Fast Facts About the
2026 Special Olympics USA Games

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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.

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● 4,000+ athletes from all 50 states
● 19 Olympic-type team and individual sports
● 10 thousand 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 U.S. in 2026
● The University of Minnesota 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. Sport competition will also be hosted at other premier locations throughout the Twin Cities.
● Minnesota hosted the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 1991
● Website and social: www.2026usagames.org, Instagram (@specialolympicsusagames), Facebook (SpecialOlympicsUSAGames), X (formerly Twitter) (@2026USAGames), LinkedIn (2026 Special Olympics USA Games), and TikTok (@2026usagames).

About Our Partners

UnitedHealthcare
A long-time supporter of Special Olympics Minnesota and now a 2026 USA Games presenting partner, UnitedHealthcare is committed to helping people live healthier lives, increasing access to care and eradicating health disparities for all. They will play a key role in making the USA Games a success and by leaving a lasting impact on inclusive health in Minnesota.

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and making the health system work better for everyone by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. In the United States, UnitedHealthcare offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for
individuals, employers, and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1.6 million physicians and care professionals, and 8,000 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. The company also provides health benefits and delivers care to people through owned and operated health care facilities in South America. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified health care company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at www.uhc.com or follow @UHC on Twitter.

**Jersey Mike’s Subs**
Jersey Mike’s Subs, with more than 2,500 locations nationwide, serves authentic fresh sliced/fresh grilled subs on in-store freshly baked bread — the same recipe it started with in 1956. Passion for giving in Jersey Mike’s local communities is reflected in its mission statement “Giving…making a difference in someone’s life.” For more information, please visit jerseymikes.com or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/jerseymikes), Instagram (instagram.com/jerseymikes), and Twitter (twitter.com/jerseymikes.com).

**Mall of America**
At 5.6 million square feet, Mall of America is the largest shopping and entertainment complex in North America with more than 520 world-class retail stores and restaurants; Nickelodeon Universe, a 7-acre indoor theme park; SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium; FlyOver America; Crayola Experience and more. The Mall opened in 1992 and is in Bloomington, Minn., minutes from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul and adjacent to the MSP International Airport. Follow Mall of America on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Download the Mall of America app from the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.


**Accenture**
Accenture is a leading global professional services company that helps the world’s leading businesses, governments and other organizations build their digital core, optimize their operations, accelerate revenue growth and enhance citizen services—creating tangible value at speed and scale. We are a talent and innovation led company with 738,000 people serving clients in more than 120 countries. Technology is at the core of change today, and we are one of the world’s leaders in helping drive that change, with strong ecosystem relationships. We combine our strength in technology with unmatched industry experience, functional expertise and global delivery capability. We are uniquely able to deliver tangible outcomes because of our broad range of services, solutions and assets across Strategy & Consulting, Technology, Operations, Industry X and Accenture Song. These capabilities, together with our culture of shared success and commitment to creating 360° value, enable us to help our clients succeed and build trusted, lasting relationships. We measure our success by the 360° value we create for our clients, each other, our shareholders, partners and communities. Visit us at www.accenture.com.

**University of Minnesota**
The University of Minnesota System, with campuses in Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester and the Twin Cities, is driven by a singular vision of excellence. We are proud of our land-grant mission of world-class education, groundbreaking research and community-engaged outreach, and we are unified in our drive to serve Minnesota. Visit system.umn.edu.
Droga5
Droga5, part of Accenture Song, is a creative agency with offices in New York, London, Dublin, Tokyo and São Paulo. From integrated communications and experience innovation to business design, Droga5 exists to build and sustain the most influential brands of the 21st century through creativity. Droga5 was founded in 2006 and has been recognized as Agency of the Year more than 25 times and was named both Ad Age and Adweek’s Agency of the Decade (2010–2019). Droga5 clients include JPMorgan Chase, Kimberly-Clark, LVMH, Instacart, Levi’s, Meta, Molson Coors, The New York Times, Kaiser Permanente, Adobe and Lululemon among others. Visit Droga5.com or @droga5 on all social platforms to get to know us better.

Partner Quotes

UnitedHealthcare
"We’re honored to be a partner for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games and support these athletes as they pursue their greatest goals at the highest levels of competition," said Brian Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, UnitedHealthcare.

Jersey Mike’s Subs
“Jersey Mike’s is looking forward to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota,” said Caroline Jones, Senior Vice President, Jersey Mike’s Franchise Systems, Inc. "As a presenting partner, we cannot wait to cheer on the athletes alongside their families at the next USA Games. This outstanding group of athletes are an inspiration to all of us."

University of Minnesota
“The U of M is excited for June 2026, when we will host Special Olympics athletes, families and supporters at our world-class University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus,” said Joan Gabel, President, University of Minnesota. “The overlapping missions of the University of Minnesota and the USA Games, which emphasize the strengths that come from equity and inclusivity, make our partnership a perfect fit. We look forward to our continued collaboration in preparation for 2026, and to the celebrations that will follow."

Droga5
“Working with an organization that is at the forefront of inclusion was a huge honor and privilege,” said Nate Scott, executive design director, Droga5. “With the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games logo, we wanted to ensure the spirit of inclusivity and the state of Minnesota were represented. It was also important for us to make sure the voice of the athletes, who were a big inspiration behind the logo’s development, rang true.”