



**Let the Games Begin! Special Olympics Washington Returns to the Tri-Cities
for the 2022 State Fall Games**

After a Two-Year Pause, More than 700 Athletes will Compete November 18-20

November 17, 2022 – Athletes throughout the state train year-round to compete at Special Olympics Washington’s State Fall Games and the time has finally come. On Friday, November 18, the **2022 State Fall Games presented by Broadmoor RV SuperStore** returns to the Tri-Cities. More than 700 Special Olympics athletes and Unified partners will compete in bowling, flag football, gymnastics, and volleyball. Supporting them will be more than 800 volunteers, coaches and chaperones. Broadmoor RV is returning for the fourth year as the presenting sponsor of the State Fall Games.

The three-day event begins with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Opening Ceremony on Friday evening at Richland High School. Competition begins on Saturday in venues across Kennewick, Pasco and Richland, and continues through Sunday. A dinner, dance, and entertainment activities for the participants will be held on Saturday evening.

The Opening Ceremony and competitions are free and the public is invited to cheer on the athletes.

Friday, November 18 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Opening Ceremony for State Fall Games at Richland High School
Saturday, November 19 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Competitions and medal ceremonies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Football (Badger Mountain Community Park) • Volleyball (Libby Middle School) • Bowling (Spare Times Lanes)
Saturday, November 19 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Competitions and medal ceremonies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gymnastics (Mid-Columbia Gymnastics Academy)
Sunday, November 20 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Competitions and medal ceremonies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Football (Badger Mountain Community Park) • Volleyball (Libby Middle School) • Bowling (Spare Times Lanes)

Other events taking place during State Fall Games include:

- On Friday, November 18 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Special Olympics Washington will host MedFest which provides free sports physical exams to new and returning athletes. A sports physical exam is required as part of the athlete registration process.
- To ensure that athletes are performing at their best on and off the playing fields, on Saturday, November 19, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Special Olympics Washington will be offering health examinations for all athletes through its Healthy Athletes program. From dental examinations to podiatric screenings, all Healthy Athletes screenings are free to athletes. The Healthy Athletes program is presented by Kaiser Permanente, the Official Health Partner of Special Olympics Washington.

For more information on the 2022 State Fall Games, including specific timelines and venue information, please visit SpecialOlympicsWashington.org/event/2022-state-fall-games.

About Special Olympics Washington

Special Olympics Washington provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for more than 7,400 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. For more information, please visit SpecialOlympicsWashington.org.

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