



Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023

Background:

The Special Olympics World Games 2023 were awarded to Berlin, Germany, on **13 November 2018**. They will be held **16-25 June 2023**. Over **7,000 Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners** will compete in **24 summer sports**.

Where?

Many renowned sports facilities in Berlin, Germany, will provide state-of-the-art competition venues, including **the Event Center in the Messe Berlin (Convention Center), the Max-Schmeling-Halle sports facilities, the Sportforum, the Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn-SportPark, and the Brandenburg Gate**. The **Opening Ceremony** will be held in the **Berlin Olympic Stadium**.

The Numbers:

- 24 summer sports
- 7,000 athletes and Unified Partners
- 180 nations
- 3,000 coaches
- 3,500 officials
- 500,000 spectators
- 3-4 days Host Town Program
- 9 days of competition
- 7,000 health workers
- 20,000 volunteers

An Athlete-Centered Approach

A **National Athletes' Council** has been formed, made up of athlete leaders from all 14 sub-programs of Special Olympics Germany. The Athletes' Council will be involved in all fundamental decisions relating to the World Games and will influence the design of the Games. Members of the council have been assigned to each functional area of the Games to ensure a **truly athlete-led and athlete-focused experience**.

What sports?

Athletics	Equestrian	Judo	Swimming
Badminton	Football	Kayaking	Table Tennis
Basketball	Golf	Open Water Swimming	Tennis
Bocce	Gymnastics (artistic)	Powerlifting	Triathlon
Bowling	Gymnastics (rhythmic)	Rollerskating	Volleyball
Cycling	Handball	Sailing	Beach Volleyball