



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

Fast Facts About the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

Mission

The mission for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games is to create an inclusive event that celebrates ABILITY, delivers the highest quality experiences for all stakeholders, and leaves a legacy of positive change in Minnesota and beyond.

Fast Facts

- The 2026 USA Games will take place from June 20 to June 26, 2026.
- 3,000+ athletes from all 50 states.
- 16 Special Olympics team and individual sports.
 - Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cornhole, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Pickleball, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, and Volleyball.
- 15,000 volunteers
- 1,500 coaches
- 75,000 fans
- Jersey Mike's and UnitedHealthcare are the co-presenting partners of the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. Both organizations have a strong commitment to supporting Special Olympics by breaking down barriers and creating a better, healthier world.
- One of the largest sporting events in the US in 2026.
- The University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN, will be home for the USA Games and will offer the university's housing, athletic, dining, and medical facilities for the athletes, coaches, families, and fans. Competition will also be hosted at the National Sports Center, a premier multi-sport complex in Blaine, MN, known for being one of the largest amateur sports facilities in the world.
- Minnesota hosted the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 1991.
- The first Special Olympics competition was held in 1968 at Chicago's Soldier Field.
- Previous USA Games were held in:
 - 2006 in Ames, IA.
 - 2010 in Lincoln, NE.
 - 2014 in Trenton, NJ.
 - 2018 in Seattle, WA.
 - 2022 in Orlando, FL.
- Website and social: www.2026usagames.org, Instagram ([@specialolympicsusagames](https://www.instagram.com/specialolympicsusagames)), Facebook ([SpecialOlympicsUSAGames](https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsUSAGames)), X (formerly Twitter) ([@2026USAGames](https://twitter.com/@2026USAGames)), LinkedIn ([2026 Special Olympics USA Games](https://www.linkedin.com/company/2026-Special-Olympics-USA-Games)), and TikTok ([@2026usagames](https://www.tiktok.com/@2026usagames)).