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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER SPORTS CLASSIC 2015**

**Everyone Competes, Everyone Plays & Everyone is tested like Champions**

**Event Highlights**

* Opening Ceremonies at Everett Memorial Stadium (AquaSox Stadium) to feature nearly 1000 athletes and entertainment
* Brooks Sports donation of up to 2000 shoes at Summer Sports Classic Opening Ceremonies
* Special Olympics Summer Sports Classic Olympic Town at Kasch Park complete with entertainment, food and educational opportunities
* Softball “first pitch” thrown by Congresswoman Suzane DelBene, Saturday, 7:45 a.m. at Kasch Park

Nearly 1000 Special Olympics athletes will compete in the 2015 Summer Sports Classic at Walter E. Hall Golf Course, Kasch Park and Boeing Field, Friday, August 14-Sunday August 16. Over the three-day athletic event, athletes in golf and softball will showcase strength, skill, courage and the belief that EVERYONE competes.

**Opening Ceremony**

Opening Ceremonies will take place Friday, August 14, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Everett Memorial Stadium on the AquaSox field. The 90-minute event will feature the parade of athletes, 2000 pairs of free Brooks Shoes, live music and the arrival of the “Flame of Hope”.

**Special Olympics Summer Sports Classic**

**What:** 2015 Summer Sports Classic featuring competition in Softball & Golf as well as Opening Ceremonies.

**When:** August 14-16, 2015

**Where:** Kasch Park (Softball), Boeing Field (Softball), Walter E. Hall (Golf), Everett Memorial Stadium (Opening Ceremonies)

**Who:** Nearly 1000 Special Olympics Washington Athletes

**Directions**

1. Opening Ceremonies: Everett Memorial Stadium (3830 Broadway, Everett, 98102)
2. Softball (Saturday/Sunday): Kasch Park (8811 Airport Road, Everett, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
3. Golf (Saturday): Walter E. Hall (1226 W. Casino Rd., Everett WA, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.)

**About Special Olympics Washington**

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. By participating in sports, physical fitness and healthcare education programs, Special Olympics Washington athletes increase self-confidence and social skills, improve physical and motor skills, and have better success in leading more independent lives.

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