



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
ORLANDO 2022

Event Guide

Orlando, Florida
June 5-12, 2022

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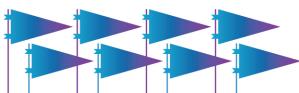


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THE GAMES AT A GLANCE

OVER 125,000

FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND SPECTATORS



OVER 4,000

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES



63 DELEGATIONS
FROM THE U.S.
& CARIBBEAN

2022 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES OVERVIEW

- 19 sports
 - 9 sports and venues at ESPN Wide World of Sports, including: Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Gymnastics (artistic), Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball
 - 10 sports at venues around Orlando, including: Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Open Water Swimming, Stand Up Paddleboard, Surfing, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon
- Over 30 Special Events
- Over 5,500 athletes and coaches
- Over 10,000 volunteers to fill over 20,000 shifts
- 63 Delegations from the United States and Caribbean

SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES HISTORY

USA Games	# participants	# sports
2006 Ames, IA	3000	13
2010 Lincoln, NE	3000	13
2014 Lawrenceville, NJ	3500	16
2018 Seattle, WA	4000	14
2022 Orlando, FL	5500	19

DELEGATION INFORMATION

Delegation	TOTAL DELEGATES (Athletes, Unified partners, Coaches & Support Staff)	Sports
Alabama	209 – 124 Athletes, 27 Unified partners, 47 Coaches, 11 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Standup Paddleboard, Swimming, Volleyball
Alaska	63 – 29 Athletes, 11 Unified partners, 13 Coaches, 10 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Swimming
Antigua and Barbuda	14 – 6 Athletes, 2 Unified partners, 3 Coaches, 3 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce
Arizona	115 – 48 Athletes, 25 Unified partners, 25 Coaches, 17 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Standup Paddleboard, Swimming, Volleyball
Arkansas	141 – 75 Athletes, 21 Unified partners, 26 Coaches, 19 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Standup Paddleboard, Swimming, Tennis
Aruba	28 – 16 Athletes, 7 Coaches, 5 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Soccer, Swimming
Bahamas	24 – 12 Athletes, 3 Unified partners, 6 Coaches, 3 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Soccer
Bermuda	10 – 3 Athletes, 3 Coaches, 4 Support Staff	Athletics, Equestrian, Tennis
Northern California	27 – 18 Athletes, 2 Unified partners, 5 Coaches, 2 Support Staff	Athletics, Golf, Swimming
Southern California	63 – 29 Athletes, 11 Unified partners, 10 Coaches, 13 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Swimming, Tennis
Colorado	96 – 53 Athletes, 13 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 12 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon
Connecticut	51 – 24 Athletes, 8 Unified partners, 10 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming
Delaware	45 – 29 Athletes, 9 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis
District of Columbia	44 – 22 Athletes, 3 Unified partners, 10 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Tennis
Dominica	5 – 3 Athletes, 1 Coach, 1 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce

Florida	605 – 338 Athletes, 105 Unified partners, 127 Coaches, 35 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Open Water Swimming, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Standup Paddleboard, Surfing, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball
Georgia	60 – 28 Athletes, 14 Unified partners, 12 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis
Guyana	5 – 3 Athletes, 1 Coach, 1 Support Staff	Athletics
Haiti	32 – 17 Athletes, 5 Unified partners, 5 Coaches, 5 Support Staff	Athletics, Equestrian, Soccer
Hawaii	35 – 16 Athletes, 4 Unified partners, 6 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Bocce, Bowling, Powerlifting, Swimming
Idaho	33 – 17 Athletes, 1 Unified partner, 9 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting
Illinois	105 – 67 Athletes, 7 Unified partners, 21 Coaches, 10 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming
Indiana	101 – 49 Athletes, 19 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 15 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Softball, Swimming, Volleyball
Iowa	109 – 63 Athletes, 12 Unified partners, 21 Coaches, 13 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis
Jamaica	22 – 10 Athletes, 2 Unified partners, 6 Coaches, 4 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Open Water Swimming, Swimming
Kansas	94 – 59 Athletes, 6 Unified partners, 20 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
Kentucky	60 – 34 Athletes, 7 Unified partners, 10 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming
Louisiana	95 – 53 Athletes, 13 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 11 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming
Maine	45 – 27 Athletes, 4 Unified partners, 8 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Swimming, Tennis
Maryland	192 – 116 Athletes, 17 Unified partners, 41 Coaches, 18 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis

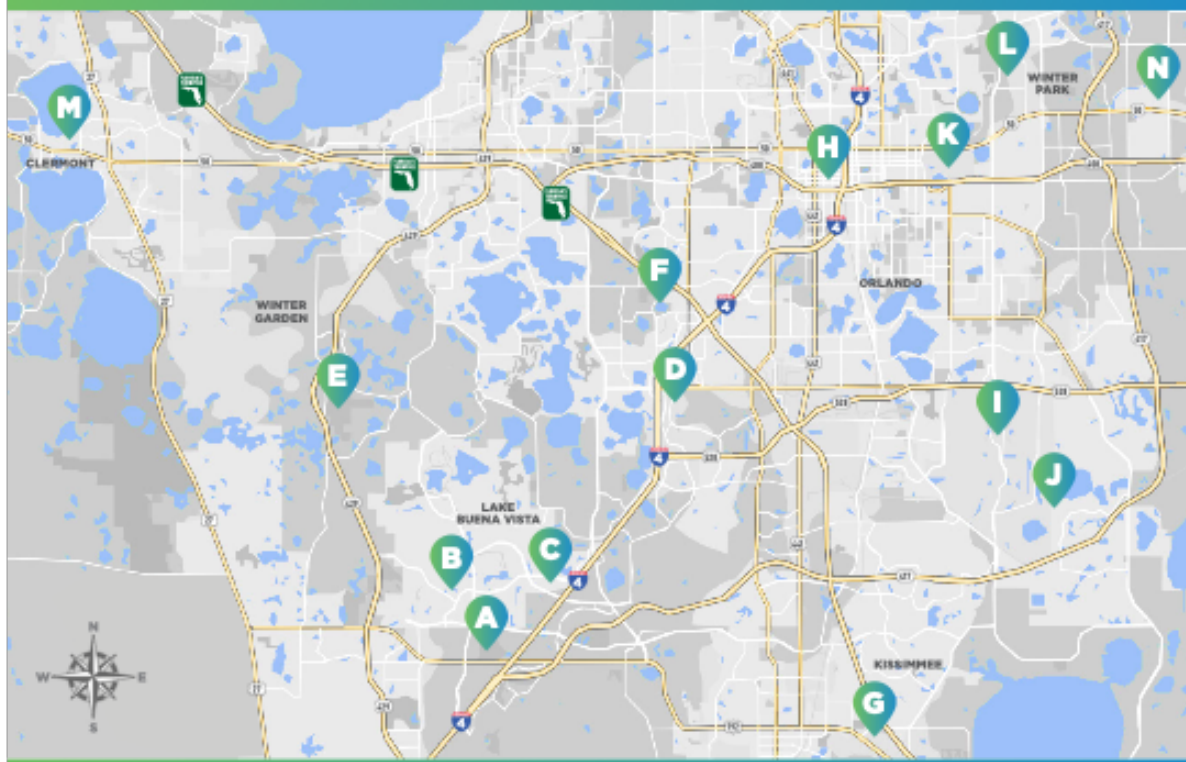
Massachusetts	87 – 50 Athletes, 12 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming
Michigan	74 – 41 Athletes, 11 Unified partners, 13 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bowling, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming
Minnesota	142 – 77 Athletes, 26 Unified partners, 29 Coaches, 10 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming
Mississippi	171 – 83 Athletes, 39 Unified partners, 34 Coaches, 15 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming
Missouri	122 – 73 Athletes, 18 Unified partners, 23 Coaches, 8 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, , Swimming, Tennis
Montana	31 – 15 Athletes, 3 Unified partners, 6 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming
Nebraska	49 – 25 Athletes, 6 Unified partners, 10 Coaches, 8 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis
Nevada	10 – 6 Athletes, 3 Coaches, 1 Support Staff	Athletics, Bowling, Swimming
New Hampshire	113 – 72 Athletes, 7 Unified partners, 26 Coaches, 8 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming, Triathlon
New Jersey	184 – 115 Athletes, 20 Unified partners, 41 Coaches, 8 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon
New Mexico	33 – 18 Athletes, 1 Unified partner, 5 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Swimming
New York	186 – 110 Athletes, 13 Unified partners, 36 Coaches, 27 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball
North Carolina	97 – 60 Athletes, 10 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming
North Dakota	30 – 18 Athletes, 6 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bowling, Powerlifting
Ohio	139 – 73 Athletes, 20 Unified partners, 29 Coaches, 17 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
Oklahoma	65 – 30 Athletes, 16 Unified partners, 13 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming

Oregon	40 – 20 Athletes, 6 Unified partners, 7 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Swimming
Pennsylvania	165 – 111 Athletes, 8 Unified partners, 34 Coaches, 12 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
Rhode Island	29 – 16 Athletes, 2 Unified partners, 5 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce
Saint Kitts and Nevis	13 – 5 Athletes, 4 Coaches, 4 Support Staff	Athletics, Open Water Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon
Saint Vincent and The Grenadines	10 – 6 Athletes, 2 Coaches, 2 Support Staff	Bocce, Tennis
South Carolina	189 – 101 Athletes, 37 Unified partners, 41 Coaches, 10 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Standup Paddleboard, Surfing, Swimming, Tennis
South Dakota	43 – 20 Athletes, 6 Unified partners, 8 Coaches, 9 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian
Tennessee	139 – 73 Athletes, 27 Unified partners, 27 Coaches, 12 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
Texas	341 – 184 Athletes, 61 Unified partners, 69 Coaches, 27 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Standup Paddleboard, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball
Trinidad and Tobago	6 – 4 Athletes, 1 Coach, 1 Support Staff	Bocce
Utah	52 – 21 Athletes, 12 Unified partners, 12 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Soccer, Swimming
Vermont	15 – 6 Athletes, 3 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Golf, Swimming
Virginia	75 – 44 Athletes, 5 Unified partners, 14 Coaches, 12 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Open Water Swimming, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis
Washington	98 – 54 Athletes, 15 Unified partners, 21 Coaches, 8 Support Staff	Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball
West Virginia	32 – 21 Athletes, 5 Coaches, 6 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Golf, Swimming
Wisconsin	96 – 57 Athletes, 8 Unified partners, 18 Coaches, 13 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Flag Football, Softball, Swimming
Wyoming	45 – 20 Athletes, 7 Unified partners, 11 Coaches, 7 Support Staff	Athletics, Bocce, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Powerlifting, Softball, Swimming



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VENUE MAP JUNE 5-12, 2022



A ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX*

700 South Victory Way, Kissimmee, 34747
Athletics, Basketball, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Gymnastics,
Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Cycling, Canoeing

B DISNEY'S CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT & DISNEY HOTELS

4 miles
1080 West Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, 32830
Equestrian

C TYPHOON LAGOON

4 miles
1145 E Buena Vista Drive, Orlando, 32830
Surfing

D ROSEN AQUATIC CENTER

12 miles
8422 International Drive, Orlando, 32819
Swimming

E ORANGE COUNTY NATIONAL GOLF

12 miles
16301 Phil Ritsen Way, Winter Garden, 34787
Golf

F LUCKY'S LAKE

15 miles
6645 Lake Cane Drive, Orlando, 32819
Open Water Swims, Stand Up Paddleboard

G SILVER SPURS ARENA

16 miles
1675 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, 34744
Equestrian

H EXPLORIA STADIUM | AMWAY ARENA

21 miles
655 W Church Street, Orlando, 32805
Opening Ceremony

I ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MCO)

22 miles
1 Jeff Fuqua Boulevard, Orlando, 32827

J USTA | 22 miles

22 miles
10000 USTA Boulevard, Orlando, 32827
Tennis

K ORLANDO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ORL)

24 miles
365 Rickenbacker Drive, Orlando, 32803

L FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY

29 miles
3380 University Boulevard, Winter Park, 32792
eSports

M LAKE MINNEOLA, WATERFRONT PARK

28 miles
330 3rd Street, Clermont, 34711
Triathlon

N BOARDWALK BOWL

31 miles
10749 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, 32817
Bowling

PRESENTING
PARTNER



HOST
PARTNER



*All distances are from ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex

SPORTS AND VENUES (SEE PAGES 12-30 FOR DETAILS)

	Sport	Code	Location
1	Athletics (presented by Orlando Health)	AT	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Track and Field Complex 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
2	Basketball (presented by Jersey Mike's Subs)	BB	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Visa Athletic Center 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
3	Bocce (presented by Amazon)	BC	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Veracruz Room 1000 West Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
4	Bowling (presented by Zappos)	BL	Boardwalk Bowl 10749 East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32817
5	Cheerleading (presented by Jersey Mike's Subs)	CH	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena East Quad 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
6	Equestrian	EQ	Silver Spurs Arena 1875 Silver Spur Lane Kissimmee, Florida
7	Flag Football (presented by Bank of America)	FF	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 18-19 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
8	Golf (presented by Gallagher Insurance)	GF	Orange County National Golf 16301 Phil Ritson Way Winter Garden, FL 34787
9	Gymnastics (presented by Jersey Mike's Subs)	GY	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena Northeast Pavilion 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
10	Open Water Swimming	OWS	Lucky's Lake 6645 Lake Cane Drive Orlando, FL 32819
11	Powerlifting (presented by WWE)	PL	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena South Quad 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
12	Soccer (presented by Experience Kissimmee)	SC	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 16-17 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
13	Softball (presented by Jabil)	SB	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 12-15 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
14	Stand Up Paddleboard	SUP	Lucky's Lake 6645 Lake Cane Drive Orlando, FL 32819
15	Surfing (presented by Ron Jon Surf Shop and Surfing Evolution + Preservation Fund)	SRF	Disney's Typhoon Lagoon 1145 East Buena Vista Drive Orlando, FL 32830
16	Swimming (presented by Disney)	SW	Rosen Aquatic Center 8422 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819
17	Tennis (presented by Toyota)	TN	USTA National Campus 10000 USTA Blvd. Orlando, FL 32827
18	Triathlon (presented by Orlando Health)	TRI	Lake Minneola Waterfront Park 330 3rd Street Clermont, FL 34711
19	Volleyball (presented by Jersey Mike's Subs)	VB	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena Northwest Pavilion 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747



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VENUE OVERVIEW

VENUE	SPORT	VENUE	SPORT
Exploria Stadium	Opening Ceremony	Orange County National Golf Course	Golf
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex	Athletics Basketball Cheerleading Flag Football Gymnastics Powerlifting Soccer Softball Volleyball Closing Ceremony	Lucky's Lake	Open Water Swim Stand Up Paddleboard
		Disney's Typhoon Lagoon	Surfing
		Rosen Aquatic Center	Swimming
		USTA National Campus	Tennis
		Lake Minneola Waterfront Park	Triathlon
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort	Bocce		
Boardwalk Bowl	Bowling		
Osceola Heritage Park Silver Spurs Arena	Equestrian		



SPECIAL EVENTS AND VENUES (SEE PAGES 31-38 FOR DETAILS)

Date	Special Event (chronological order)	Code	Location
May 20-June 4	Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Final Leg	LETR	Various locations; starting in Chicago, IL ending in Orlando, FL. Stops in OH, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DC, NC, SC, GA, FL (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Naples, Port Charlotte, Venice Beach, Fort Pierce, Cape Canaveral, Daytona, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Ocala, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Lakeland)
June 2 4:30-5:15p ET	LETR Orlando City Hall stop & Media Reception	LETR	Orlando City Hall 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801 Media Reception immediately following
June 4 7:30a-5p ET	Special Olympics Airlift (Textron/Cessna)	SOA	Orlando Executive Airport 365 Rickenbacker Drive Orlando, FL 32803 7:30a First plane lands, averaging one plane every 90 seconds 10:30a Media Event
June 5 9-11:30a ET	Opening Ceremony	OC	Exploria Stadium – Suites 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 655 West Church Street Orlando, FL 32805 **Doors open at 7:30a, Pre-Show 8a-9a
June 5 4:15p ET	Cirque du Soleil event (Honored Guests, LETR & Joe invites; Media welcome)	CDS	Disney Springs 1478 Buena Vista Dr, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
June 6-11 9a-5p ET	Healthy Athletes Experience (presented by Orlando Health)	HA	ESPN Wide World of Sports – State Farm Field House 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
June 6 10a-5p ET June 7-10 10a-3p ET	Fan Zone	FZ	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Field 20 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
June 6 7:30-10p ET	ESPN's Special Olympics Executive Unified Challenge	EUC	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Stadium 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
June 7 4-8p ET	2022 Special Olympics USA Games Unified Esports Invitational (Rocket League)	UE	Full Sail University – Orlando Health Fortress 3300 University Drive Winter Park, FL 32792
June 7-June 11 various times depending on the sport	Awards (all but bocce, equestrian & tennis)	AW	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747 **See 2022 USA Games app for schedules
June 11 8:30p ET	Closing Ceremony	CC	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747 **Pre-Show 7:30-8:30p ET including Triathlon Awards

SPORTS DETAILS

Athletics (Track and Field)



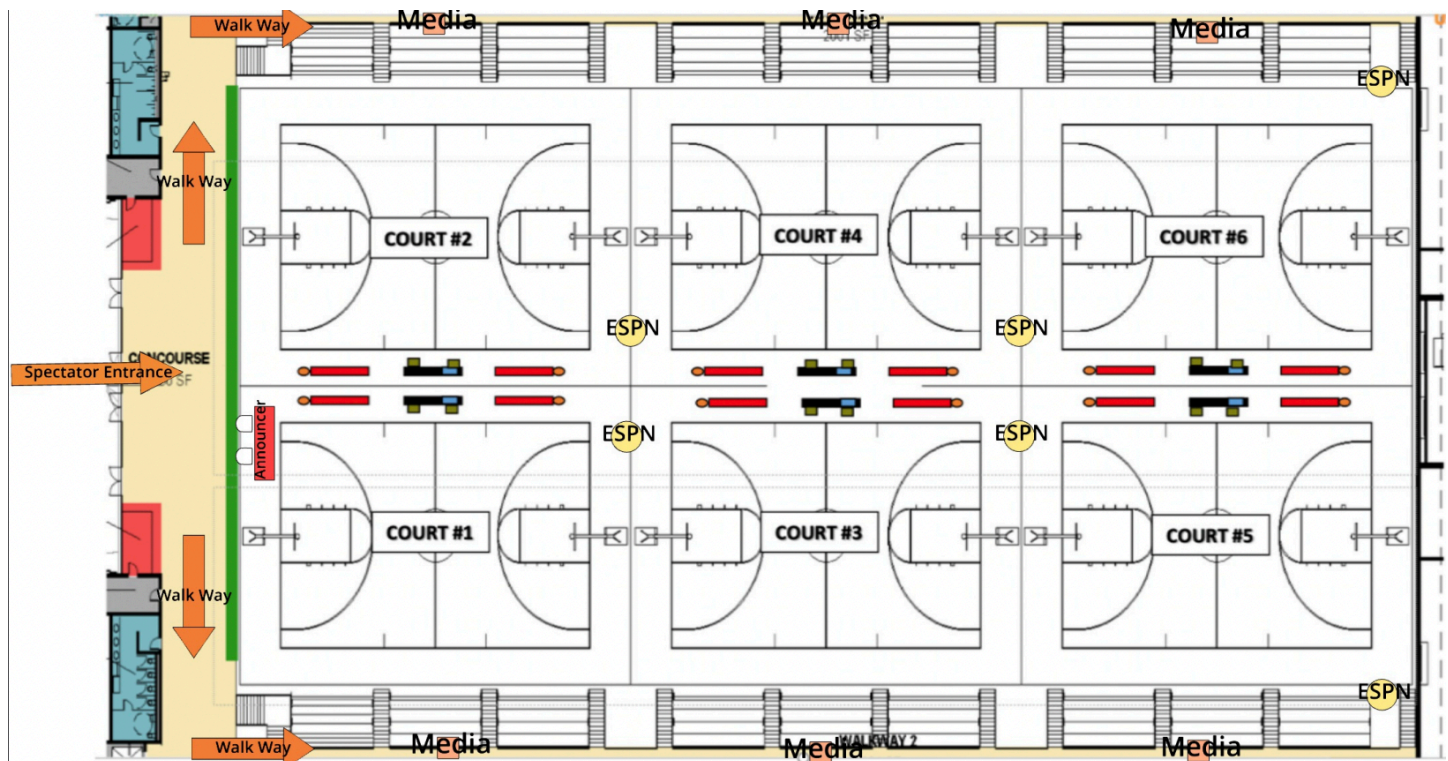
Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Track and Field Complex
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6-10 8a-2p ET
Number of Athletes	414 (199 females, 215 males)
Number of Unified Partners	41 (20 females, 21 males)
Number of Coaches	139 (70 females, 69 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	455
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	594
Sponsor	Orlando Health



Basketball



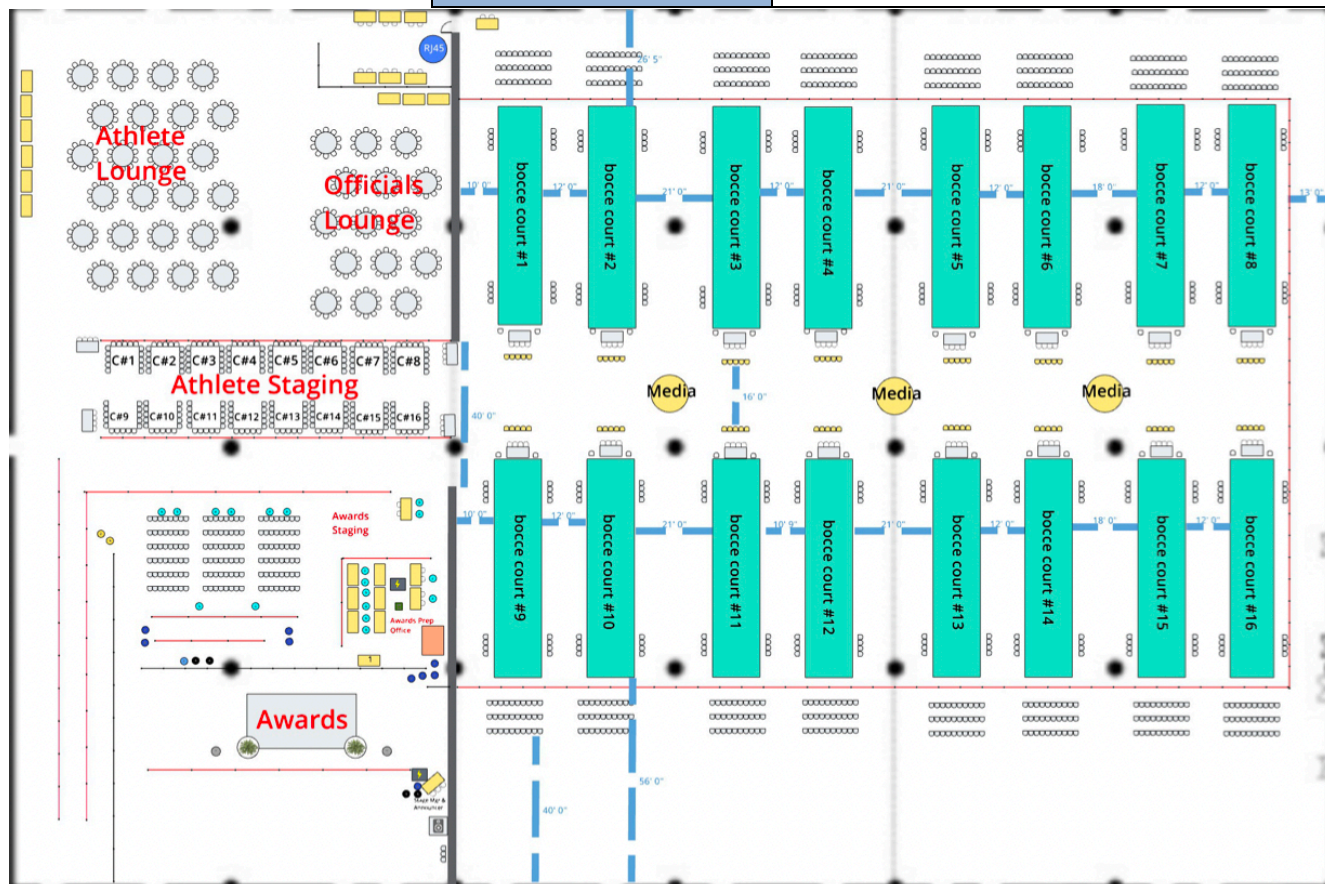
Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Visa Athletic Center
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-6p ET June 7 8a-7:30p ET June 8 8a-3:30p ET June 9 8a-2:30p ET June 10 8a-1:30p ET
Number of Athletes	408 (88 females, 320 males)
Number of Unified Partners	143 (39 females, 104 males)
Number of Coaches	153 (62 females, 91 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	551
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	704
Sponsor	Jersey Mike's Subs



Bocce



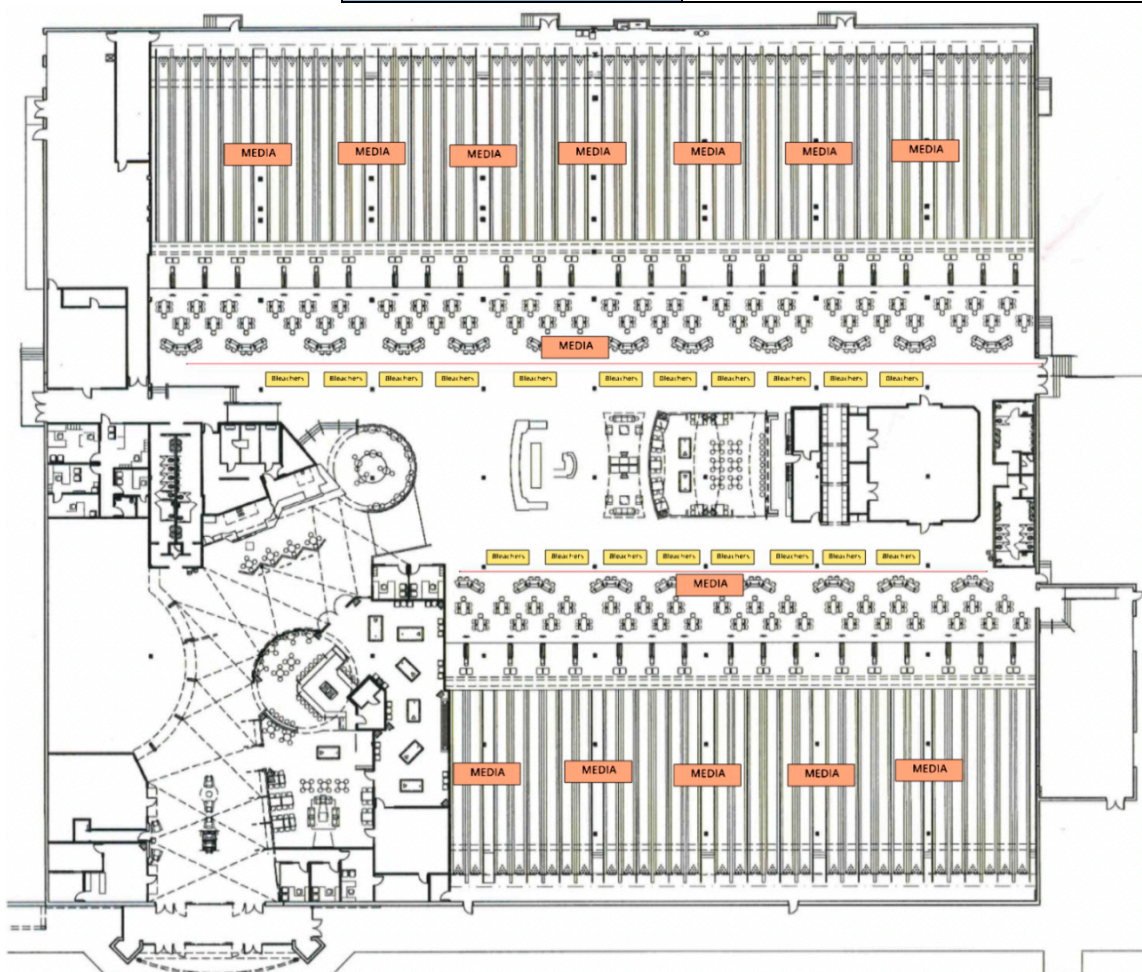
Venue	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Veracruz Room
Address	1000 West Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-6:30p ET Singles June 7 8a-6p ET Singles June 8 8a-6:30p ET Doubles and Unified Doubles June 9 8a-3p ET Doubles and Unified Doubles June 10 8a-6p ET Teams and Unified Teams
Awards (on-site)	Beginning June 8 Veracruz A
Number of Athletes	228 (114 females, 114 males)
Number of Unified Partners	82 (49 females, 33 males)
Number of Coaches	86 (58 females, 28 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	310
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	396
Sponsor	Amazon



Bowling



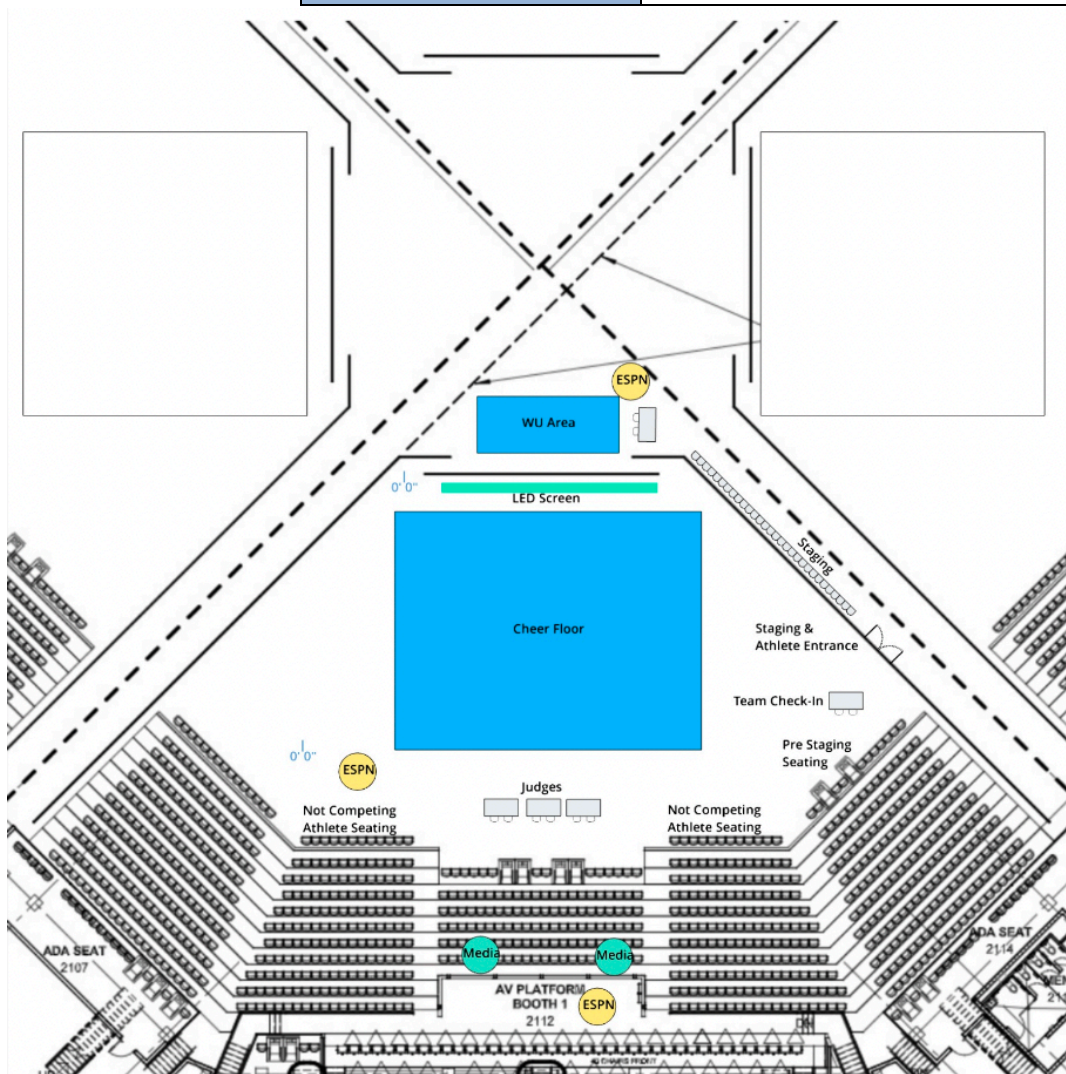
Venue	Boardwalk Bowl
Address	10749 East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32817
Competition Days/Times	June 6 9a-1p ET 3 Preliminary Games June 7 9a-1p ET Singles June 8 9a-1p ET Doubles & Unified Doubles June 9 9a-1p ET Teams & Unified Teams
Number of Athletes	240 (124 females, 116 males)
Number of Unified Partners	62 (37 females, 25 males)
Number of Coaches	81 (50 females, 31 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	302
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	383
Sponsor	Zappos



Cheerleading



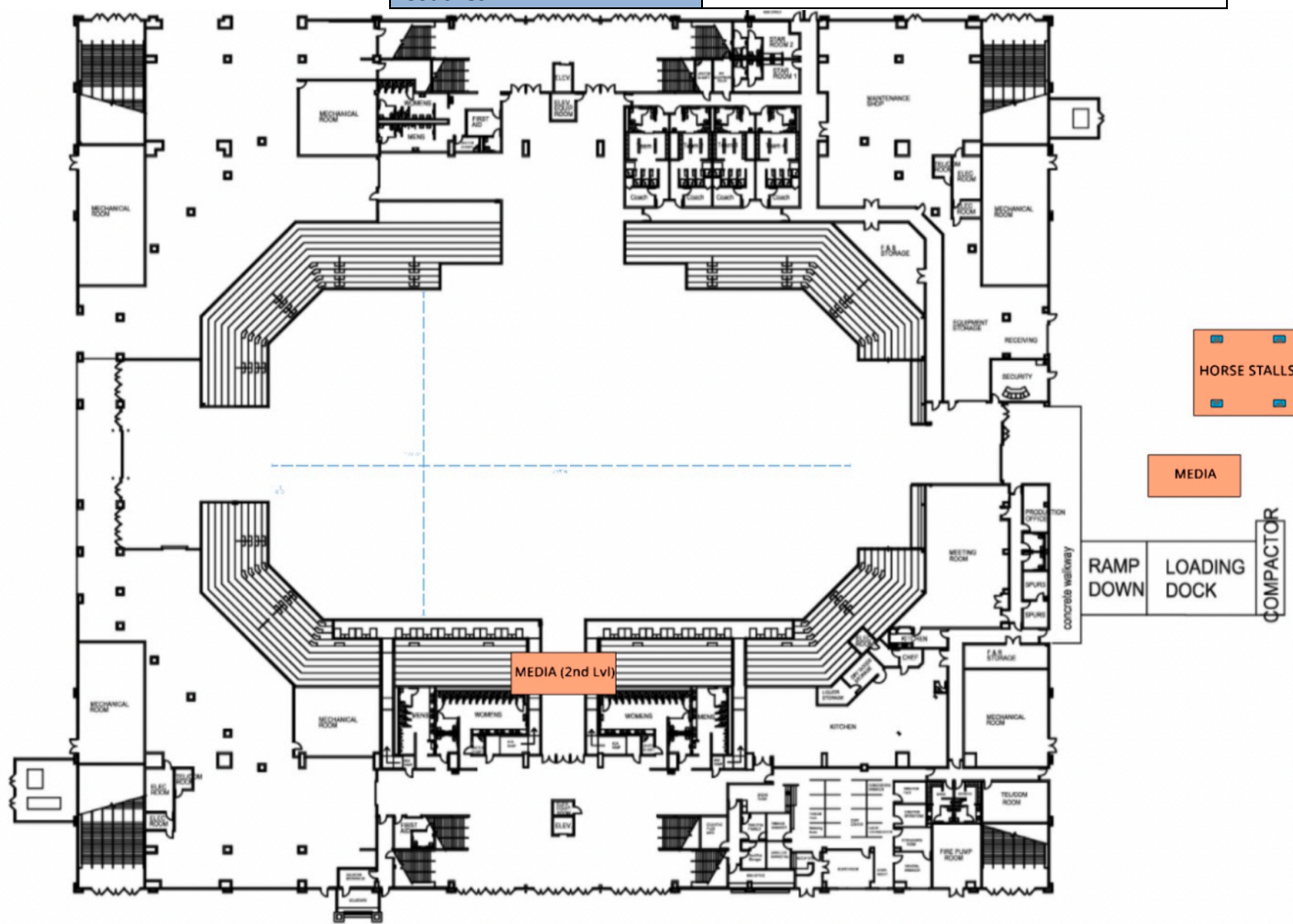
Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena East Quad
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6-7 8a-5p ET
Number of Athletes	83 (70 females, 13 males)
Number of Unified Partners	41 (37 females, 4 males)
Number of Coaches	40 (35 females, 5 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	124
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	164
Sponsor	Jersey Mike's Subs



Equestrian



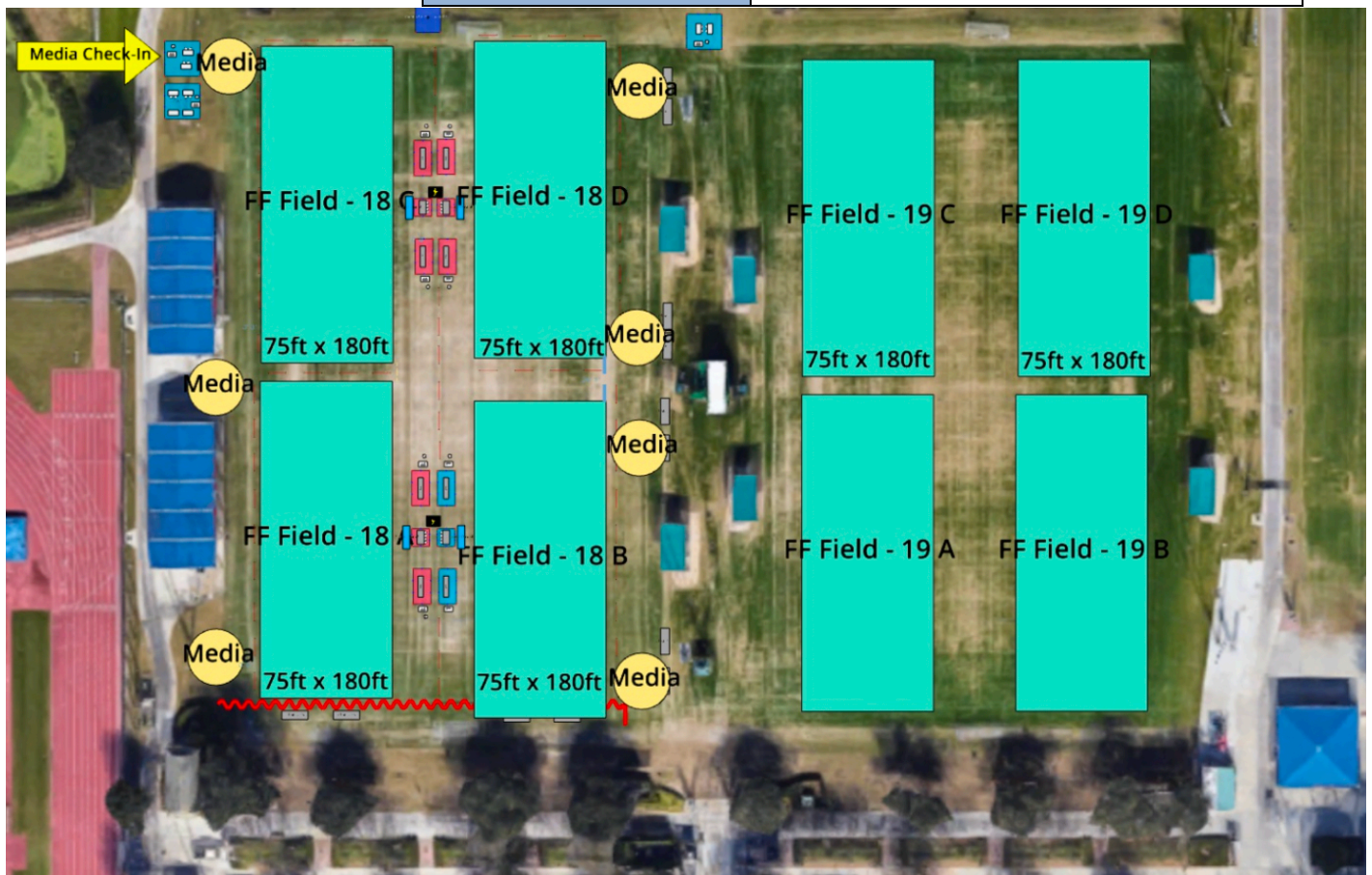
Venue	Silver Spurs Arena
Address	1875 Silver Spur Lane Kissimmee, Florida
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-4p ET Horse Matching June 7 8a-4p ET Divisioning June 8 8a-5p ET Dressage, English Equitation, Western Equitation June 9 8a-3p ET Working Trails June 10 8a-5p ET Remaining Trails, Speed Events
Awards (on-site)	June 8 Competition Ring June 9-10 Silver Spurs Arena Main Lobby
Number of Athletes	69 (38 females, 31 males)
Number of Coaches	25 (22 females, 3 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	94



Flag Football



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 18-19
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-1p ET June 7 8a-2p ET June 8 8a-1p ET June 9 8a-1p ET June 10 8a-1p ET
Number of Athletes	212 (26 females, 186 males)
Number of Unified Partners	76 (19 females, 57 males)
Number of Coaches	84 (21 females, 63 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	288
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	372
Sponsor	Bank of America



Golf



Venue	Orange County National Golf
Address	16301 Phil Ritson Way Winter Garden, FL 34787
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-2p ET June 7 8a-1p ET June 8 8a-2p ET June 9 8a-2p ET Every Day: Level 3&5 8a Shotgun on Crooked Cat Level 2&4 9a Shotgun on Panther Lake Level 1 10:30a start at driving range
Number of Athletes	138 (36 females, 102 males)
Number of Unified partners	67 (20 females, 47 males)
Number of Coaches	66 (24 females, 42 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	205
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	271
Sponsor	Gallagher Insurance



Gymnastics



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena Northeast Pavilion
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 9a-3p ET June 7 8a-4p ET June 8 8a-3p ET June 9 8a-3p ET June 10 8a-5p ET Team Gym and Gym Show
Number of Athletes	63 (44 females, 19 males)
Number of Coaches	23 (18 females, 5 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	86
Sponsor	Jersey Mike's Subs



Open Water Swimming



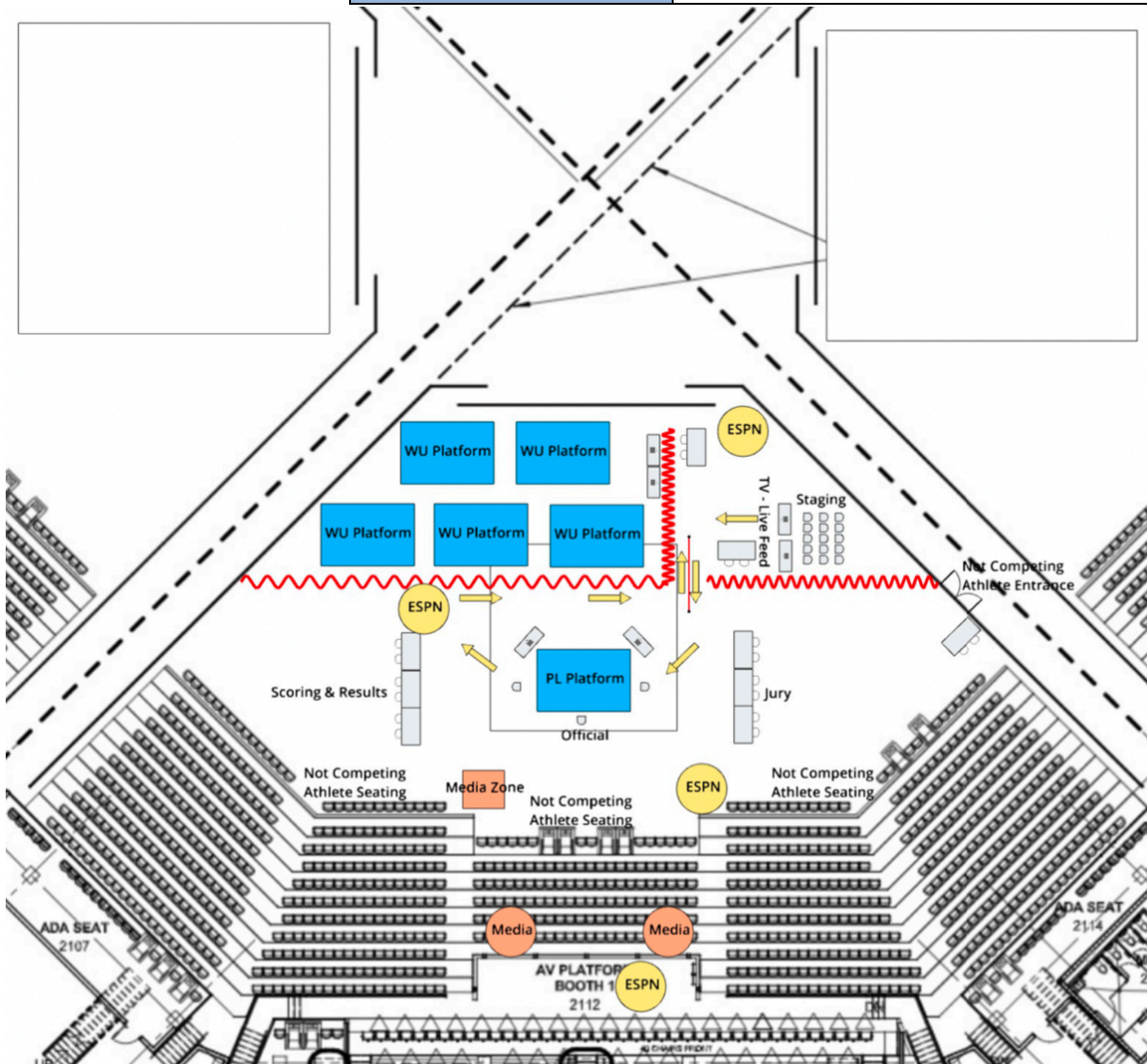
Venue	Lucky's Lake
Address	6645 Lake Cane Drive Orlando, FL 32819
Competition Days/Times	June 7 8-10a ET Practice June 8 8-10a ET Competition (1000m)
Number of Athletes	10 (3 females, 7 males)
Number of Unified partners	8 (4 females, 4 males)
Number of Coaches	7 (6 females, 1 male)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	18
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	25



Powerlifting



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena South Quad
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-5p ET June 7 8a-5p ET June 8 8a-5p ET June 9 8a-3p ET
Number of Athletes	126 (32 females, 94 males)
Number of Coaches	47 (13 females, 34 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	173
Sponsor	WWE



Soccer



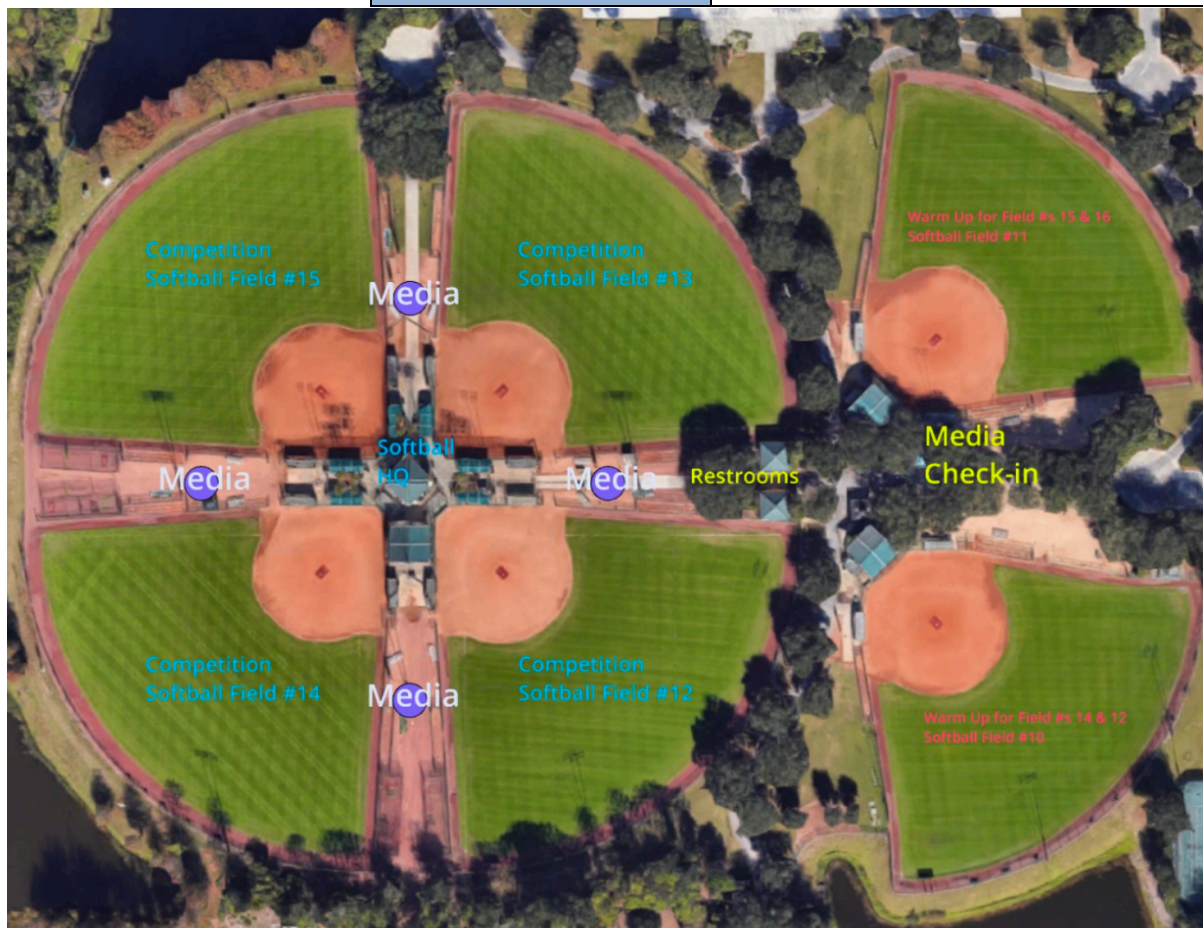
Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 16-17
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6-10 8a-1p ET
Number of Athletes	199 (42 females, 157 males)
Number of Unified partners	68 (27 females, 41 males)
Number of Coaches	71 (35 females, 36 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	267
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	338
Sponsor	Experience Kissimmee



Softball



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Fields 12-15
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-1p ET June 7 8a-1p ET June 8 8a-Noon ET June 9 8a-Noon ET June 10 8a-Noon ET
Number of Athletes	240 (29 females, 211 males)
Number of Unified partners	61 (16 females, 45 males)
Number of Coaches	86 (27 females, 59 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	301
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	387
Sponsor	Jabil



Standup Paddleboard



Venue	Lucky's Lake
Address	6645 Lake Cane Drive Orlando, FL 32819
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8a-2p ET Swim Test and Practice June 7 8a-2p ET Preliminary Competition All Levels June 9 8a-2p ET Levels 1 and 4 June 10 8a-2p ET Levels 2 and 3
Number of Athletes	43 (18 females, 25 males)
Number of Coaches	13 (9 females, 4 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	56



Surfing



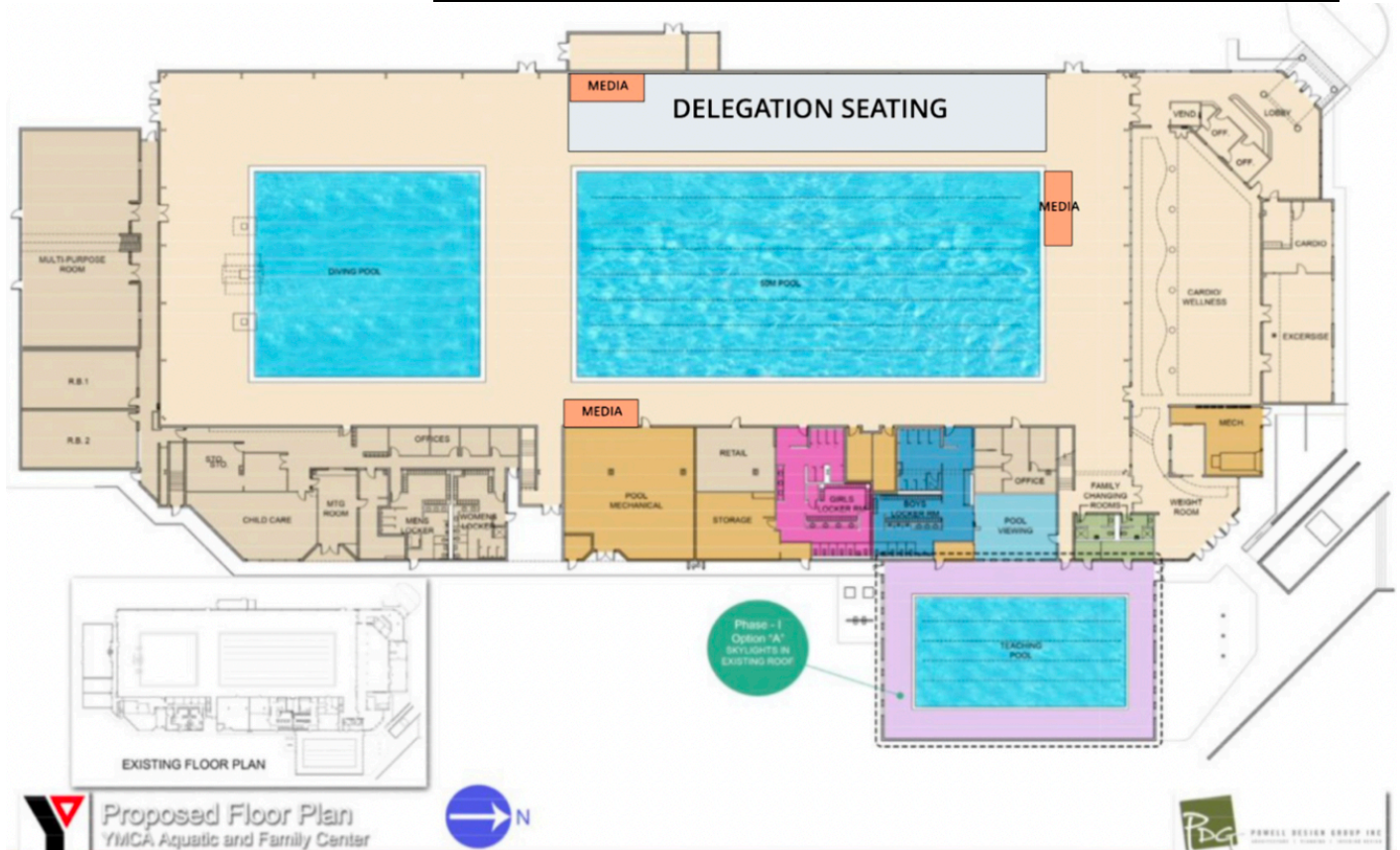
Venue	Disney's Typhoon Lagoon
Address	1145 East Buena Vista Drive Orlando, FL 32830
Competition Days/Times	June 6 6:30-9:30a ET Practice June 7 6:30-9:30a ET Practice June 8 6-11p ET
Number of Athletes	17 (5 females, 12 males)
Number of Coaches	7 (2 females, 5 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	24
Sponsor	Ron Jon Surf Shop and Surfing Evolution + Preservation Fund



Swimming



Venue	Rosen Aquatic Center
Address	8422 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819
Competition Days/Times	June 6 9a-2p ET June 7 9a-4p ET June 8 9a-4p ET June 9 9a-3p ET June 10 9a-3p ET
Number of Athletes	300 (151 females, 149 males)
Number of Coaches	91 (61 females, 30 males)
Total Sport – Athletes & Coaches	391
Sponsor	Disney



Tennis



Venue	USTA National Campus
Address	10000 USTA Blvd. Orlando, FL 32827
Competition Days/Times	June 6-7 8a-6p ET Singles Pool Play (8a-2p ET) Doubles and Unified Doubles Pool Play (2p-6p ET) June 8 8a-Noon ET Doubles and Unified Doubles Pool Play June 9 8a-2p ET Singles Round 1 (8a-Noon ET) Doubles and Unified Doubles Round 1 (Noon-2p ET) June 10 8a-5p ET Singles Medal Round (8a-Noon ET) Doubles and Unified Doubles Medal Round (Noon-5p ET) June 11 8a-Noon ET Singles Medal Round
Awards (on-site)	Beginning June 10 Collegiate Center Entrance Plaza
Number of Athletes	80 (35 females, 45 males)
Number of Unified partners	17 (12 females, 5 males)
Number of Coaches	33 (17 females, 16 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	97
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	130
Sponsor	Toyota



Triathlon



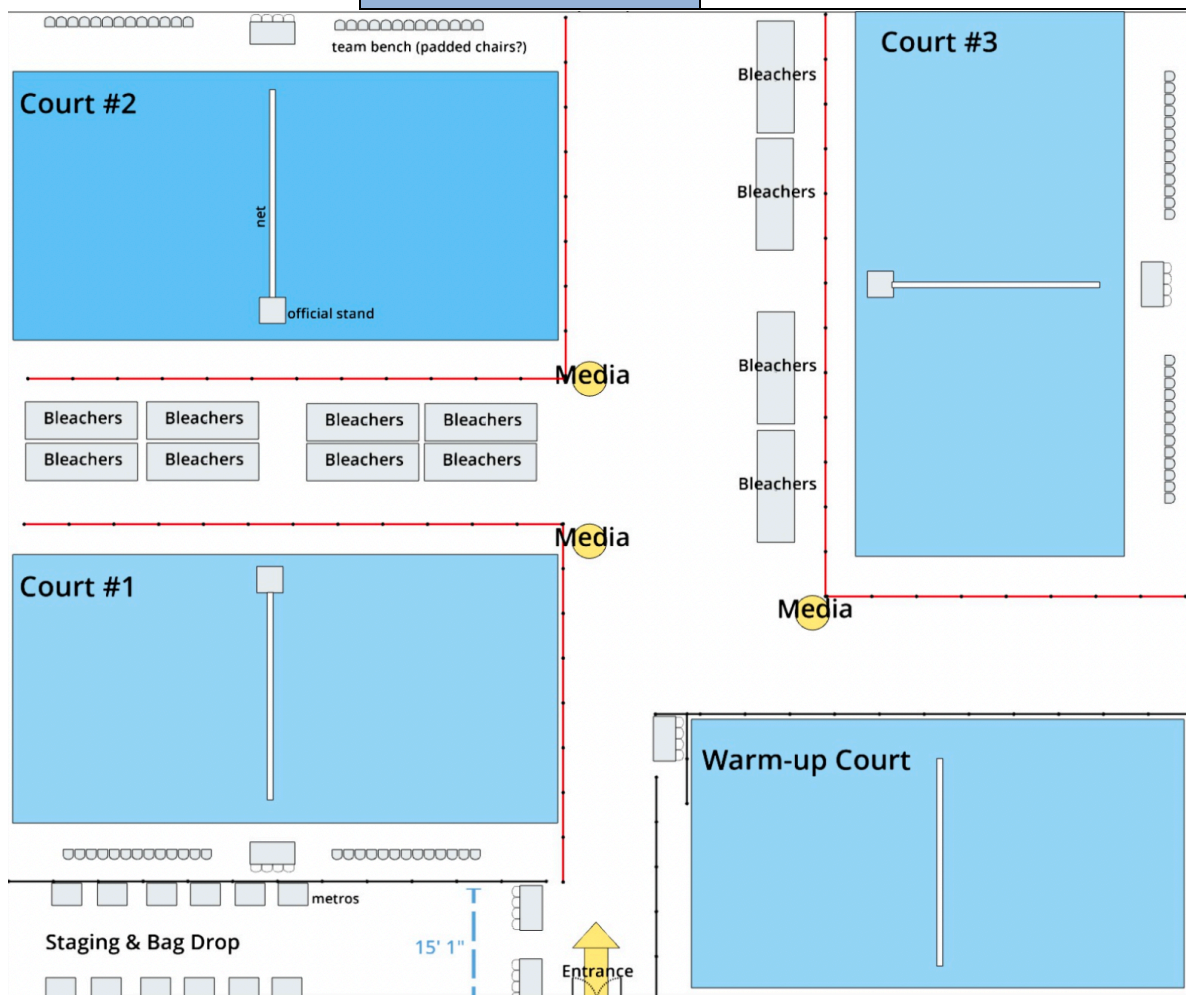
Venue	Lake Minneola Waterfront Park
Address	330 3 rd Street Clermont, FL 34711
Competition Days/Times	June 6 8-10a ET Practice and Bike Adjustments June 11 7-11a ET Sprint Triathlon (440 meter swim, 10.8 mile bike, 5k run) **AWARDS GIVEN AT PRE-SHOW CLOSING CEREMONY**
Number of Athletes	30 (9 females, 21 males)
Number of Unified partners	20 (10 females, 10 males)
Number of Coaches	10 (4 females, 6 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	50
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	60
Sponsor	Orlando Health



Volleyball



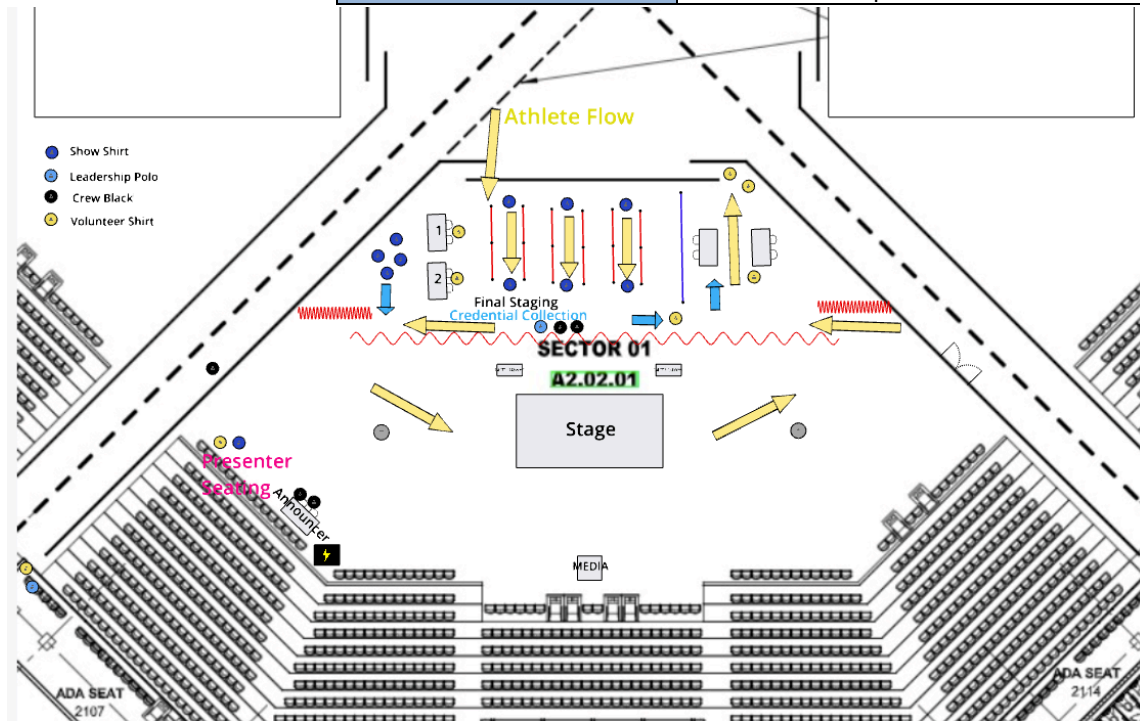
Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena Northwest Pavilion
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Competition Days/Times	June 6 9a-4p ET June 7 9a-4p ET June 8 9a-4p ET June 9 9a-3p ET
Number of Athletes	117 (21 females, 96 males)
Number of Unified partners	52 (30 females, 22 males)
Number of Coaches	46 (37 females, 9 males)
Total Participants – Athletes & Unified Partners	169
Total Sport – Athletes, Unified Partners & Coaches	215
Sponsor	Jersey Mike's Subs



AWARDS DETAILS



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Awards Days/Times	June 7 beginning 12:30p ET West Quad June 8 beginning 10a ET East and West Quads June 9 beginning Noon East and West Quads June 10 beginning 9a North Quad (Team sports) 10:30a ET East and West Quads June 11 beginning 9a ET North (Team sports), East and West Quads
Sports	All sports except bocce, equestrian, and tennis (awarded at those venues)
Details	**See 2022 USA Games app for schedules
Facts	1,500 award ceremonies, averaging one every 4 minutes, awarding approximately 11,500 medals and ribbons. Award ceremonies will take place within 36 hours after event concludes Produced by Disney Live Entertainment. Honored Guests present the medals and ribbons.

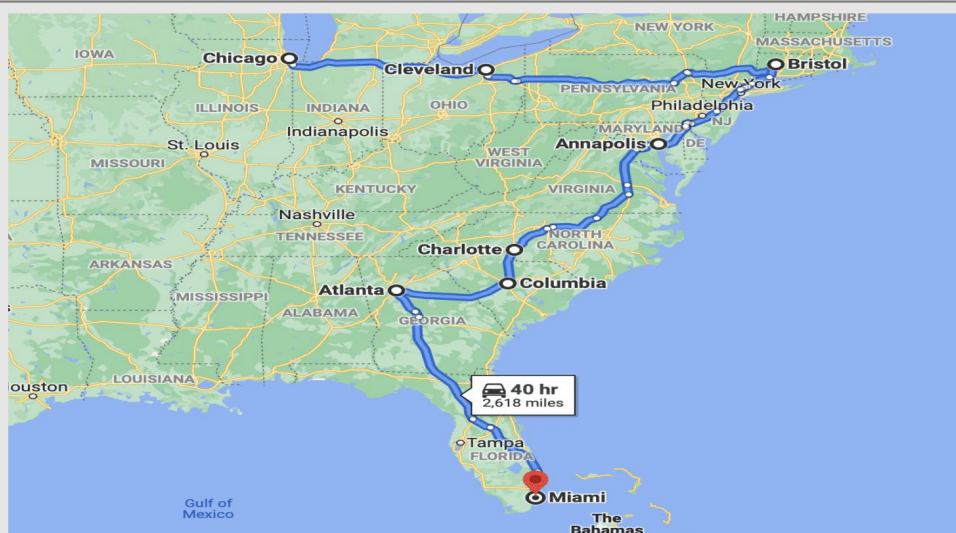


SPECIAL EVENTS DETAILS

Law Enforcement Torch Run® Final Leg



What is it?	The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics is the largest grassroots fundraiser and awareness builder for Special Olympics. More than 100,000 law enforcement members in all 50 States, 12 Canadian provinces and 44 other countries serve as Guardians of the Flame®, ensuring the delivery of the Flame of Hope to light the cauldron at the Opening Ceremonies of Special Olympics Games at all levels.
Dates	May 20 – June 4
Stops	Various locations starting in Chicago, IL ending in Orlando, FL. Stops in OH, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DC, NC, SC, GA, FL (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Naples, Port Charlotte, Venice Beach, Fort Pierce, Cape Canaveral, Daytona, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Ocala, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Lakeland)
Facts	A team of 70 members (including 55 law enforcement officers and 6 athletes) will travel through 13 states, taking part in over 45 ceremonies and 12 events, covering an estimated 3,300 miles, raising awareness about USA Games.



Special Olympics Airlift



Venue	Orlando Executive Airport
Address	365 Rickenbacker Drive Orlando, FL 32803
Day and Time	June 4 7:30a ET First plane lands (Dove 1 – Coca-Cola) Plane lands every 90 seconds until 5p ET
Media Event	June 4 10:30a ET
Sponsor	Textron Aviation
Facts	Over 150 planes providing transportation to/from Orlando for over 1,000 athletes and coaches from states across the country. Use of planes donated by individual owners, corporations, etc. 8 th Special Olympics airlift organized, first since 2015 World Games Los Angeles.

Special Olympics Merchandise Information



Venue with Days and Times	Opening Ceremony – Exploria Stadium 655 West Church Street Orlando, FL 32805 June 5 7:30a ET – until stadium cleared ESPN Wide World of Sports 700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747 June 6 7-10p ET June 7 8a-9p ET June 8-10 8a-6p ET Swimming – Rosen Aquatic Center 8422 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 June 6 9a-2p ET June 7-10 9a-4p ET Golf – Orange County National Golf 16301 Phil Ritson Way Winter Garden, FL 34787 June 6-9 8a-2p ET Bowling - Boardwalk Bowl 10749 East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32817 June 6-9 9a-1p ET
Provider	Fanatics

Opening Ceremony



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Venue	Exploria Stadium
Address	655 West Church Street Orlando, FL 32805
Day and Time	June 5 Media Suites 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17 – Ticket required to enter 7:30a ET Doors Open 8-9a ET Pre-Show 9-11:30a ET Opening Ceremony
Broadcast Coverage	Noon-3p ET on ABC, ESPN3 and ESPN App
Sponsor/Production	Presenting Partner Jersey Mike's Subs, Host Partner Disney



Healthy Athletes Experience



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – State Farm Field House
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Days/Times	June 6-June 11 9a-5p ET June 6 9a ET Ribbon Cutting event **Media Tours available upon request**
Sponsor	Orlando Health
Details	Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® will offer over 12,000 free health screenings in 7 disciplines to Special Olympics athletes. Those who complete Fit Feet plus 4 others get free shoes.
Fit Feet	Podiatry – provides screenings to evaluate ankles, feet, lower extremity biomechanics, and proper shoe and sock gear. Up to 50% of Special Olympics athletes experience one or more preventable or treatable foot conditions that can affect their sports participation.
FUNfitness	Physical therapy – provides examinations for flexibility of hamstring, calf, shoulder rotator and hip flexor muscles; functional strength of the abdominal and lower extremity muscles; and balance. Guidance and exercises given to prevent and reduce risk of injury and improve optimal function in sports training and competition.
Health Promotion	Self-care – interviews to assess health habits and screenings conducted in 3 areas: Body Mass Index (BM), blood pressure (BP), and bone mineral density (BMD). Support resources provided about importance of enhanced level of wellness and self-care.
Healthy Hearing	Auditory – provides hearing screenings and other medical services, including ear wax removal, swim molds, hearing aid maintenance and minor repairs.
Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes®	Optometry – provides eye assessments, prescription eyewear, sunglasses and sports goggles. At the end of a 12-step visual exam, a decision is made if new glasses may be helpful and athletes get to select a pair of new glasses or sunglasses regardless.
Special Smiles	Dental health – provides oral health care info, dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing. Issues preventative supplies like toothpaste, toothbrushes and fluoride varnish.
Strong Minds	Mental health – interactive learning activity focused on developing adaptive coping skills. Athletes move through station and before exiting, identify which strategies they like best and are provided visual reminders to use these tools.

Fan Zone

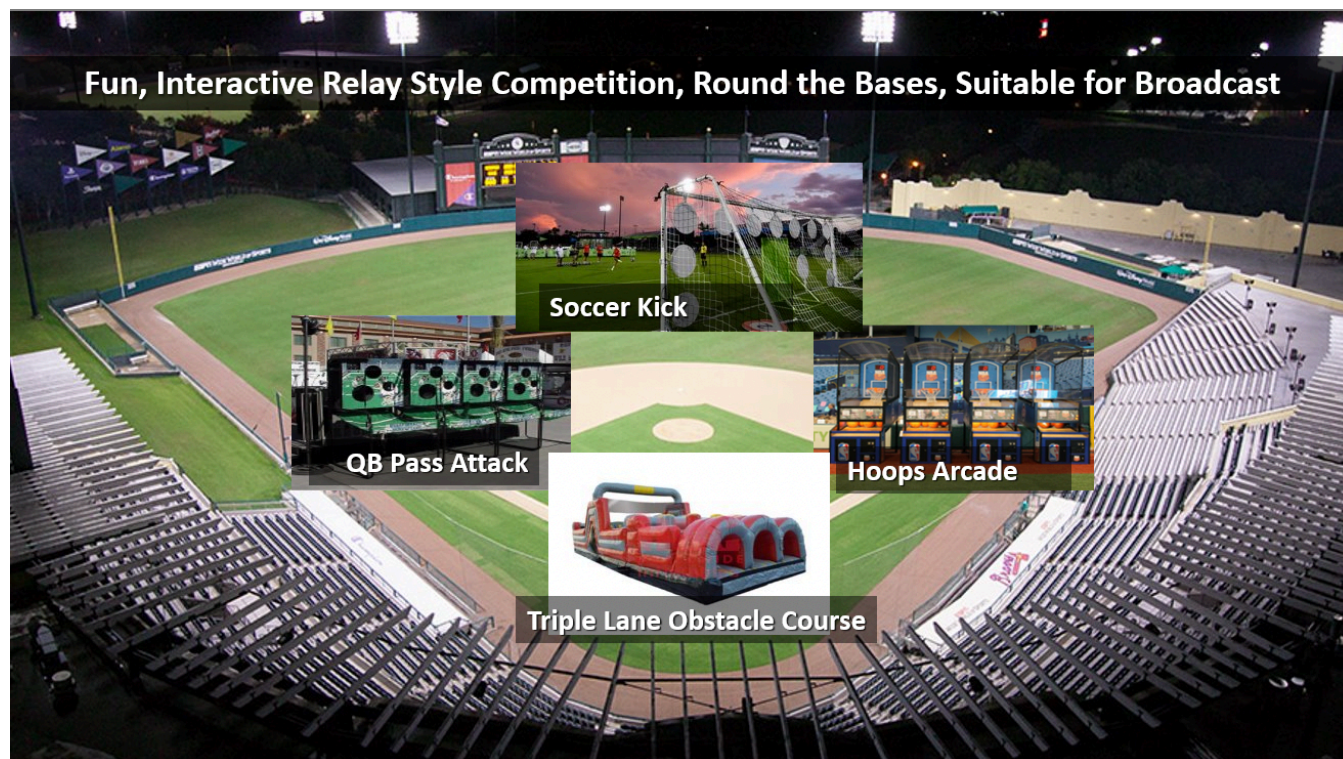


Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – Marathon Sports Field 20
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Days/Times	June 6 10a-5p ET June 7-10 10a-3p ET
Details	The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games Fan Zone will be filled with a wide range of activities, providing athletes, honored guests, volunteers, and visitors with dozens of opportunities to have fun, engage in new experiences, relax and enjoy live entertainment on our Fan Zone Stage. There will be over 30 games and activations for guests to engage in, pin trading, giveaways, and opportunities to win prizes, and as well as places to relax and enjoy a cool breeze.

ESPN's Special Olympics Executive Unified Challenge



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Stadium
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Days/Times	June 6 7:30-9p ET
Details	<p>17 teams of 6 including 3 athletes, 2 Unified partners and 1 celebrity.</p> <p>Teams will round the bases, with a different sport activity at each one.</p> <p>First base: Basketball pop-a-shot</p> <p>Second base: Soccer skills</p> <p>Third base: Football target passes</p> <p>Home plate: Blow up obstacle course</p> <p>Dance Dance Revolution in dugouts for those not competing.</p>
Executive Participants from	Amazon, Bank of America, Experience Kissimmee, Coca-Cola, Disney, ESPN, Fanatics, Gallagher, Jabil, Jersey Mike's Subs, Orange County Government, Orlando Health, Ponte Health, Publix, Toyota, WWE, Zappos



2022 Special Olympics USA Games Unified Esports Invitational



Venue	Full Sail University – Orlando Health Fortress
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Day/Time	June 7 2:30p ET Florida Teams arrive/check-in 3p ET Virtual Teams check-in 4p ET Event Start 4:15p ET Games Begin 7p ET Medal Round Games Begin
Game	Rocket League – cross-platform soccer/car game that can be played from a desktop, laptop, Xbox, PlayStation, or Switch.
Livestream Coverage	ESPN3 & ESPN the app; Special Olympics Twitch and Full Sail Armada's Twitch
Produced by	Full Sail University
Details	14 Unified teams will compete, which are made up of three individuals and will include two Special Olympics athletes (with intellectual disabilities) and one Unified partner (without intellectual disabilities). 6 teams from Florida will compete in-person with 8 other teams joining virtually from Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Oklahoma.

Closing Ceremony



Venue	ESPN Wide World of Sports – The Arena
Address	700 South Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
Day and Time	June 11 7:30p ET Pre-show 8:30-9p ET 9-10p ET Dance Party
Produced by	Disney Live Entertainment
Sponsor	Jersey Mike's Subs
Details	Celebrate the athletes and their accomplishments as the week-long event for over 5,500 people comes to a close.

2022 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES - LANGUAGE GUIDELINES AND MESSAGING

OFFICIAL TITLE: “Special Olympics USA Games Orlando 2022”, but is more commonly referenced as “2022 Special Olympics USA Games”.

AFTER FIRST REFERENCE: “2022 USA Games” (preferred), “USA Games” or “the Games”, if the meaning is clear within the context.

MOTTO/HASTAG: #ShineAsOne is the official motto/hashtag for the event. We all have reasons to shine. For Special Olympics athletes, one reason is sport. They display remarkable abilities not only on the field, but in all areas of life. By celebrating their dedication and perseverance on and off the playing field, we become champions for a more inclusive world. A world where we all Shine As One. #ShineAsOne.

MOTTO/HASTAG MEANING: it embraces the values of inclusivity and achievement in Special Olympics. **Shine** speaks to victory and achievement, with a nod to the Sunshine State. **As One** references that the success of one athlete elevates the whole community.

BOILERPLATE: About the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games

The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games is scheduled for June 5-12, 2022 in Orlando, Florida. Jersey Mike’s Subs is the Presenting Partner and hosted by Disney. During this magical week, more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean will travel to Florida to unite in one of the country’s most cherished sporting events. The USA Games is hosted once every four years and showcases 19 Olympic-style team and individual sports and 30 events throughout the week including forums and VIP receptions. Website: www.2022usagames.org

OVERALL MESSAGING: The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games, scheduled for June 5-12, 2022 in Orlando, Florida, will unite more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean during one of the country’s most cherished sporting events – the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games. The USA Games, which is hosted every four years, will mark the largest multi-sport sporting event in Florida history. Florida has long been known as a welcoming destination for families and boasts some of the world’s most famed attractions, including world-class experiences and sporting venues. Beyond that, Florida itself is renowned for its hospitality, making it the ideal location for the unifying and inspiring Special Olympics Games. The USA Games will offer 19 Olympic-style team and individual sports, including athletics (track & field), basketball, bocce, bowling, cheerleading, equestrian, flag football, golf, gymnastics, open water swimming, powerlifting, soccer, softball, stand up paddleboard, surfing, swimming, tennis, triathlon and volleyball. For over 50 years, Special Olympics has been empowering athletes and encouraging a more inclusive world by initiating a global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs.

2022 USA GAMES TALKING POINTS:

- The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games is scheduled for June 5 through 12, 2022 in Orlando, Florida, which will unite more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean during one of the country's most cherished sporting events – the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.
- The Special Olympics USA Games, which is hosted every four years, will mark the largest humanitarian event in Florida's history.
- The USA Games will offer 19 Olympic-style team and individual sports, including athletics (track & field), basketball, bocce, bowling, cheerleading, equestrian, flag football, golf, gymnastics, open water swimming, powerlifting, soccer, softball, stand up paddleboard, surfing, swimming, tennis, triathlon and volleyball.
- Special Olympics athletes and these unparalleled Games will forever change communities across the globe by coming together and igniting a light that shines bright to celebrate dedication and perseverance and create champions for a more inclusive world. A world where all Shine as One.
- Florida has long been known as a welcoming destination for families and boasts some of the world's most famed attractions, including world-class experiences and sporting venues.
- Hosting the USA Games in Orlando comes with the potential to generate as much as \$61 million dollars in economic impact for Orlando.
- Beyond that, Florida itself is renowned for its hospitality, making it the ideal location for these unifying and inspiring Games.
- The USA Games has several sponsors including its Presenting Partner, Jersey Mike's Subs and Walt Disney World Resort, the host sponsor.
- The USA Games will be hosted at various venues across Orlando, with the main location being ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort. Other sporting facilities across Orlando include Boardwalk Bowl Entertainment Center, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park, Lake Minneola Waterfront Park, Lucky's Lake, Orange County National Gold Center, Osceola Heritage Park, Rosen Aquatic Center and USTA National Campus.
- The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games has brought on an extraordinary lineup of celebrities and athletes who agreed to be USA Games Ambassadors and lend their voices in support of the thousands of Special Olympics athletes who are training across the US and the Caribbean with dreams of competing in the USA Games. The A-list roster of more than 40 Ambassadors come with a profound number of sport and entertainment accolades including athlete Hall of Famers, Olympic medalists, and All-Stars as well as actors and musicians who have earned Grammy, Emmy, Golden Globes, and Tony awards and nominations. Their support of USA Games includes their extensive reach on social media, adding millions of followers to share awareness and excitement for USA Games. Not to mention the robust community of social followers they've built across all platforms. To learn about all USA Games Ambassadors, please see [Full List](#) here.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TALKING POINTS:

- Founded in 1968, Special Olympics is a global movement to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities, fostering acceptance of all people through the power of sport and programming in education, health and leadership.
- Special Olympics is a global, year-round movement that offers over 100,000 sports competitions each year for over six million athletes (people with intellectual disabilities) and Unified partners (people without intellectual disabilities).
- In North America alone, there are over 880,000 athletes and Unified partners who use the transformative power of sport to promote acceptance and inclusion in their communities every day.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA TALKING POINTS:

- The USA Games have inspired thousands of people through the power of sports, and it is the goal in Florida to continue that tradition every day through education, health and sport offerings that serve those with intellectual disabilities.
- Hosting the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando will create a pivotal stage for Special Olympics Florida and brings to light the great work Floridians have long been doing to help athletes achieve their dreams.
- Additionally, Special Olympics Florida will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

DISABILITY LANGUAGE GUIDELINES

Words matter. Words can open doors to cultivate the understanding and respect that enable people with disabilities to lead fuller, more independent lives. Words can also create barriers or stereotypes that are not only demeaning to people with disabilities, but also rob them of their individuality. The following language guidelines have been developed by experts for use by anyone writing or speaking about people with intellectual disabilities to ensure that all people are portrayed with individuality and dignity.

APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY

- Use the words **“Special Olympics”** when referring to the worldwide Special Olympics movement.
- **Refer to participants in Special Olympics as “Special Olympics athletes”** rather than “Special Olympians” or “Special Olympic athletes”. In no case should the word athletes appear in quotation marks.
- **Refer to individuals, persons or people with intellectual disabilities**, rather than “intellectually disabled people” or “the intellectual disabled”.

- A person has intellectual disabilities, rather than is “suffering from,” “is afflicted with” or is “a victim of” mental retardation/intellectual disabilities.
- Distinguish between adults and children with intellectual disabilities.
- A person has intellectual disabilities, rather than is “suffering from”, is “afflicted with” or is “a victim of” intellectual disabilities.
- A person “uses” a wheelchair, rather than is “confined” or “restricted to” a wheelchair.
- “Down syndrome” has replaced “Down’s Syndrome” and “mongoloid”.
- When writing, refer to persons with a disability in the same style as persons without a disability: full name on first reference and last name on subsequent references. Do not refer to an individual with intellectual disabilities as “Bill” rather than the journalistically correct “Bill Smith” or “Smith”.
- A person has a physical disability rather than crippled.

TERMINOLOGY TO AVOID

- **Do not use the word “the” in front of Special Olympics unless describing a specific Special Olympics event.** Correct example: “We are proud to support Special Olympics.” Correct example: “We are proud to support 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.”
- **Do not place an “of” between “Special Olympics” and the Program affiliation.** Correct example: “We are proud to support Special Olympics STATE NAME.” Incorrect example: “We are proud to support the Special Olympics of STATE NAME.”
- **Do not use the label “kids”** when referring to Special Olympics athletes. Adult athletes are an integral part of the movement.
- Do not use the adjective “unfortunate” when talking about persons with an intellectual disability. Disabling conditions do not have to be life-defining in a negative way.
- Do not sensationalize the accomplishments of person with disabilities. While these accomplishments should be recognized and applauded, people in the disability rights movement have tried to make the public aware of the negative impact of referring to the achievements of people with physical or intellectual disabilities with excessive hyperbole.
- Use the word “special” with extreme care when talking about persons with intellectual disabilities. The term, if used excessively in references to Special Olympics athletes and activities, can become a cliché.