance/Atrium Restaurant gift cards, door prizes, ice cream, music, and more! Come celebrate 10 years of Dairyland!

Sunday, May 3rd

TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
7:45 – 8:30 am	Track: Athlete Check-In	Verona High School – Track
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Track: Athlete Warm-Ups	Verona High School - Track
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Track Events	Verona High School - Track
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Lunch Break	Light concessions will be available for purchase
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Field Events	Verona High School - Fields

Event Locations & Parking

Verona Area High School – 234 Wildcat Way, Verona, WI 53593

- Swimming Event – *Verona HS Aquatic Center *Park in Lot A, Enter Door 6**
- Track & Field Event – *Verona HS Athletics Track & Field *Park in Lot F4, Enter Main Gates**
- Powerlifting Event (Clinic & Comp.) – *Verona HS Fitness Center *Park Lot F4, Enter Door 17**
 - *Doors will unlock promptly at 4:00pm. Please be patient for door entry.*
- Dairyland Games 10 Year Celebration – *Verona HS Atrium *Park Lot A, Enter Main Entrance**

SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE FOR MAP OF SCHOOL & PARKING LOTS



Verona HS - Aquatics Center



Verona HS - Track & Field



Verona HS - Fitness Center

Parking Map



Additional Information & FAQs

Rules & Regulations:

Dairyland Games is a Move United Sanctioned Series Event offering events in track, field, swimming, and powerlifting. As a Move United sanctioned event, Dairyland Games must abide by specific rules and regulations for each of the individual sports offered. The rules and regulations for each of the offered sports is listed below for your reference. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules prior to competition, and to seek clarifications from your coach or trusted adaptive sports resource as needed.

Newcomers - it is OKAY if Dairyland Games is your first experience with a sporting competition. Our event officials are very approachable and welcoming of questions, use this as an opportunity to learn!

- [Powerlifting Rules – Level 2 Sanctioned](#)
- [Track & Field Rules – Level 3 Sanctioned, WPA Sanctioned](#)
- [Swimming Rules – Level 2 Sanctioned](#)

Sports Equipment:

Dairyland Sports will provide basic equipment for powerlifting, swimming, track, and field events in compliance with Move United sanctioning requirements. All equipment and timing systems will be used in compliance with Move United sanctioning requirements.

Track & Field – Equipment for track & field will include an electronic timing system, starting blocks, throwing frames with tie-downs/ratchet straps, and implements for discus, shot put, javelin, turbo javelin, and club throw. Athletes may bring their own implements, racing chairs, throwing frames, or other equipment as desired, but all equipment will need to be checked by officials prior to the competition to ensure they are legal. Wheelchair athletes will need to provide their own helmets for track. Track & Field Officials reserve the right to check personal equipment and disqualify an athlete if the equipment does not meet legal requirements for competition.

Swimming – Equipment for swimming will include an electronic timing system, lap counters, and a flash/visual starting signal. Athletes are responsible for bringing their own swimsuits, swim caps, goggles, towels, and any other equipment they require for competition. Swim Officials reserve the right to check personal equipment and disqualify an athlete if the equipment does not meet legal requirements for competition

Powerlifting – Equipment for powerlifting will include weights, scale for weigh-in, performance bench, practice bench, safety clamps, stopwatches, and straps. Athletes will need to provide their own weight belts, gloves, footwear/prosthetics, or other applicable powerlifting equipment necessary to perform the Powerlifting Press. Powerlifting Officials reserve the right to check personal equipment and may disqualify an athlete if the equipment does not meet legal requirements for competition.

Food & Concessions:

Due to the unique dietary restrictions, allergies, and/or overall variations in nutrition habits among our participants, athletes and families are encouraged to bring their own nutrition throughout the weekend.

Light concessions will be available for the Track & Field event, including light beverages, pulled chicken sandwich, chips/snacks, fruit, and more. Water will be made available to athletes and volunteers in designated coolers and/or at medical tents during competition. Thank you Verona HS Gymnastics for supporting the concessions!

We encourage athletes and families to explore local food options in Verona to support the local economy outside of competition times! For additional information on local food and hotel options in the area, check out our Dairyland Games PlayEasy page via the link below!

<https://www.playeasy.com/events/d456667b-7e62-47ea-b1c4-5773ef6b9d5d>

Medical Coverage:

On-site medical coverage will be on-site for all athletes, volunteers, and spectators in the event of medical emergency or injury. Medical tents or stations will be clearly marked during all events should you need to seek medical treatment, and Dairyland Sports staff and volunteers will be able to direct you should you have any questions. When in doubt, call 9-1-1 immediately, and notify a member of the Dairyland Sports staff.

Athlete, Coach, and Volunteer Check-In:

All athletes, volunteers, and coaches must stop by the main registration table upon arrival to each competition (i.e. powerlifting, swimming, track & field) to officially check-in for competition. Please refer to the schedule of events for more information on specific times for check-in and warm-ups for each event. Athletes will have swag bags available for pick up at check-in, as well as necessary event packets/programs.

Sanctioning & Eligibility for Move United Junior Nationals:

All Dairyland Games events are sanctioned by Move United and will be governed by the Move United rules for competition (see above "Rules & Regulations" section).

Athletes of all ages who compete at Dairyland Games may be eligible to qualify for The Hartford Nationals, presented by Move United, if they meet certain [Qualifying Standards](#) for each respective sport. The Hartford Nationals is the largest adaptive sports event in the United States and is hosted in different cities across the country each year. Participation in The Hartford Nationals is an exciting opportunity for both newcomers, as well as elite level athletes as participation at Nationals can help propel an athlete towards a potential Paralympic career. For more information about eligibility, please visit Move United website.

Classification for Adaptive Sports

What is Classification?

The fundamental goal of classification is to ensure that winning is determined by differences in athlete skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability, mental focus, etc. rather than by differences in functional/physical impairments. Classification is the official Paralympic process for determining:

- a) If an athlete is eligible to compete in Para Sport
- b) How an eligible athlete will be grouped into sport classes based on their eligible impairment

Classification appointments are available on-site at Dairyland Games through pre-approved appointment only. **Athletes must have indicated a need for classification appointment prior to April 10th to receive information about classification sign-up. Athletes signing up after April 10th are not eligible for classification.** Gaining a sport classification is NOT required for competition at Dairyland Games, however, is certainly encouraged for the serious athlete. Classification appointments may be available at Hartford Nationals should an athlete appear to qualify.

What are the Eligible Impairments for Adaptive Sports?

There are 10 eligible impairments that qualify an athlete for Adaptive Sports. These impairments include: Impaired muscle power, impaired passive range of motion, limb deficiency, ataxia, athetosis, hypertonia, short stature, leg length difference, visual impairment, intellectual impairment.

We welcome individuals of all abilities and experiences at the Dairyland Games, no prior experience is necessary for competition!

Where Can I Find More Information About Classification?

Learn more about the US Paralympics classification process [here](#). If you have any additional questions about the process, please contact us so that we may assist you.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather conditions, Dairyland Sports reserves the right to cancel any event at any time to protect the safety of athletes, families, volunteers, staff, and spectators. Dairyland Sports also reserves the right to not reschedule Dairyland Games events for a later date, although every attempt will be made to reschedule for a later date if possible. Outdoor events will be suspended in the presence of lightning, tornados, high heat index, or other unforeseeable conditions or emergencies that may compromise the safety of our athletes, staff, and community members. In the case of lightning and heavy rain, events will resume 30 minutes after the last known lightning strike within 10 miles and with Officials and Staff discretion. Athletes will be contacted via email when the event is to resume.

Miscellaneous Information:

- Wisconsin is well known for unpredictable weather in spring season – so please check a forecast for the weekend to know what to pack in terms of clothing, water bottles, rain gear, etc. We could see anything from comfortable 60's and sunny, chilly 40's and cloudy, hot 80's and humid, or even rain or snow! Please make sure to educate yourself on the weather forecast prior to traveling and plan accordingly.
- If you are a WIAA athlete currently in season, you can add 2 “outside” events to your spring season calendar as long as they are sanctioned on the WIAA calendar. Please contact your athletic director to add Dairyland Games to the athletic calendar so that you stay WIAA eligible
- Dairyland Sports is a proud partner and supporter of many local adaptive sports and health organizations across the Midwest. Please feel free to check our website and social media for the most up to date opportunities as we continue to build relationships in the community.

Donations:

Did you know Dairyland Games costs nearly \$25,000 to host each year?! Dairyland Sports is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization that relies on the support of the surrounding community to meet our financial goals. Whether it be in-kind donations, financial gifts, sponsorships, or volunteering... we need your help to ensure that Dairyland Sports can continue to provide opportunities for adaptive athletes to thrive and compete! If you have the capacity to give, we would greatly appreciate any support you could provide. Please visit our website for more details on [ways to give](#).

Communication:

For general questions or comments please contact the Dairyland Sports staff at the email listed below:

- info@dairylandsports.org

For more specific questions on event logistics, sanctioning, classification, event rules, etc. please contact:

- Deb Jenks – Event Director (djenks@dairylandsports.org)
- Jake Graboski – Executive Director (jgraboski@dairylandsports.org)
- Jenna Peterson – Volunteers (jpeterson@dairylandsports.org)