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May 30th will be the date.  I have asked that they fill out a Facility rental.  The info for needs on that day are listed in their e-mail.

Doug Evers

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From: **Ensley, Jay** <jensley@usd263.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 8:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: 2020 Challenge Games
To: Doug Evers <devers@usd263.org>
Cc: Brad Canfield <bcanfield@usd263.org>, Dale Landes <dlandes@usd263.org>

Doug,

Mr. Carson has reached out with a question about the use of the track facility and possibly a gym (see below).  I have responded that we will check on the availability.  Do you know if it will be available  May 16 or 23, or alternatively the 9th or 30th of 2020?  If so, do you see any issues with allowing them to use our facility for this event? The representative, Carol Keller, lists the details below Mr. Carson's email.  Thanks for considering this.

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From: **Carson IV, Frank L.** <Frank.CarsonIV@carsonbank.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 10:18 AM
Subject: 2020 Challenge Games

Good Morning Jay,

Hope you are doing well today.  Below is an email from Carol Keller who is a good friend of mine. Carol oversees the Challenge Games which is a track and field competition for those with physical disabilities.   She has been doing this for 30+yrs and the event is usually held at Panther Stadium in Derby.  Unfortunately, next year (2020), Panther Stadium will be under construction therefore, Carol is seeking other possible sites to hold this competition.  She asked if I had any contacts at USD263 and I told her I would reach out to see if holding the Challenge Games at Lyle Couch Stadium is an option for 2020.  If this is a possibility, please let me know who I need to put Carol in contact with to discuss the details.  If not, no big deal.

Thanks Jay and I hope all is well!

**From:** Ron / Carol Keller <ronandcarolk@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:11 PM
**To:** Carson IV, Frank L. <Frank.CarsonIV@carsonbank.com>
**Subject:** Challenge Games

Frank, thanks so much for your desire to help us secure a home for Challenge 2020.  Below is some basic information about the event and the things we'd need to run it at the stadium in Mulvane.

* Challenge Games is an annual track, field, and boccia competition for physically challenged athletes.  The competition provides one of the few opportunities in this part of the country for those with physical disabilities to qualify for competition at the national level. It is the ONLY Paralympic track and field competition in Kansas.  2020 will be the 32th year for the Challenge competition, which is typically held in Derby.  Panther Stadium will be closed for renovation next spring,thus the reason for seeking out a new venue for 2020, with the plan to return to Derby Panther stadium in 2021.
* Although the majority of those competing are from Sedgwick, Sumner, and Butler Counties, the competition draws athletes from Oklahoma, Missouri, and across the state of Kansas.  Expect 60-75 athletes, 200-300 fans/volunteers.  Competitors typically range from 5 to 25 years old.  Obviously, there will be a positive economic impact to the community.
* The meet is put on by the Challenge Foundation, a 501(c)3 not for profit organization, funded by local sponsors, and put on totally by volunteers.  USATF officials are utilized.
* The meet is sanctioned by and insured by Adaptive Sports, USA.  The school district would be named as an also insured on the policy.
* We order 10 trash bins to be delivered to the site on Friday, pick up all trash accumulated during the meet, and have the bins picked up on Monday.
* The press box would be used all day.  The PA system would be needed in the morning.  The computer and team for compiling results would be present in the press box the whole day, unless there is an alternate indoor space with electricity and that could be utilized.
* If there is a training room or any other space that would work, we have a team of physical therapists doing classification of new athletes.  It is an evaluation of strength and mobility necessary to place new athletes into appropriate, equitable competition groups.  We'd provide the training table, just need an indoor open space ~12'x12'
* Would use the track in the morning and field events area in the afternoon.  Would also utilize part of the parking lot for a wheelchair obstacle course venue in the afternoon.
* Need use of a gym for the boccia tournament during the morning.
* Need use of the concession stand for athlete and volunteer check in as well as serving lunch and selling concessions.  Also would like use of the grill for the St. Michael's Mulvane Knights of Columbus to make our hamburgers for lunch.
* If there would be a place we could lock everything, we'd like to bring our meet supplies (implements, measuring tapes, etc), and t-shirts and concessions to the stadium the night before.  Ideally, the field event areas would be positioned and marked with webbing tacked to the field and the boccia courts measured and taped the night before as well
* Prefer to schedule May 16 or 23, but would consider 9th or 30th.
* The competition has a website at [www.challengegames.org](http://www.challengegames.org) and a FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/thechallengegames](http://www.facebook.com/thechallengegames)  Information can also be obtained by contacting Carol Keller, meet director, at 316.250.7242 or ronandcarolk@gmail.com

Again, thanks in advance for your assistance, Frank.   --  Carol



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Dr. Jay Ensley

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