



Join the Excitement at Special Olympics Washington’s State Spring Games, June 7-9, 2024!

More than 2,000 athletes, Unified partners and coaches will compete in venues in Federal Way and Tacoma

May 31, 2024 – SEATTLE - Special Olympics Washington is thrilled to announce the upcoming State Spring Games, set to take place from Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9, 2024. The event will bring together over 2,000 athletes, Unified partners, and coaches from across the state to compete in athletics (track and field), powerlifting, soccer, and swimming. The games are open to the public, and everyone is invited to come and cheer on the athletes as they showcase their skills and determination.

Venues for the State Spring Games are:

- Pacific Lutheran University (PLU; 12180 Park Ave. S, Tacoma) - Opening Ceremony, Soccer, Athletics
- Dungeon Strength RX (2705 Auburn Way North; Auburn) - Powerlifting
- King County Aquatic Center (650 SW Campus Dr, Federal Way) - Swimming

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| Friday, June 7 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Opening Ceremony for the Games at Olson Auditorium; highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parade of athletes • Lighting of the cauldron by Chief Pete Fisher of the Fife Police Department and Special Olympics Washington athlete Evan Gentry from Grays Harbor • <i>Beginning at 5:15 p.m. law enforcement personnel will escort the “Flame of Hope” from Blue Steele Coffee in Parkland to Pacific Lutheran University for the Final Mile to the Opening Ceremony.</i> |
| Saturday, June 8 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Competitions and medal ceremonies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerlifting (Dungeon Strength RX) • Soccer (PLU) • Swimming (King County Aquatic Center) • Athletics (PLU) |
| Saturday, June 8 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Athletes Experience (PLU) • Healthy Athletes Screenings (PLU) |
| Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Competitions and medal ceremonies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer (PLU) • Athletics (PLU) • Powerlifting (PLU) |

For more information, please visit SpecialOlympicsWashington.org

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for thousands of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Learn more at SpecialOlympicsWashington.org.

About the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Washington

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known honorably as Guardians of the Flame® law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the Flame of Hope into the Opening Ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics State, Provincial, National, Regional and World Games. Annually, more than 97,000 dedicated and compassionate

law enforcement members carry the Flame of Hope, symbolizing courage and celebration of diversity uniting communities around the globe.

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