



Experience Special Olympics Washington’s State Spring Games
Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11

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

June 8, 2023 – SEATTLE – Get ready for an action-packed weekend as Special Olympics Washington’s State Spring Games kick off from June 9-11, 2023. Athletes from across the state are competing in athletics (track and field), powerlifting, soccer, and swimming. The games are free to attend, and the public is invited to come and cheer on the athletes.

The State Spring Games stand as a powerful example of the ability of sports to unite individuals and foster a sense of community! Don’t miss out on the chance to experience this amazing event – we’ll see you at the games!

Venues for the State Spring Games are:

- Pacific Lutheran University - Opening Ceremony, Soccer, Athletics
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord (THOR 3 Gym) - Powerlifting
- Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center - Swimming

<p>Friday, June 9 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony for State Spring Games at Pacific Lutheran University’s Olson Auditorium.</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parade of athletes • The cauldron will be escorted by Washington’s delegates for the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin (June 17-25). Officer Patrick Gilbert of the Fife Police Department and runner for the LETR Torch Run Final Leg will light the cauldron. Joining Officer Gilbert will be athletes Kellen Mendez and Mitchell Hibdon.
<p>Saturday, June 10 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Competitions and medal ceremonies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics (PLU) • Powerlifting (JBLM) <i>Spectators attending powerlifting are required to check-in and present ID verification at the JBLM Visitor Center to receive base access. Here is a list of acceptable ID verification documents: bit.ly/JBLMaccess</i> • Soccer (PLU) • Swimming (King County Aquatic Center)
<p>Sunday, June 11 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Competitions and medal ceremonies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics (PLU) • Soccer (PLU)

For a complete schedule and venue 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.

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