GMS 5 Support will end after Q2, 2016.

SOI will no longer provide development or support for GMS 5 after June 30, 2016

While GMS 5 is still utilized by some Programs as their primary competition management software solution, we are finding it increasingly difficult and costly to support on today's modern technologies. GMS 5 has served SO Programs very well for many years but is beginning to show its age and technical limitations.

Upgrading to GMS 6 or 7 is highly recommended at this time. For information about upgrading, please refer to our "Guide to Upgrading GMS" reference on the GMS Resources website, or contact gmshelp@specialolympics.org.

We continue to support GMS 6 and above, including our newly released GMS 7.

What happens if I continue to use GMS 5?

If you continue to use GMS 5 after support has ended, the software will still work but it might become more vulnerable to performance issues and data corruption. The SOI Census Utility and other tools, as they are developed, will not be compatible.

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Additional compatibility notes:

GMS 5 run on SQL server is only compatible with Windows XP. Strong caution to those who are running this configuration as Microsoft has ended their support for Windows XP (as of April 8, 2014).

GMS 5 will still run as a standalone on NexusDB but, please be aware that NexusDB has a database size limit of 2 GB. The NexusDB size limit applies to GMS 6 and 7 as well. Once a database grows past 2 GB, users will begin experiencing issues with data management and possible corruption and loss of data.

GMS 5 is not compatible with Windows 10. Our initial testing reveals issues with software and database stability. SOI does not recommend nor support GMS 5.6 running on Windows 10.