



GMS 5.6 to GMS 6

Upgrading to GMS 6 is a big step for most users. In addition to the user interface being different, the reporting capabilities and the overall flexibility of the software is greatly improved. You can learn more about GMS 6 on our resources page: <http://resources.specialolympics.org/gms/> or contact us at gmshelp@specialolympics.org.

BEFORE UPGRADING

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Consider your users and infrastructure. Do you want to centralize all of your data? Are there procedures, paper flows, and protocols that you would like to streamline?

Will you need to coordinate GMS User Training? We offer training either in-person or via webinar.

MINIMUM HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Windows 7 and above, Intel i5 processor, 4GB RAM, 128GB hard drive. You get much better performance with a faster processor and 8GB RAM.

MINIMUM SERVER REQUIREMENTS

Most Programs are using NexusDB (v1.08) as their database server. Nexus is an open-source database server with a database size limit of 2 GB of memory. Once a database grows past 2 GB, users will begin experiencing issues with data management and possible corruption and loss of data.

We highly recommend using Microsoft SQL Server or Microsoft SQL Express for this upgrade. This will provide a more stable, scalable DB server for this version and future upgrades. SQL Express is free and supports a database size of up to 10 GB. SQL Server 2014 has costs, and supports a database size up to 16 TB.

This page lists the minimum and recommended requirements for SQL 2014:

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms143506\(v=sql.120\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms143506(v=sql.120).aspx)

NOTE: Although not recommended, Programs can use GMS 5.6 and GMS 6 (5.99.0.445) connected to the same database. Not all features and functions between the two versions are compatible with each other, which may cause issues with competition management, GMS Transfer (exchange), and overall database inconsistencies.

DID YOU KNOW? It's possible to upgrade directly from GMS 5.6 to GMS 7. This requires database conversion. Please contact us to discuss if this is something your Program would like to do.



GMS 6 to GMS 7

Upgrading to GMS 7 is easy for most Programs. The user interface and overall functionality is the same as GMS 6. In addition to some added features, we have made a large amount of changes in the programming to address bugs and open doors to future development. You can learn more about GMS 7 on our resources page: <http://resources.specialolympics.org/gms/> or contact us at gmshelp@specialolympics.org.

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New Features in GMS 7

- Increased number of built-in person types to 32, including types for the 3 Unified sport models, and 10 custom types
- Support for new SOI Medical Form
- Added Awards Requirement Estimator
- Track athlete Personal Best scores
- Designate "Home" and "Away" teams in bracketed matches
- Assign coaches to teams (within a Games)
- Associate teams with delegations (within a Games)
- Track yellow and red cards in football/soccer matches
- View tie-breaker information in bracketed events
- Improved bracket images and scaling for bracket reports
- Ability to project reports to large screens
- Multiple improvements to Colorado Timing System scoreboard exporter
- DocuSign integration for completion of new SOI Medical Form
- Ability to import data from new medical form (SOI Medical Form pdf form template only)
- Extended the Census certification to 2020
- Updated DQ Codes for 2015 Aquatics rules
- Import and export support for Office 2007 and newer
- Multiple bug fixes and stability improvements
- See the full GMS 7 Release Notes posted on the GMS Learning Center <http://resources.specialolympics.org/gms/>



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NOTE: The current official release of GMS 7 is version 7.5.3. Version 7.1 was utilized during the 2015 World Summer Games in Los Angeles. Previous versions were used in development and testing leading up to World Games.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- GMS 7 is not backwards compatible. GMS 7 uses an updated version of Delphi (programming language) and changes the database structure which breaks all compatibility with versions of GMS 5 and GMS 6.
- GMS 7 is still being tested to determine whether it remains compatible (sharing a database server and tables) with VSys One. At this time, we do not recommend upgrading to GMS 7 for Programs using both GMS and VSys One on a shared database server. SOI does not provide support or development for VSys. Please contact VSys One with any VSys questions or concerns, at support@vsysone.com.