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SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES LOS ANGELES 2015: AT A GLANCE

The Games:

Held every two years and alternating between Summer Games and Winter Games, the Special Olympics World Games is a direct descendant of the July 1968 event organized by Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the City of Chicago to foster new opportunities for acceptance and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Today, Special Olympics has grown to touch more than 4.4 million athletes annually worldwide.

Summer editions of the World Games were held in the U.S. through 1999, then went international, to Dublin, Ireland in 2003, Shanghai, China in 2007 and Athens, Greece in 2011. Los Angeles was selected in 2011 to host the 2015 Games.

Athletes:

Approximately 6,500 Special Olympics Athletes are expected to compete in Los Angeles, from 165 Special Olympics Accredited Programs from around the world.

Schedule:

The Games will begin with the Opening Ceremony at the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on 25 July 2015, continue through 2 August, with the Closing Ceremony in the Coliseum.

Most delegations will arrive on 20-21 July, and after being welcomed at Loyola Marymount University, will move to one of 85 Host Towns in communities throughout the greater Southern California area. They will move into the Athlete's Villages at UCLA and USC on 24 July.

Sports:

A total of 25 sports will be held: Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Equestrian, Football (soccer), Golf, Gymnastics – Artistic, Gymnastics – Rhythmic, Handball, Judo, Kayaking, Open Water Swimming, Powerlifting, Sailing, Softball, Roller Skating, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon and Volleyball.

There will be 290 separate events in the Games: 267 for Special Olympics Athletes only and 23 Unified Sports® competitions pairing athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. A special "divisioning" process will ensure fair competition in each event in groups of three to eight athletes. All competitors will receive awards: gold, silver and bronze medals for the top three places and ribbons for places 4-8.

Venues:

Competition will be centered in four major hubs: the Los Angeles Convention Center (six sports); the University of Southern California (USC), hosting three sports, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), hosting six sports, and four sites in Long Beach, California, where six sports will be held. Additional sites include Griffith Park (golf), the Los Angeles Equestrian Center (equestrian), Lucky Strike Lanes (bowling) and the Balboa Sports Center (football/7-a-side).

For more information, please visit www.SpecialOlympics.org and www.LA2015.org.

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Sixteen-year-old Icelandic athlete Sigurjon Sigtryggson, throwing the 400-gram Mini Javelin at the 2011 Special Olympic World Games in Athens, Greece.

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The Story Behind the Logo

Circle of Acceptance & Inclusion

surrounds the Celebratory Figure symbolizing the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities

Celebratory Figure

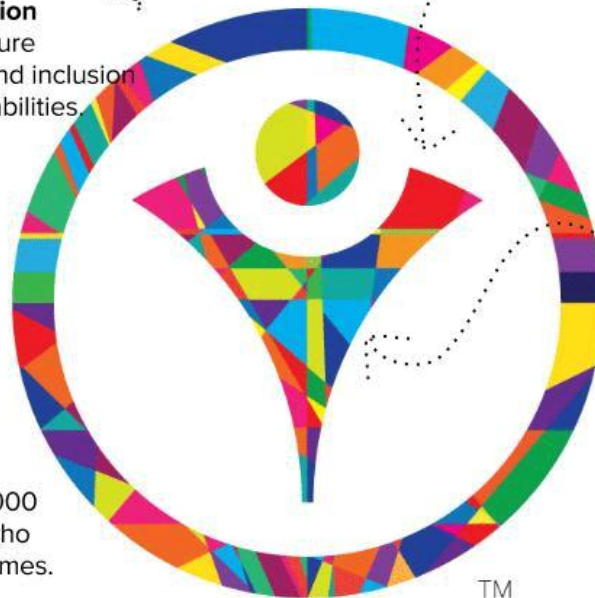
represents Special Olympics athletes with their arms raised in celebration, symbolizing their courage, determination and joy.

Multi Colors

symbolizes the diversity of Los Angeles and of the 7,000 athletes from 177 countries who will compete in the World Games.

DID YOU KNOW?

Studies have shown that this is a universal expression of pride transcending language and even sight.



Visit [YouTube.com/LA2015](https://www.youtube.com/LA2015) to watch "LA2015: Creating the Logo."



Special Olympics 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

- Refer to participants in Special Olympics as “Special Olympics athletes” rather than “Special Olympians” or “Special Olympic athletes.”
- Refer to individuals, persons or people with intellectual disabilities, rather than “intellectually disabled people” or “the intellectually 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. Use adults or children, or older or younger athletes.
- A person “uses” a wheelchair, rather than is “confined” or “restricted to” a wheelchair.
- “Down syndrome” has replaced “Down’s Syndrome” and “mongoloid.”
- Refer to participants in Special Olympics as athletes. In no case should the word athletes appear in quotation marks.
- 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.
- Use the words “Special Olympics” when referring to the worldwide Special Olympics movement.

Terminology to Avoid

- 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 word “the” in front of Special Olympics unless describing a specific Special Olympics event or official.
- 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 persons 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.

1. THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MOVEMENT

1.01 In the Beginning: The Power of One

Eunice Kennedy Shriver knew, firsthand, about the challenges faced by people with intellectual disabilities. She had seen how her mother struggled to find opportunities for her sister, Rosemary, who was born with an intellectual disability. This was at a time when people with intellectual disabilities were excluded and routinely placed in institutions – and denied many opportunities given to people without disabilities. Eunice was determined to change that.

Beginning with the Kennedy family's 1946 formation of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation – in memory of her eldest brother, Joe, who died while serving as an aviator in World War II in 1944 – support for research and treatment options for people with intellectual disabilities began to grow. As a Foundation trustee beginning in 1947, Shriver championed early research grants into finding the causes of what was then known as “mental retardation” (now referred to as “intellectual disability”).

With her husband, Sargent Shriver, she undertook fact-finding trips and worked to find new research partners as they pushed for swifter progress in helping children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. In 1961, she was named as a consultant to President John F. Kennedy's Panel on Mental Retardation – which is now known as the President's Committee on Intellectual Disabilities.

A turning point came in June 1962 with the creation of a summer camp for children with intellectual disabilities on the grounds of the Shriver home in Potomac, Maryland. Several dozen young campers, aged about 6-16, attended with local high school and college students serving as volunteer counselors. From this modest start, an international movement would grow.



Eunice Kennedy Shriver at the 1972 Special Olympics International Summer Games, held at UCLA

By the summer of 1963, the “Camp Shriver” concept had expanded to other programs involving more than 800 young people nationwide. Another breakthrough was to come a year later.

In April 1964, the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation hosted a two-day conference under the chairmanship of Dr. William Freeberg, the nation's first Ph.D. in recreation. The crucial finding of the event was that physical-fitness opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities helps lead to many other opportunities, including employment. This supported the work of England’s Dr. James N. Oliver, whose 1958 study showed that physical exercise for children with intellectual disabilities had positive effects that also carried over into the classroom. The push for year-round programs began immediately.

On 2 November 1966, Eunice Kennedy Shriver proposed the concept of “nationwide sports contests” between young people with intellectual disabilities. The following year, after Sargent Shriver met with the Chicago Park District about the need to further sports programs for young people with intellectual disabilities, a new plan emerged: a city-wide track & field competition modeled after the Olympics. A young activist named Anne McGlone Burke, recipient of a 1965 Kennedy Foundation grant, was among those named to a new task force. Eventually, she brought a proposal to the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation for funding. Eunice Kennedy Shriver embraced the project and suggested enlarging the scope to include athletes from across the country.

On 29 March 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Chicago Park District announced their intention to hold an Olympic-style competition for people with intellectual disabilities that summer. On 20 July 1968, nearly 1,000 athletes from Canada and 26 states across the U.S. gathered at Soldier Field in Chicago for competitions in floor hockey, swimming and track & field events.

Among the highlights were an opening ceremony in which a teen runner carried a torch to light a 45-foot high “John F. Kennedy Flame of Hope.” The 200 events on the program included, among others, the broad jump, softball throw, 25-yard swim, 100-yard swim, high jump, 50-yard dash and water polo.

Less than two weeks later, on 2 August 1968, Special Olympics, Inc. was incorporated. Later that year, on 2 December 1968, U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy announced the official formation of Special Olympics. The seven members of the original Board were: Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Dr. Frank Hayden of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation; Dr. Robert Cooke, one of the founders of the Head Start program; Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson; Thomas King of the Chicago Park District; astronaut James Lovell; and G. Lawrence Rarick of the University of California. Anne McGlone Burke was later added.

At the same time, six grants of \$10,000 each were made to cities which wanted to host regional events, the start of the worldwide expansion of the Special Olympics idea and mission.

1.02 Mission

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their

families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

(Link: <http://www.specialolympics.org/mission.aspx>)

More from *SpecialOlympics.org*:

“Through the power of sports, people with intellectual disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. Our athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment – on the playing field and in life. They also inspire people in their communities and elsewhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential.

“There are about 200 million people with intellectual disabilities around the world. Our goal is to reach out to every one of them – and their families as well. Special Olympics does this through a wide range of trainings, competitions, health screenings and fund-raising events. We also create opportunities for families, community members, local leaders, businesses, law enforcement, celebrities, dignitaries and others to band together to change attitudes and support athletes.

“The transformative power of sports to instill confidence, improve health and inspire a sense of competition is at the core of what Special Olympics does. From the detailed coaching guides we provide in many languages to the sharp-eyed officials at our international games, the focus is on real sports, real competition, real achievements.

“In Special Olympics, the power and joy of sport, shifts focus to what our athletes CAN do, not what they can't. Attention to disabilities fades away. Instead, we see our athletes' talents and abilities – and applaud them for all that they can do. And they are doing a lot – from gymnastics to soccer to open-water swimming. With our 32 Olympic-style sports, we offer adults and children with intellectual disabilities many ways to be involved in their communities, many ways to show who they really are.”

The ultimate goal of Special Olympics is to help persons with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

1.03 Logo



The Special Olympics logo depicts five figures in a unifying circle, symbolizing its global presence.

The logo has undergone minor changes in its history, but has maintained the five-figures-in-a-circle concept since its adoption.

The logo expresses the guiding idea behind Special Olympics. It depicts empowered individuals in a unifying circle, which symbolizes a global presence. The logo contains within it expressions of achievement, change, revelation and community. The logo transcends language, nationality, race, gender, age or social status and is a universal expression of the Special Olympics movement.

The logo reflects how Special Olympics creates a place for people of all abilities and empowers each and every one of us to reveal the champion within – as we achieve great things together.

1.04 Leadership

Special Olympics founders Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Sargent Shriver passed away in 2009 and 2011, respectively. But their legacy continues today under the direction of a devoted Board of Directors and professional staff.

The Board of Directors determines international policies and is composed of business and sport leaders, professional athletes, educators and experts in intellectual disabilities from around the world. The Special Olympics, Inc. Board of Directors (as of 18 June 2015):

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1.05 Growth and Reach

From 1,000 athletes at Chicago's Soldier Field in 1968, the Special Olympics has become a worldwide phenomenon. By its 25th anniversary, Special Olympics reached around the world and included some 937,880 athletes and a quarter-million coaches.

The worldwide impact of the Special Olympics Movement has more than quadrupled in the 21st Century, now reaching more than 4.4 million athletes in 177 countries. According to the annual Reach Report published by Special Olympics, Inc.:

<i>Athlete Participation 2000-2013</i>							
<i>Region</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2013 v. 2000</i>
Africa	4,000	74,449	117,873	125,546	145,714	165,949	41.5x
Asia-Pacific	49,444	308,347	911,511	1,035,567	1,170,749	1,295,317	26.2x
East Asia	83,479	580,399	1,095,397	1,146,214	1,185,854	1,220,560	14.6x
Europe/Eurasia	217,770	426,919	504,295	521,489	538,628	559,877	2.6x
Latin America	110,302	206,673	296,069	299,306	305,376	318,737	2.9x
Middle East/ North Africa	20,428	107,447	133,586	142,402	147,642	149,534	7.3x
North America	500,550	557,038	687,738	733,891	712,207	717,473	1.4x
Worldwide	985,973	2,261,272	3,746,469	4,004,415	4,205,630	4,427,447	4.5x

(Link: <http://www.specialolympics.org/Common/Reports.aspx>)

These figures, compiled from an annual census, show the astounding growth of Special Olympics from a primarily-U.S. to a worldwide endeavor in terms of annual participation by region:

<i>Athlete Percentage Participation by Region 2000-2013</i>							
<i>Region</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2013 v. 2000</i>
Africa	0.4%	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.8%	+ 3.4%
Asia-Pacific	5.0%	13.6%	24.3%	25.9%	27.8%	29.2%	+ 24.2%
East Asia	8.5%	25.7%	29.2%	28.6%	28.2%	27.5%	+ 19.0%
Europe/Eurasia	22.1%	18.9%	13.5%	13.0%	12.8%	12.7%	- 8.4%
Latin America	11.2%	9.1%	7.9%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%	- 4.0%
Middle East/ North Africa	2.1%	4.8%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	+ 1.3%
North America	50.7%	24.6%	18.4%	18.3%	16.9%	16.2%	- 34.5%

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MOVEMENT

Almost as amazing as the increase in participants in Special Olympics training and competition programs is the increase in the number of competition events. Over the period from 2008 to 2013, worldwide competitions more than doubled:

<i>Special Olympics Competitions 2008-2013</i>							
<i>Region</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2013 v. 2008</i>
Africa	3,233	3,124	3,319	2,503	5,479	6,847	2.1x
Asia-Pacific	2,774	12,591	13,102	15,125	27,214	33,157	11.9x
East Asia	5,048	5,297	5,462	6,109	6,198	6,255	1.2x
Europe/Eurasia	3,401	3,091	7,008	7,597	7,458	7,845	2.3x
Latin America	3,089	3,263	2,745	3,106	3,293	5,775	1.9x
Middle East/ North Africa	297	425	870	1,118	1,064	1,397	4.7x
North America	14,975	16,345	17,272	18,043	19,752	19,853	1.3x
Worldwide	32,817	44,136	49,778	53,601	70,278	81,129	2.6x

In 2013, an average of 222 Special Olympics competitions were held daily on a worldwide basis, up from a 90-per-day average in 2008!

In terms of age, 97.5% of all Special Olympics athletes are age 8 and older, with a third aged over 21; women make now up almost 40% of the worldwide total:

<i>Special Olympics Demographics: 2013</i>							
<i>Region</i>	<i>Age 2-5</i>	<i>Age 6-7</i>	<i>Age 8-15</i>	<i>Age 16-21</i>	<i>Age 22+</i>	<i>Men (%)</i>	<i>Women (%)</i>
Africa	1.0%	1.8%	28.8%	35.4%	33.0%	61.6%	38.4%
Asia-Pacific	0.5%	0.5%	37.7%	30.1%	31.3%	58.3%	41.7%
East Asia	0.1%	0.2%	33.7%	30.0%	36.0%	60.7%	39.3%
Europe/Eurasia	0.5%	1.4%	34.3%	33.5%	30.3%	63.8%	36.2%
Latin America	1.0%	1.1%	34.3%	34.6%	29.0%	64.0%	36.0%
Middle East/ North Africa	0.1%	0.4%	32.4%	37.7%	29.4%	68.6%	31.4%
North America	4.6%	5.5%	27.5%	23.9%	38.5%	62.2%	37.8%
Worldwide	1.1%	1.4%	33.8%	30.2%	33.5%	61.2%	38.8%

The number of coaches has grown significantly, but the favored sport in all but one region is the same: Athletics, also known in the U.S. as track & field:

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS MOVEMENT

<i>Special Olympics Coaches and Leading Sports by Participation: 2013</i>							
<i>Region</i>	<i>Coaches</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Sport 1</i>	<i>Sport 2</i>	<i>Sport 3</i>	<i>Sport 4</i>	<i>Sport 5</i>
Africa	16,224	9,080	Athletics	Football	Volleyball	Basketball	Bocce
Asia-Pacific	112,470	102,750	Athletics	Bocce	Football	Basketball	Badminton
East Asia	45,323	890	Athletics	Table Tennis	Basketball	Football	Aquatics (Swimming)
Europe/Eurasia	32,701	16,152	Football	Athletics	Basketball	Aquatics	Table Tennis
Latin America	21,709	10,099	Athletics	Football	Aquatics	Basketball	Bocce
Middle East/ North Africa	5,184	5,413	Athletics	Football	Basketball	Aquatics	Bocce
North America	126,781	73,211	Athletics	Bowling	Basketball	Football	Floor Hockey
Worldwide	360,392	217,595	Athletics 36.9%	Football 10.3%	Basketball 8.8%	Bocce 6.2%	Bowling 5.8%

The Special Olympics world is managed through seven Regions, which coordinate activities among the 177 Accredited (national) Programs:

<i>Africa (20)</i>	<i>Asia Pacific (27)</i>	<i>East Asia (6)</i>	<i>Europe- Eurasia (58)</i>	<i>Latin America (19)</i>	<i>Middle East & North Africa (23)</i>	<i>North America (24)</i>
Benin Botswana Burkina Faso Cote d'Ivoire Ghana Kenya Malawi Mauritius Namibia Nigeria Rwanda Senegal Seychelles South Africa Swaziland Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe	Afghanistan American Samoa Australia Bangladesh Bhutan Brunei Cambodia Fiji India Indonesia Japan Laos Malaysia Maldives Myanmar Nepal New Zealand Pakistan Papua New Guinea Philippines Samoa Singapore Sri Lanka Thailand	China Chinese Taipei Hong Kong Korea Macau Mongolia	Albania Andorra Armenia Austria Azerbaijan Belarus Belgium Bosnia & Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Rep. Denmark Estonia Faroe Islands Finland France Georgia Germany Gibraltar Great Britain Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland	Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Mexico Panama Paraguay Peru Puerto Rico Uruguay Venezuela	Algeria Bahrain Comoros Djibouti Egypt Iran Iraq Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Libya Mauritania Morocco Oman Palestine Qatar Saudi Arabia Somalia Sudan Syria Tunisia United Arab Emirates Yemen	Canada United States Caribbean: Aruba Bahamas Barbados Belize Bonaire British Virgin Islands Cayman Isl. Curacao Dominica Guadeloupe Guyana Haiti Jamaica Martinique Montserrat St. Kitts & Nevis St. Lucia St. Maarten St. Vincent & the

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	Timor Leste Tonga Vietnam		Isle of Man Israel Italy Kazakhstan Kosovo Kyrgyz Rep. Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Macedonia Malta Moldova Monaco Montenegro Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Russia San Marino Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Tajikistan Turkey Turkmenistan Ukraine Uzbekistan			Grenadines Suriname Trinidad & Tobago U.S. Virgin Isl.

Regional coordination is managed through regional offices in:

- Africa: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Asia Pacific: Singapore
- East Asia: Shanghai, China
- Europe-Eurasia: Dublin, Ireland
- Latin America: Panama City, Panama
- Middle East & North Africa: Giza, Egypt
- North America: Raleigh, North Carolina (USA)

1.06 Programs

Although best known for bringing athletes with intellectual disabilities and sports together, the Special Olympics Movement has expanded well beyond those borders. In line with its mission, many additional programs have been added over the years. These include:

- Athlete Leadership

Beyond providing programming, Special Olympics has insisted on leadership training and participation as a part of the individual growth experience. The number of “Athletes in a Leadership Position” has grown significantly within the Movement, now more than five times the 2002 figure of 7,058 worldwide in 2013 (37,697 or 5.3x over 2002).

In addition, the Special Olympics Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger program is one of its most visible athlete leadership programs. Named for the late Sargent Shriver, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver's husband, the International Global Messengers program offers leadership, public speaking, and advocacy training to athletes interested in representing the organization. International Global Messengers attend events in their respective regions and throughout the world, making speeches, presenting awards, and supporting the development of the athlete leadership strategy.

- Healthy Athletes

Special Olympics has become the world’s largest public health organization for people with intellectual disabilities. Health programming includes the remarkable Healthy Athletes program, which debuted during the Special Olympics World Summer Games in New Haven, Connecticut (USA) in July, 1995, offering Special Olympics Athletes free health examinations in seven disciplines:

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| (1) | Fit Feet | (Podiatry) |
| (2) | FUNfitness | (Physical therapy) |
| (3) | Health Promotion | (Nutrition, bone health, healthy behaviors) |
| (4) | Healthy Hearing | (Audiology) |
| (5) | MedFest® | (Sports physicals) |
| (6) | Special Olympics Lions Clubs Int'l Opening Eyes® | (Vision) |
| (7) | Special Smiles® | (Dental) |

In 2013, an aggregate of 123,342 examinations were held at 837 clinics, including the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Excluding the World Winter Games, some 116,496 exams took place at 801 clinics in 75 countries and across all seven global Regions:

<i>Region</i>	<i>Healthy Athletes Events 2013</i>	<i>Healthy Athletes Exams 2013</i>	<i>Clinical Volunteers in 2013</i>
Africa	104	12,571	1,118
Asia Pacific	73	14,910	1,679

<i>Region</i>	<i>Healthy Athletes Events 2013</i>	<i>Healthy Athletes Exams 2013</i>	<i>Clinical Volunteers in 2013</i>
East Asia	45	7,754	1,075
Europe Eurasia	127	16,762	2,560
Latin America	60	8,152	1,723
Middle East & North Africa	13	4,236	232
North America	379	52,111	8,417
Worldwide	801	116,496	16,804

- Motor Activity Training Program (MATP)

The Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program is designed for athletes with profound intellectual disabilities who are unable to participate in Special Olympics sport competitions because of their skill and/or functional abilities. The Motor Activity Training Program is designed to prepare these athletes, including those with significant physical disabilities, for sport-specific activities appropriate for their abilities.

A core Special Olympics Program since about 2002, MATP continues to grow and impact people around the world:

<i>Region</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2013 vs 2002</i>
Africa	80	475	571	508	1,034	6	-13.3x
Asia Pacific	523	3,354	3,425	3,881	4,137	5,402	+ 10.3x
East Asia	41	132	1,149	1,189	1,598	1,420	+ 34.6x
Europe-Eurasia	10,275	20,474	16,104	16,214	20,070	22,854	+ 2.2x
Latin America	482	1,148	1,414	1,433	2,073	1,811	+ 3.8x
Middle East & North Africa	262	1,135	1,365	1,184	1,118	1,250	+ 4.8x
North America	10,764	13,403	12,429	20,377	22,852	22,880	+ 2.1x
Worldwide	22,427	40,121	36,457	44,786	52,882	55,623	+ 2.5x

- Unified Sports

Taking the next step toward society-wide inclusion, the Special Olympics Unified Sports® program joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

Nearly 20% of all competitions at the LA2015 World Games will be Unified Sports competitions – which is the highest percentage of such competition for any Special Olympics World Games. Unified Sports competition will take place in the following 13 sports at the World Games: Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Bocce, Bowling, Football (soccer), Golf, Kayaking, Open Water Swimming, Sailing, Table Tennis, Tennis and Volleyball.

Unified Sports competitions teams are made up of people of similar age and ability, creating one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away.

Before being formally introduced, the Special Olympics Unified Sports® program first appeared in 1984 at a unified softball event at the Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games. Special Olympics Massachusetts held one more Unified Sports tournament in 1985 before Special Olympics officially field-tested it in four states from 1986-1988. The Special Olympics Unified Sports® program officially launched in July 1988 at the annual Special Olympics Conference in Reno, Nevada, and Lake Tahoe, California. Bowling, volleyball and softball were the first sports included.

Unified Sports has experienced unprecedented growth over the past decade. From less than 100,000 participants in 2004, to more than 500,000 in 2012, and most recently reported at 704,230 participants as of 2013 census data, with a goal of one million participants in Unified Sports globally by the end of 2015.

The Walt Disney Company and ESPN are currently the Global Presenting Sponsors and Official Media Sponsors of Special Olympics Unified Sports. In September 2013, The Walt Disney Company, ESPN and Special Olympics announced a two-year global initiative to promote an environment of social inclusion and acceptance through the support of the Special Olympics Unified Sports® program. With a multi-million dollar financial and in-kind investment, Disney and ESPN will support Special Olympics' goal of registering one million Unified Sports participants.

Under the agreement, ESPN is aiding the Unified Sports global brand through marketing assistance, target-market research and in-kind ads and public service announcements across ESPN platforms. Additionally, The Walt Disney Company and ESPN have become the global presenting sponsors and official media sponsors of Special Olympics Unified Sports, and are lending their branding to Unified Sports events in the eight target markets.

In addition there will be Special Olympics Unified Sports Experience exhibition events in 16 sports at the 2015 World Games including Athletics (Half Marathon), Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Bocce, Bowling, Football (5-a-side), Golf, Kayaking, Roller Skating, Sailing, Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon and Volleyball. These experiences will involve celebrities who will help provide demonstration opportunities for sponsors and fans to experience the power of Unified Sports first-hand.

- Young Athletes program

Introduced in 2007, Young Athletes is a structured sports skills development program for children ages 2-7, which can be operated exclusively by an accredited Special Olympics

Program, implemented in direct partnership with a Program, or implemented by a non-Special Olympics entity based on the Special Olympics Young Athletes model and materials.

Programs in all seven global Regions offer the Young Athletes program, and participation continues to increase. From the 2007 total of 18,221, participation has grown to 86,330 in 2013 (+ 4.7x). The majority of 2013 participants are in the Special Olympics North America Region (58,675 or 67.9%), but five of the other six global Regions showed year-over-year Young Athletes program increases of at least 15.9%.

- Youth Engagement

The involvement of young people in service roles is also an important aspect of the Special Olympics experience for those with and without intellectual disabilities. The contribution of youth, aged 12-25, who volunteer at least once per year for Special Olympics programs, has been an important part of the Special Olympics 2011-15 Strategic Plan.

In 2013, youth volunteers worldwide totaled 234,100, with more than 16,000 in five of the seven worldwide Regions. The largest number was in North America, with 100,364 (42.9% of the total).

Youth volunteers accounted for 26.3% of all Special Olympics volunteers (890,948), well ahead of the goal of 20% of all volunteers set in the 2011-15 Strategic Plan.

1.07 Partners and Support

Special Olympics, Inc. is proud to receive support from these partner organizations:

- GLOBAL PLATINUM •

The Coca-Cola Company, Founding Partner
 Christmas Records Trust
 Bank of America
 Essilor Vision Foundation
 Golisano Foundation
 Lions Clubs International
 Microsoft
 Mattel
 Safilo Group
 Toys"R"Us

- PLATINUM •
 Finish Line

- GLOBAL GOLD •
 ESPN
 Y&R

- GLOBAL SILVER •

P&G
 Perfect Sense Digital

- SILVER •
 Safeway Foundation
 TD Bank

- GLOBAL BRONZE •
 Burson-Marsteller
 Nielsen

- BRONZE •
 Citco
 Visa
 WWE

Support for the Special Olympics Movement comes from many sources, funneled to accredited Special Olympics Programs in 177 countries, to Special Olympics, Inc., and to organizing committees of the Special Olympics World Games. Total revenue worldwide in 2013 was \$450.8 million U.S., comprised of:

- \$ 274.7 million Cash raised by Special Olympics, Inc. and worldwide Programs
- 108.6 million In-Kind contributions to Special Olympics, Inc. and Programs
- 67.5 million Raised by Games Organizing Committees (regional and World Games)

Of the amounts raised in cash and in-kind, \$289.7 million was raised by the worldwide Programs and \$93.6 million by Special Olympics, Inc. (\$383.3 million total).

Worldwide cash sources in 2013 (\$274.7 million U.S.), not including monies raised by World Games organizing committees (\$67.5 million U.S.) came from:

- \$ 95.0 million Individual donations
- 82.3 million Special events
- 44.9 million Corporations and Corporate Foundations
- 38.8 million Governments (all levels)
- 10.8 million Non-corporate Foundation giving
- 2.9 million Other sources

The expanding worldwide appeal of Special Olympics is evident in these figures in comparison to 2010, when support totals included \$185.2 million in cash contributions and \$65.6 million in value in-kind (\$250.8 million total), plus \$49.6 million from Games Organizing Committees (\$300.4 million total).

1.08 Special Olympics Global Ambassadors

The transformative power of sport makes it a catalyst for change among young and old of every country, every culture and in any language. The Special Olympics message is carried worldwide by a dedicated cadre of Global Ambassadors. All of these individuals are distinguished by their impact in business, culture, film, music, sport and television to help support Special Olympics worldwide.

As of April 2015, the Global Ambassador roster includes:

- Lauren Alaina (USA) [Ambassador for Project Unify] Award-winning singer.
- Dani Alves (Brazil) [Ambassador for Global Football] Award-winning football player for Brazil and Bahia, Sevilla, Barcelona clubs, 2001-present.
- Her Serene Highness Princess Charlene of Monaco Olympic swimmer for South Africa, 2000 (as Charlene Wittstock).
- Nadia Comaneci (Romania)* 9-time Olympic medalist (5 gold) in Gymnastics, 1976-80.

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- Brooklyn Decker (USA) [Ambassador for Team USA and project Unify] Award-winning actor and model.
- Elena Delle Donne (USA) 2-time WNBA All-Star basketball player (Chicago Sky), 2013-present.
- Vladimir "Vanja" Grbic (Serbia) 2-time Olympic medalist (1 gold) volleyball player for Yugoslavia, 1996-2000.
- Joe Haden (USA) 2-time NFL Pro Bowl cornerback for the Cleveland Browns, 2010-present.
- Scott Hamilton (USA) Olympic gold medalist in figure skating, 1984.
- Padraig Harrington (Ireland) 19-time PGA and Euro Tour tournament-winning golfer (3 majors), 1995-present.
- I.K. Kim (South Korea) 3-time LPGA Tour tournament-winning golfer, 2005-present.
- Yuna Kim (South Korea) 2-time Olympic medalist (1 gold) in figure skating, 2010-14.
- Yang Lan (China) Co-founder and Chair of the Sun Media Group and the Sun Culture Foundation.
- Damian Lillard (USA) NBA All-Star basketball player (Portland Trail Blazers), 2012-present.
- Maria Menounos (USA) Actor, journalist and motion picture, online and television program producer.
- Yao Ming (China)* 8-time NBA All-Star basketball player (Houston Rockets), 2002-11
- Ricardo Montaner (Venezuela) Award-winning singer and songwriter.
- Dikembe Mutombo (Congo)* 8-time NBA All-Star basketball player (7 teams), 1991-2009.
- Hidetoshi Nakata (Japan) Award-winning football player for Japan and clubs in Japan, Italy and England, 1995-2006.
- Apolo Anton Ohno (USA) 8-time Olympic medalist (2 gold) in short-track speedskating, 2002-06-10.
- Michael Phelps (USA) 22-time Olympic medalist (18 gold) in swimming, 2004-08-12.
- Derek Poundstone (USA) [Global Torch Run Ambassador] Police officer and 3-time "America's Strongest Man" winner, 2007-09-10.

- Nicole Scherzinger (USA) Award-winning actor, dancer, model, producer and singer.
- Hannah Teter (USA) 2-time Olympic medalist in snowboarding, 2006-10.
- Vanessa Williams (USA)* Award-winning actor, model, producer and singer.
- Yang Yang (A) (China) 5-time Olympic medalist (2 gold) in short-track speedskating, 1998-2002-06.
- Zhang Ziyi (China). Award-nominated actor and model.

(* indicates a Special Olympics, Inc. Board Member)

More on the Special Olympics Global Ambassador program can be found at the following link:
(Link: http://www.specialolympics.org/Sections/Who_We_Are/Supporters/Global_Supporters.aspx?source=navbar#.VMATIkfF-Sp)

1.09 Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers

Special Olympics Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers are Special Olympics athletes appointed as spokespersons to spread the message and vision of the movement, representing not only the organization as a whole, but their individual countries as well. As leaders and message-bearers of the movement, International Global Messengers communicate the powerful declarations of hope, acceptance, dignity and courage of Special Olympics athletes around the world.

The first class of Special Olympics Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers was inducted in 1998 to mark the 30th anniversary of Special Olympics. Every four years, 12 athletes are selected to train through the Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers program and serve as primary spokespeople on behalf of Special Olympics, appearing in national and international media outlets, carrying forth the themes that are most important to athletes in Special Olympics Programs around the world. There have been a total of 84 International Global Messengers selected to date. Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers are nominated by Special Olympics regional staff and chosen by a leadership committee at Special Olympics headquarters, who review all applicants and determine final selections based on athletes' leadership skills and interest in serving as spokespeople for the organization.

Announced on 25 February 2015, the Special Olympics Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers for the 2014-2018 Term are:

- Brightfield Shadi, Botswana
- Selina Ao leong, Macau
- Yoona Kim, Korea
- Omar Mohamed El Shenawy, Egypt
- Lize Weerdenburg, the Netherlands
- David Egan, USA (Virginia)
- Johanna Pramstaller, Austria
- Pam Langille, USA (New Hampshire)
- Nitzeida Galvez Orozco, Panama
- Jason Gieschen, USA (Nebraska)
- Stephanie Handojo, Indonesia
- Chanchai Kemkaew, Thailand

1.10 Milestones

A survey of significant events that led to the establishment of Special Olympics and to today's worldwide effort to support individuals with intellectual disabilities:

- 1962: (June) After years of support for more research, understanding and support for the intellectually disabled, Eunice Kennedy Shriver hosts a "day camp" at her home in Potomac, Maryland in June for dozens of young people aged 6-16.
- 1964: (April) A major conference confirms that physical activity for people with intellectual disabilities can be a significant gateway to employment, understanding and higher achievement.
- 1966: Eunice Kennedy Shriver proposes "nationwide sports contests" for young people with intellectual disabilities, citing a significant improvement in learning skills among those with intellectual disabilities as a result of physical training.
- 1967: A proposal for funding by the Chicago Park District for a city-wide, Olympic-style track & field competition for intellectually-disabled children is expanded by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation to create a national event.
- 1968: (July) The first International Special Olympics Summer Games is held at Chicago's Soldier Field on 20 July. Approximately 1,000 athletes from Canada and the United States participate in track and field, swimming and floor hockey. Eunice Kennedy Shriver introduces the athlete oath – "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt" – as part of her opening remarks. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley notes afterwards, "You know, Eunice, the world will never be the same after this."

(December) The formation of Special Olympics, Inc. is officially announced (actually incorporated on 2 August), with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Grants of \$10,000 are awarded to six cities to assist them in hosting regional competitions for the intellectually disabled.
- 1971: (December) The United States Olympic Committee grants official permission for use of the word "Olympic" to Special Olympics, Inc., one of only two organizations in the country to be so recognized.
- 1977: (February) The first International Special Olympics Winter Games is held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with 500-plus U.S. and Canadian athletes competing in skiing and skating events. U.S. television networks CBS, ABC and NBC cover the Games.
- 1981: (June) The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is launched in Wichita, Kansas, USA, after Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise awareness for Special Olympics. The Torch Run is now Special Olympics' largest grassroots fundraiser, raising nearly \$40 million annually.

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- 1986: (September) The United Nations launches the International Year of Special Olympics under the banner "Special Olympics – Uniting the World."
- 1987: (October) "A Very Special Christmas," a benefit album featuring holiday music by top performers is released worldwide. Produced by Jimmy and Vicki Iovine of A&M Records and Bobby Shriver, all proceeds benefit Special Olympics. More than two million records, compact discs and cassette tapes are sold.
- 1988: (February) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) signs a historic agreement with Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, in which the IOC officially endorses and recognizes Special Olympics.
- 1989: (February) Special Olympics officially launches Unified Sports®, a new initiative aimed at bringing together people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team.
- 1991: Special Olympics is granted consultative status as a Non-Governmental Organization with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.
- 1993: (March) The fifth Special Olympics World Winter Games are hosted in the Austrian cities of Salzburg and Schladming, from 20-27 March, the first World Winter Games held outside the U.S.
- 1995: (July) Important new initiatives at the 9th Special Olympics World Summer Games held in New Haven, Connecticut include the Host Town Program, Healthy Athletes®, and Research and Policy Symposia. For the first time, people with intellectual disabilities serve as certified officials at the Games.
- 1997: (January) Healthy Athletes® becomes an official Special Olympics initiative, providing health care services to Special Olympics athletes worldwide. The program includes free vision, hearing and dental screenings; injury prevention clinics and nutrition education.
- 1998: (July) Special Olympics celebrates its 30th anniversary with the introduction of the Special Olympics Sargent Shriver International Global Messengers, 12 athletes who will travel the world as spokespeople for the following two years.
- (December) U.S. President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton host "A Very Special Christmas from Washington D.C." – marking the first time that the White House hosts a Special Olympics gala and the first time that artists from the "A Very Special Christmas" album series gather together to perform. In 2000, President and Mrs. Clinton host "A Very Special Christmas" for the second time.
- 2000: (May) The first-ever Global Athlete Congress takes place in The Hague, Netherlands. Special Olympics Athletes from every region in the world come together to discuss the future of the Special Olympics movement. Despite differences in language, culture, age and gender they hold discussions, challenge existing ideas and vote on new resolutions.

As part of the "Campaign for Special Olympics," the Special Olympics China Millennium March is launched; the Movement's most ambitious growth campaign in history. China pledges to increase its current number of athletes from 50,000 to 500,000 by 2005.

2001: (July) The South African cities of Cape Town, Johannesburg and Sun City host Special Olympics African Hope. President Nelson Mandela returns to Robben Island with Special Olympics Athletes to light the "Flame of Hope" and kick off the Law Enforcement Torch Run® through the streets of Cape Town. The event generates awareness of Special Olympics throughout the continent and launches a major growth initiative to reach 100,000 new athletes in Africa by 2005.

(October) Special Olympics develops and distributes SO Get Into It® kits for students with and without disabilities to schools and teachers worldwide at no cost. They teach young people about intellectual disabilities while empowering them to "be the difference." The lessons highlight values of inclusion, acceptance and respect.

2002: (July) The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund partners with Special Olympics to host an annual birthday celebration for its founder and chairperson, former South African President Nelson Mandela, and helps Special Olympics launch its Unified Sports® program in South Africa.

2003: (June) The city of Dublin, Ireland, hosts the first Special Olympics World Summer Games to be held outside the United States from 21-29 June. Some 6,000 athletes from 160 countries participate in the world's largest sporting event of the year.

(June) Special Olympics, Inc. releases "The Multinational Study of Attitudes toward Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities," a report on how people across the world view the roles and capabilities of persons with intellectual disabilities in the workplace, classroom and daily life. The study is the most comprehensive ever conducted on this subject.

2004: (October) U.S. President George W. Bush signs the "Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act," providing \$15 million in funding annually for five years to Special Olympics programs. It is the first time that Special Olympics secures U.S. support through legislation, aimed at encouraging greater respect and understanding for people with intellectual disabilities.

2005: (December) "The Ringer," a Farrelly Brothers film starring Johnny Knoxville, opens in theaters throughout Canada and the United States. The film includes appearances from more than 150 Special Olympics Athletes. Its producers collaborated with Special Olympics to challenge destructive stereotypes and negative thinking about people with intellectual disabilities.

(December) Special Olympics surpasses its goal of doubling the number of athletes worldwide to 2.5 million participants. With sports at its core, Special Olympics stands as a leader in advancing rights and opportunities for its athletes in 165 countries.

- 2006: (June) In celebration of the 86th birthday of founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush host a tribute dinner at the White House to honor Special Olympics.
- 2007: (October) The city of Shanghai, China, hosts the 12th Special Olympics World Summer Games, which are broadcast internationally on an unprecedented scale. These Games, with more than 7,000 athletes from more than 160 countries participating, are a major milestone in Special Olympics' history.
- 2009: (February) Special Olympics World Winter Games are hosted in Boise, Idaho; stemming from grassroots youth activation at those Games, the 'Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign' is founded by college students Soeren Palumbo (Notre Dame 2011) and Timbo Shriver (Yale 2011) and continues to be led by passionate young people to raise the consciousness of society about the hurtful effects of the R-word.
- (May) The U.S. National Portrait Gallery unveils a portrait of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics. It is the first portrait the Gallery has ever commissioned of an individual who has not served as a U.S. President or First Lady.
- (August) Special Olympics mourns the loss of founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who died surrounded by her family in Massachusetts. Letters and messages celebrating her contribution to humanity pour in from world leaders and everyday people around the world.
- (November) "A Very Special Christmas 7" is released, infusing the holiday record series with the energy and talent of a new generation of music stars.
- 2010: (June) The first Special Olympics Global Congress is held in Marrakech, Morocco, bringing together hundreds of Movement leaders from around the world to chart the next five years of work.
- (July) Thanks to longtime partner Coca-Cola, Special Olympics athletes from across the globe play alongside football legends and other celebrities in a Unified football match at the Greene Point Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa, before the FIFA World Cup quarter-final.
- (September) The first Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day is held in countries around the world to celebrate the vision of the founder of Special Olympics and to accelerate the momentum of the organization.
- (December) Movement leaders release the Special Olympics Strategic Plan 2011-2015, a visionary document that will guide Special Olympics growth over the next five years.
- 2011: (January) Special Olympics mourns the death of Sargent Shriver, husband of late founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Chairman of the Board Emeritus. Shriver served as

president of the Movement from 1984 through 1996 and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1990 to 2003.

(June-July) The 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games are held in Athens, Greece. More than 6,000 athletes from around the world gather to compete in the birthplace of the Olympics – demonstrating to the world just how far Special Olympics has come.

(September) Los Angeles is chosen as the site for the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games. It will be the first Summer Games held in the United States since 1999.

2012: (September) U.S. businessman and philanthropist B. Thomas Golisano gives Special Olympics the largest gift ever from an individual donor – \$12 million – to launch the Healthy Communities initiative in eight countries – Kazakhstan, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Romania, South Africa and Thailand – and six U.S. states – Arizona, Florida, Kansas, New Jersey, New York and Wisconsin.

(December) “A Very Special Christmas,” holiday benefit album series marks its 25th anniversary, celebrating more than \$116 million generated to benefit Special Olympics worldwide.

2013: (February) The 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games are held in PyeongChang, Korea. The Games featured more than 2,000 athletes from more than 100 countries.

(July) Lions Clubs International Foundation pledges \$7.8 million to Special Olympics, expanding worldwide efforts to support the inclusion and well-being of people with intellectual disabilities. Building on the organization’s 14-year history of collaboration, this pledge is part of a new multi-year partnership plan that will strengthen ties between Special Olympics and Lions Club International at the country and the community level.

(September) The Walt Disney Company, ESPN and Special Olympics announce a two-year global initiative that will leverage the power of sports to promote an environment of social inclusion and acceptance, by uniting people with and without intellectual disabilities through the Special Olympics Unified Sports program. With a multi-million dollar financial and in-kind investment, Disney and ESPN will support Special Olympics’ goal of registering one million Unified Sports participants, including athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities), teammates (individuals without intellectual disabilities) and coaches, by 2015.

(October) Janet Froetscher is named Chief Executive Officer of the global Special Olympics movement. Dr. Timothy P. Shriver continues as Special Olympics Chairman, working with Froetscher and movement leaders to advance the Special Olympics mission around the world.

2014: (February) Her Excellency President Joyce Banda of the Republic of Malawi hosts the first-ever African Leaders Forum on Intellectual Disability in partnership with Special Olympics. The effort spearheads collaboration of African Heads of States to develop a more inclusive Africa.

(May) Special Olympics' global reach expands to 4.4 million athletes around the world. Census numbers also show that as many as 81,000 events and competitions are held annually.

(July) U.S. President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama host "Celebration for Special Olympics and a Unified Generation" at the White House.

For more milestones and a deeper history of the Special Olympics timeline, please visit the *Special Olympics.org* Web site (Link: <http://www.specialolympics.org/history.aspx>).

2. THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

2.01 Beginnings of the Special Olympics World Games

What has become the Special Olympics World Games began simply enough on Friday, 19 July 1968. As described by Ana Bueno in *Special Olympics: The First 25 Years* (Foghorn Press, 1994):

“On July 19th, in 1968, one thousand athletes from 26 states and Canada traveled to Chicago. Each athlete checked into the La Salle Hotel and later enjoyed dinner, followed by entertainment: a magician and live music. The athletes danced with their new friends and fellow athletes. On July 20th, after breakfast, the athletes got on chartered school buses and were driven to Soldier Field for the Chicago Special Olympics. It was the beginning of a history-making day. Just a couple of years earlier, the idea of people with mental retardation getting together to compete in athletic events seemed incredible. . . .

“But here they all were, the first one thousand Special Olympics athletes, marching in an opening parade, listening to Eunice Kennedy Shriver officially open the games, eager and ready to compete in track-and-field events, swimming and floor hockey. A new tradition, mirroring an old tradition, was instituted as the Special Olympics torch was run down the track and used to light the Olympic flame. One thousand balloons, each one bearing the name of an athlete, were released overhead, filling the sky.”

That inaugural event became a permanent fixture almost immediately. Known as the International Special Olympics, a second edition was promised by Eunice Shriver for 1970. Also held in Chicago from 13-15 August, participation increased to 1,500 athletes from a total of four nations.

In 1972, the event came to Los Angeles and was held on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Santa Monica College. The competition grew to six days from 13-18 August with 1,500 athletes from the U.S. and three international programs.

Eunice Shriver answered the question of why the program was called “Special Olympics” in a story for the program for the 1973 California Special Olympics State Games:

“Why is it called Special Olympics?”

“All of us need to feel special. Mentally retarded children in particular face constant experiences of failure and frustration. Sport provides an ideal setting for developing confidence and a sense of self-esteem. The athlete trains, develops skills, competes and, as he succeeds, starts building a positive self-image. As a Special Olympics child improves his performance in the gymnasium and on the playing field, he also improves in the classroom, at home and eventually on the job.

“These children have always been told they can’t compete. They’ve been told they can’t do it. But in Special Olympics we say they can do it. All they need is a chance. Special Olympics is that chance. Special Olympics involved the entire community with a group of children it had previously rejected. This involvement gives the Special Olympics participant and his

family a sense of belonging. As a boy in California asked during a training session, 'You mean all these people are out here just to help us train? Do they really care about us?' Now the community can respond, 'Yes, we do care.' That is what is so special about the Special Olympics."

With not just an International Special Olympics, but also a burgeoning program of U.S. state events and Special Olympics activities in other countries, the Movement was on its way.

2.02 The Special Olympics World Games Era

The legal backbone of the Special Olympics Movement is the *Special Olympics Amended General Rules (2012 edition)*, which state in §3.08 (a):

World Games shall be held every two years, alternating between Summer Games and Winter Games, so that Summer Games and Winter Games shall each be held every four years, with World Summer Games starting as of 1975, and World Winter Games starting as of 1977.

That makes the 1975 event – then still known as the International Special Olympics Games – the first of the formally-recognized Special Olympics World Games, in a chain unbroken to today. The World Summer Games:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Special Olympics World Summer Games Sites</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Sports</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Nations</i>
1975	Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (USA)	8-13 August	8	3,200	10
1979	Brockport, New York	8-13 August	7	3,500	22
1983	Baton Rouge, Louisiana (USA)	12-18 July	12	4,300	52
1987	South Bend, Indiana (USA)	31 July-8 August	14	4,700	73
1991	Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota (USA)	19-27 July	18	5,700	107
1995	New Haven, Connecticut (USA)	1-9 July	20	6,500	150
1999	Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina (USA)	26 June-4 July	19	6,279	150
2003	Dublin, Ireland (First outside the USA)	21-29 June	18	5,683	160
2007	Shanghai, China	2-11 October	25	7,004	165
2011	Athens, Greece	25 June-4 July	21	6,261	165
2015	Los Angeles, California (USA)	25 July-2 August	25	~ 6,500	~ 165

The Special Olympics World Winter Games were the first to venture outside the United States, in 1993:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Special Olympics World Winter Games Sites</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Sports</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Nations</i>
1977	Steamboat Springs, Colorado (USA)	5-11 February	4	525	2

<i>Year</i>	<i>Special Olympics World Winter Games Sites</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Sports</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Nations</i>
1981	Smuggler's Notch & Stowe, Vermont (USA) (four summer sports included on the program: aquatics, athletics, basketball, volleyball)	8-13 March	8	600	7
1985	Salt Lake City & Park City, Utah (USA)	24-29 March	8	825	14
1989	Reno, Nevada & Lake Tahoe, California (USA)	1-8 April	5	1,055	27
1993	Schladming & Salzburg, Austria	20-27 March	22	1,550	60
1997	Collingwood & Toronto, Canada	1-8 February	6	1,450	82
2001	Anchorage, Alaska (USA)	4-11 March	7	1,643	63
2005	Nagano, Japan	26 February- 4 March	7	1,768	84
2009	Boise, Idaho (USA) (replacing Sarajevo)	6-13 February	7	1,967	100+
2013	Pyeongchang, South Korea	29 January- 5 February	8	2,088	107
2017	Schladming & Graz, Austria	18-24 March	9	3,000 estimate	110 estimate

2.03 The World Games Sports Program

Special Olympics, Inc. determines which sports will be held on the program of the World Games.

Under § 3.04 (b) of the *Amended Official General Rules (2012 edition)*, the Official Summer Sports for the World Games include:

Aquatics (Swimming)	Equestrian	Powerlifting
Athletics	Football (Soccer)	Roller Skating
Badminton	Golf	Sailing
Basketball	Gymnastics-Artistic	Softball
Bocce	Gymnastics-Rhythmic	Table Tennis
Bowling	Handball	Tennis
Cycling	Judo	Volleyball (21)

Recognized summer sports include Cricket and Kayaking. For the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, Kayaking was added to the program as a 22nd sport and Beach Volleyball, Open Water Swimming and Triathlon were added as demonstration sports, for a total of 25.

The Official Special Olympics World Games Winter Sports include::

Alpine Skiing	Floorball	Snowboarding
Cross-Country Skiing	Floor Hockey	Snowshoeing
Figure Skating	Short-Track Speed Skating	

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Specific sports are prohibited because they "do not meet [Special Olympics, Inc.'s] minimum health or safety standards or which would otherwise expose Special Olympics athletes to unreasonable risks to their health or safety." These sports currently include boxing, fencing, karate, shooting, and other martial arts. (§3.04(h))

As with the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the sports program has expanded significantly over time. For sports in the 2015 World Summer Games:

<i>World Summer Games Sport</i>	1975	1979	1983	1987	1991	1995	1999	2003	2007	2011
Aquatics (Swimming & Diving)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Athletics (Track & Field)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Badminton					●	●	●	●	●	●
Basketball	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bocce					●	●	●	●	●	●
Bowling	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cycling				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Equestrian				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Football (Soccer)			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Golf						●	●	●	●	●
Gymnastics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Handball					●	●	●	●	●	●
Judo								●	●	●
Kayaking								●	●	●
Powerlifting					●	●	●	●	●	●
Roller Skating				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sailing						●	●	●	●	●
Softball		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Table Tennis				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tennis				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Triathlon										
Volleyball	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●

(Other sports competed in but not on the 2015 program are not shown)

Triathlon will debut in World Games sport at the 2015 Games. Beach Volleyball (part of volleyball on the international level) and Open Water Swimming (part of Aquatics on the international level) have been added as demonstration sports.

2.04 The World Games Sports Registration and Competition Format

Participation in the World Games is not based on a competitive advancement system or attainment of a specific mark or performance. Athletes are selected to compete in the World Games by their Accredited (national) Programs according to a quota established by Special Olympics, Inc. ("SOI")

According to §3.08 (d) of the *Amended General Rules*:

SOI shall have sole authority to establish binding quotas governing the overall size and composition of the delegations of athletes, coaches and other persons to be sent by Accredited Programs to World Games.

The quota is determined, of course, according to requests from national Programs, based on the development of each sport in their own country.

A unique aspect of the Special Olympics World Games is the process known as "Divisioning." Every event in the Special Olympics World Games is a final, for which medals (places 1-3) and ribbons (placed 4-8) will be awarded, with a minimum of three and a maximum of eight competitors.

Athletes in every sport and event are grouped by age, gender, and ability, giving everyone a reasonable chance to win. This idea of equal ability groupings is the foundation for competition in Special Olympics. All athletes are given an equal chance to participate, perform, and be recognized for doing their best by their teammates, family, friends, and fans.

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3.01 About LA2015: Approach and Principles

“Yes, the World Games in 2015 will be a major event. It will also be an event of great impact because it’s an event with a mission. This mission is represented by our logo. It starts with the Celebratory Figure representing the courage, determination and joy of our athletes. The figure is inside the Circle of Acceptance and Inclusion, the mission of these World Games . . . creating awareness that leads to the acceptance and inclusion of people with Intellectual Disabilities. And the Mosaic represents the diversity of 177 countries coming to Los Angeles and how we can share the mission of acceptance and inclusion with every corner of this diverse region.”



“Naturally, the theme of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games is ‘Reach Up.’ Reach Up and stand for acceptance and inclusion. Reach Up and celebrate courage, determination and joy. Reach Up and be the best you can be.”

~ Pat McClenahan, President of the Games Organizing Committee for the Special Olympics World Games LA2015, in *The Pier Review*, January/February 2015 edition, pp. 18-19.

The mission of the 2015 World Games, itself a massive undertaking, sometimes obscures the wide-ranging size and scope of the event. With nearly 6,500 athletes coming from around the globe and competition venues spread from the northeast corner of Los Angeles County (in Griffith Park) all the way to the southwest corner (in Long Beach), the World Games will be the largest sporting event in Los Angeles since the historic Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in 1984.

The organizing principles of the Games Organizing Committee – known as LA2015 – have remained constant since its formation in 2011:

- Athlete-centric planning, maximizing personal opportunities for competition, health and fun, and minimizing travel to venues;
- Community-wide involvement, especially through the pre-Games Host Town program and corporate and educational involvement in the organizing process;
- Creative use of Los Angeles’ wealth of existing facilities to control costs and emphasize sustainability through minimizing construction and infrastructure efforts;

- Conservative financing, powered primarily by charitable, individual and corporate entities, with modest governmental support where appropriate;
- Shared experiences for athletes, families and spectators that create awareness, leading to inclusion, resulting in no admission charges for spectators for the sports competitions.

McClenahan, who led the Los Angeles bid for the 2015 World Games, leads a professional staff of nearly 440 in organizing all aspects of the program to once again welcome the world to Los Angeles – America's most decorated Olympic City – in July.

3.02 Award of the 2015 World Games

Los Angeles is certainly no stranger to major events. But the decision to bid for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games was not an easy one.

The Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) Program is one of the earliest and best-known Special Olympics Programs in the United States. Founded through the pioneering work of 1960 Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, a Los Angeles sports icon, way back in 1969, SOSC (formed in 1995 when California Special Olympics was split into two sections) now operates a large and successful program for athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the 11-county Southern California region from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. This was an organization used to large-scale challenges.

But the World Games had become one of the world's premiere multi-sport events, reaching new heights in international editions in Dublin (2003), Shanghai (2007) and Athens (2011). In fact, the World Summer Games had not been in the U.S. since 1999, and had not been held in California since an early version in 1972.

But SOSC Board of Directors chair Pat McClenahan and President and Chief Executive Bill Shumard were undaunted by the challenge. A 27-member bid committee which brought together civic and sports leaders developed a comprehensive plan to bring the World Games back to the city which had so successfully hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games.

The bid concept was well received by Special Olympics, Inc., which announced on 5 January 2011 that it would select the 2015 World Games host from two bidders: Los Angeles (for the United States) and South Africa. A detailed bid was submitted on 1 March 2011, including these passages from the Preface:

"LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA can provide a true "World Stage," upon which the 2015 World Games can become a seminal event in the history of the Special Olympics Movement. In a city full of movie stars and all-stars, our athletes will be the stars of the show! . . .

"Los Angeles is truly the land where dreams can come true. A magical place where heart and desire can make the impossible become possible! Surely, there is no better 'World Stage' on which Special Olympics Athletes can see their dreams fulfilled."

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At a massive celebration at Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles on 14 September 2011, Special Olympics, Inc., chairman Tim Shriver formally announced that Los Angeles would be the host of the 2015 World Games: "On behalf of our entire Special Olympics Movement worldwide, I am thrilled to award our 2015 World Games to Los Angeles.

"Bringing our World Games to a city as powerful and prominent on the world stage as Los Angeles will allow our Special Olympics athletes to demonstrate to the world the best in sports."

The Los Angeles bid committee included:

Chair:

- Pat McClenahan Board Chair, Special Olympics Southern California

Members:

- Roberta Abner Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Bill Allen President & Chief Executive, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- Debi Anderson Special Olympics Athlete
- Gene D. Block Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles
- Rick Caruso President & Chief Executive, Caruso Affiliated
- Leo Chu President, Hollywood Park Casino
- Anita DeFrantz President, LA84 Foundation
- Donna De Varona Olympic Swimming Gold Medalist
- Rob Friedman President & Chief Executive, Lionsgate Motion Picture Group
- Wendy Greuel Controller, City of Los Angeles (2009-2013)
- Stephanie Hardy Special Olympics Athlete
- Paul Hoffman Special Olympics Athlete
- Rafer Johnson Olympic Track & Field Gold Medalist and Founder, Special Olympics Southern California
- Michelle Kerrick Managing Partner – Los Angeles Practice, Deloitte & Touche, LLP
- Don Knabe Supervisor, County of Los Angeles
- Tim Leiweke President & Chief Executive, AEG
- Mark Liberman President & Chief Executive, LA INC., the Los Angeles Convention & Visitors Bureau
- C. L. Max Nikias President, University of Southern California
- Maidie Oliveau, Esq. Sports Counsel, Arent Fox, LLP
- Dustin Plunkett Special Olympics Athlete
- Barry Sanders President, Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners
- Kathryn Schloessman President, Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission
- Bill Shumard President & Chief Executive, Special Olympics Southern California
- David Simon President, Los Angeles Sports Council
- Gary Toebben President & Chief Executive, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Antonio Villaraigosa Mayor, City of Los Angeles (2005-2013)

Following the success of the bid effort, the Bid Committee was dissolved and the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games Organizing Committee was formed.

3.03 LA2015 Board of Directors

The LA2015 organizing committee is governed by an elected, 27-member Board of Directors that includes business, civic, political and sports leaders in Southern California:

Honorary Co-chairs:

Barack Obama • President of the United States of America
Michelle Obama • First Lady of the United States of America

Honorary Hosts:

Jerry Brown • Governor of the State of California
Eric Garcetti • Mayor of the City of Los Angeles

The Board of Directors:

Chair:

- Rob Friedman Co-Chair, Lionsgate Motion Pictures Group

Members:

- Robert Alvarado Chief Executive, CourtCall, LLC
- Raul Anaya President, Bank of America - Greater Los Angeles
- Debi Anderson Special Olympics Southern California Athlete & Global Messenger
- Nicole Avant Ambassador to the Bahamas, Retired
- Rick Caruso President & Chief Executive, Caruso Affiliated
- Mark Davis Chairman and Chief Executive, Davis Elen Advertising
- Anita DeFrantz President, LA84 Foundation
- Donna de Varona Olympic Swimming Gold Medalist and Member, Special Olympics, Inc. Board of Directors
- Edward Ellison, M.D. Executive Medical Director/Chairman of the Board, So. Cal. Permanente Medical Group
- Todd Goldstein Chief Revenue Officer, AEG Worldwide
- Peter Hudnut Project Manager and Acquisition Associate, The Ratkovich Company
- Rafer Johnson Olympic Track & Field Gold Medalist; Founder, Special Olympics Southern California
- Michelle Kerrick Managing Partner – Los Angeles Practice, Deloitte & Touche, LLP
- Andy Knox Managing Director, Chelsea Partners
- Sherry Lansing Founder & Chief Executive, The Sherry Lansing Foundation
- Cindy McCain Chair, Hensley & Company; Philanthropist
- Patrick McClenahan President and Chief Executive Officer, LA2015
- William H. O'Brien Senior Vice President & West Region General Manager, Coca-Cola Refreshments
- David O'Connor President and Chief Executive, The Madison Square Garden Company

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- Maidie Oliveau, Esq. Counsel, Arent Fox LLP
- Dustin Plunkett Special Olympics Southern California Athlete & Global Messenger
- Donna Pulini Member, Triskeles Foundation Board of Directors
- Barry Sanders Chair, Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games
- David Simon President, Los Angeles Sports Council
- Richard L. Van Kirk President Emeritus, Special Olympics Southern California
- Antonio Villaraigosa 41st Mayor of the City of Los Angeles (2005-2013)

The Board meets quarterly to oversee the work of the staff, the financial status and planning for the Games.

California Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom serves as Executive Chairman of a special Leadership Committee to broaden support for the World Games. Comprised of leaders from the business, entertainment, sports and civic communities, the group will provide key strategic counsel and critical introductions to ensure the needed resources for the Games.

3.04 LA2015 Leadership Staff

From an initial staff of one, the organizing committee grew to more than 100 in September 2014 and will total approximately 438 by the time of the Opening Ceremony. The senior staff leadership includes, as of 1 July 2015:

Patrick McClenahan President and Chief Executive Officer

McClenahan accepted the position as President and C.E.O. of the organizing committee after serving as the Chairman of the Los Angeles Bid Committee that won the international competition to bring the 2015 Special Olympics World Games to Los Angeles.

During the past 25 years, he has established a reputation as a strategic, results-oriented leader serving in senior-level executive positions in television at Prime Ticket, Fox Sports, KCAL, and CBS.

As President and General Manager of the two CBS-owned television stations in Los Angeles, CBS2 and KCAL9, McClenahan led the largest local broadcast operation in the country. He managed a staff of over 400 employees, a senior leadership team of 15 executives, and five trade unions in producing 11 hours of live news per day and over 100 live local sporting events per year.

McClenahan was promoted to President and General Manager after serving as Senior Vice President and Station Manager since the stations became the largest duopoly in the nation in 2002. In that position, he was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations and several major projects, including the merger of CBS2 and KCAL9's operations, the planning and construction of CBS's new state-of-the-art, high-definition broadcast center in Studio City, the development of multi-platform digital distribution of content, and the negotiation of KCAL9's multi-year broadcast rights agreements with the Los Angeles Lakers (NBA) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB).

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Prior to being promoted to Senior Vice President and Station Manager, McClenahan was Vice President and Executive Producer of KCAL 9 Sports and KCAL9.com. Under his leadership, KCAL became the largest local broadcaster of sports in the country as he negotiated and managed sports broadcast rights with most of the sports teams in the market.

McClenahan's career in television production and programming began with the creation of his own company. It was during this time when McClenahan established his reputation as an innovative producer and developer of sports programming including live sporting events, magazine shows and specials for Prime Ticket Network.

After six successful years, McClenahan joined Prime Ticket as Executive Producer. He was soon promoted to Vice President of Programming and Production. When Prime Ticket merged with Fox Sports, he took on the role of Sr. Vice President of Production for Fox Sports Net, overseeing the sports production operations of 12 regional sports networks.

McClenahan has been honored with six Emmy Awards for his work in sports television. He is also active in providing leadership in the community, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Southern California for 11 years. McClenahan also serves in leadership roles on the boards of the Los Angeles Sports Council, LA84 Foundation, and the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership.

A native of Los Angeles, McClenahan is a University of Southern California alumnus. He and his wife, Karren, are the proud parents of their son, Eric, and their daughter, Kelly, who has special needs.

Jeff Carr	Chief Operating Officer
Suzanne Gilman	Chief Financial Officer
Donna Brown	Senior Vice President, Volunteer Workforce Management
Brian Chacon	Senior Vice President, Technology
Craig Cochrane	Senior Vice President, Digital Strategy
Brian Erickson	Senior Vice President, Corporate Partnerships
Ratha Harntha	Senior Vice President, Operations
Stephanie Medina	Senior Vice President, Community Relations & Fan Development
John Ohanesian	Senior Vice President, Medical Services
Jan Palchikoff	Senior Vice President, Sport & Athlete Experience
Susan Pollack	Senior Vice President, Development
Jeff Proctor	Senior Vice President, Broadcasting
Haylen Van Koppen	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Steven Vanderpool	Senior Vice President, Communications & Media Operations
Kim Widdess	Senior Vice President, Guest Services and Events

The LA2015 team is headquartered in downtown Los Angeles at the iconic, 73-story U.S. Bank Tower – at 1,018 feet (310 m) high, the tallest U.S. building west of Chicago – through the courtesy

of sponsor OUE Skyspace Los Angeles. LA2015 moved from its home, provided by Deloitte, at 350 South Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles in October 2014.

3.05 Accommodations

Thousands of athletes, family members, news media and officials will descend on Los Angeles for the World Games in July. To accommodate these guests in convenient locations and at reasonable rates, more than 40,000 hotel room nights were reserved in 34 hotels location in downtown Los Angeles and close to competition sites to the north, west and in Long Beach:

Los Angeles – Downtown (20):

Courtyard by Marriott L.A. LIVE
DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles
Hilton Checkers
Hotel Figueroa
J,W. Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE
Kawada Hotel
Los Angeles Athletic Club
L.A. Hotel Downtown
Luxe City Center
The Historic Mayfair
Millennium Biltmore Hotel
The O Hotel
Omni Los Angeles
Radisson USC
Residence Inn L.A. LIVE
Ritz Milner
Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles L.A. LIVE
Sheraton Los Angeles
The Standard Downtown
Westin Bonaventure

Los Angeles – North (Griffith Park) (4):

Beverly Garland Hotel
Hilton Garden Inn Los Angeles/Hollywood
Loews Hollywood Hotel
Sportsmen’s Lodge Hotel

Los Angeles – West (UCLA) (3):

Hotel Angeleno
Hotel Palomar
Luxe Sunset Blvd. Hotel

Long Beach (7):

Courtyard Downtown Long Beach
Hilton Long Beach
Hotel Maya Long Beach
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
Renaissance Long Beach
Renaissance Inn Long Beach
Westin Long Beach

Hotels participating as part of the LA2015 accommodations program agreed to provide protected rates from 21 July to 2 August 2015, making the LA2015 room block the best value for anyone coming to the World Games.

Bookings were available through the LA2015 housing portal at www.LA2015.org/housing and were available on a first-come, first-served basis through 9 June 2015.

Convention Management Resources (CMR) is the official hotel management company for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015. No other hotel management company or travel agency has been authorized to place hotel reservations on behalf of LA2015, nor have they entered into agreements with the listed hotels for guaranteed rates and accommodations during the dates of the World Games.

For questions concerning accommodations, the LA2015 Housing Customer Contact Center may be reached Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Eastern Time):

United States and Canada:	(855) 347-1781
Outside North America:	(001.415) 979-2215

Or you may reach the Customer Contact Center at housing@LA2015.org.

3.06 Ceremonies

A treasured highlight of every World Games are the official ceremonies, whether at the start, during, or at the close of the Games. In Los Angeles, long the home of the U.S. motion picture and television industries, special programs will await athletes and spectators alike.

Opening Ceremony:

Scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on 25 July 2015 at the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum – the only stadium to play host to two Olympic Opening Ceremonies, in 1932 and 1984 – the ceremonial opening of the 2015 World Games will incorporate long-cherished protocols so familiar to fans of the Olympic Movement and Special Olympics:

- (1) Entry of Special Olympics chair Tim Shriver and dignitaries.
- (2) Parade of Athletes.

This is the key element of the program and is not to exceed 1:45:00 in length. Delegations will march in, led by Greece, and then in alphabetical order in the language of the Host Nation. Each delegation will be identified by a placard, but not with a national flag.

- (3) Welcome from the Games Organizing Committee, a representative of Special Olympics, Inc., a respected international figure, and the Special Olympics International Global Messengers.
- (4) Entrance and raising of the Special Olympics flag.

The Special Olympics flag is 12 by 16 feet in size (3.66 x 4.88 m) and will be borne by eight Special Olympics Athletes selected by Special Olympics, Inc., or a combination of four Special Olympics Athletes and four sports personalities.

- (5) Administration of the Special Olympics Oaths.

The athlete's oath was penned by Eunice Kennedy Shriver for her remarks at the opening of the first Special Olympics International Summer Games in Chicago in 1968. The Athlete's Oath will be taken by a Special Olympics Athlete from the Host Nation Program (for 2015, Special Olympics North America). The Coach's Oath and Official's Oath will be taken by individuals selected by Special Olympics, Inc.

Athlete's Oath: *Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.*

Coach's Oath: *In the name of all coaches, we shall follow written and verbal instructions of Special Olympics officials at all times, have our athletes at the appropriate events and activities at the proper time and abide by the rules and policies, in the spirit of sportsmanship.*

Official's Oath: *In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in these Special Olympics Games with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the spirit of sportsmanship.*

(6) Declaration of the Opening of the Games.

The Head of State, or a person elected by Special Olympics, Inc. (if the head of State is not available) will officially open the 2015 Games with the following declaration:

I declare open, the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

(7) Entrance and relay of the Special Olympics torch and lighting of the Special Olympics cauldron.

The Special Olympics torch is run into the stadium by a Special Olympics Athlete and handed over to a series of Special Olympics Athletes in a relay, in the presence of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Team. The individual runners for this segment are selected by the Games Organizing Committee. Only a Special Olympics Athlete may light the cauldron.

These protocol elements of the Opening Ceremony will, of course, be accompanied by a high-energy entertainment program, including, but not limited to:

- Stevie Wonder (also performed at the World Games Opening Ceremonies in 1999 in Raleigh, USA and 2011 in Athens, Greece)
- Avril Lavigne
- Nicole Scherzinger
- O.A.R.
- Cody Simpson
- J Balvin and Becky G
- Siedah Garrett (creator of the "Reach Up LA" theme song)
- Cassadee Pope

with appearances by Jimmy Kimmel, Eva Longoria, Lauren Potter, Michael Phelps, Greg Louganis, Stephanie McMahon and others. The talent line-up was initially announced on 18 June 2015 and has been expanded since.

Honorary World Games Co-Chair and First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama confirmed her attendance at the Opening Ceremony on 25 June 2015.

On 10 December 2014, LA2015 announced that the highly-respected FiveCurrents firm was selected to create and produce the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2015 World Games.

Headquartered in Redondo Beach, California, FiveCurrents is a creative and production firm that strategically plans and develops stadium spectacles, broadcasts, corporate, and live events. FiveCurrents' goal is to capture the power of human emotion by creating deep and lasting impressions. During the past 25 years, Scott Givens and his team at FiveCurrents have worked on twelve Olympic Games, four Paralympic Games and nine major multi-sport games, along with hundreds of other world-class events, including the Clinton Global Initiative and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. David Shapiro serves as the Executive Producer for FiveCurrents for the LA2015 ceremonies program, with renowned choreographer Debbie Allen as Creative Director.

The Opening Ceremony will be broadcast live and distributed internationally by ESPN, the Official Broadcast Partner of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

Tickets for the Opening Ceremony were placed on public sale on 2 June 2015 and offered in price tiers of \$120, \$100, \$60 and \$30, available through www.LA2015.org.

Closing Ceremony:

Much more informal than the Opening Ceremony, the closing event of the Special Olympics World Games takes place only after all of the sports competitions have been concluded. For 2015, the Closing Ceremony will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The protocol elements of this program include:

(1) Entrance of Special Olympics chair Tim Shriver and dignitaries.

(2) Parade of Athletes.

For the Closing Ceremony, placard bearers will enter in the same order as for the Opening Ceremony. Behind them will be 1-2 athletes and a coach from each delegation entering together to symbolize friendship and unity.

(3) Brief statements by a Special Olympics Athlete, and closing remarks by a representative of the Games Organizing Committee.

(4) A video retrospective of the Games, of 3-4 minutes in length.

(5) Closing remarks and the declaration that the Games are closed by the Special Olympics, Inc. chair or chief executive.

(6) Lowering of the Special Olympics flag and handover to representatives of the next Games Organizing Committee.

(7) Extinguishment of the World Games cauldron and exit of the Special Olympics flame.

Although the cauldron will be extinguished, a Special Olympics Athlete will light a torch from the cauldron and leave the venue as the cauldron is turned off. This signifies the continuity and permanence of the Special Olympics Movement, even though the World Games have ended.

(8) Entertainment elements.

Tickets are required for the Closing Ceremony, but will be free. Please consult the LA2015.org Web site for more information about distribution. The Closing Ceremony will also be produced by FiveCurrents.

Awards Ceremonies:

Special Olympics rules are quite specific about awards, noting in the World Games Guide: Awards that the “awards ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize athletes’ accomplishments in a dignified and enthusiastic atmosphere that reflects the Olympic tradition.”

The format of Special Olympics World Games awards ceremonies differs from its Olympic counterpart, however, in that the ceremonies take place as quickly as possible following each event. Moreover, essentially all competitors receive an award. Per the *World Games Guide*:

- “All athletes who compete in a Special Olympics competition should receive recognition for their efforts in the form of a ribbon or medal. First through third places receive gold, silver or bronze medals, respectively. Fourth through eighth places receive ribbons.”
- “Athletes disqualified for technical rules infringements or who ‘do not finish’ will be awarded a participation ribbon on the last position on the podium. Athletes who are disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior will not receive an award.”

Of special note is that, unlike the Olympic Games, “Athletes shall display no national flags during the award ceremony.” No sponsor or commercial signage is permitted in the awards area.

Only athletes, and not coaches or managers, may receive awards, and only athletes may participate in individual or team awards ceremonies.

The medals and ribbons to be used for the 2015 World Games were unveiled on 16 April 2015 during the “100 Days Away” ceremonies at the LA84 Foundation:





(Medals and Ribbons photographs by Cory Hansen)

The World Games gold, silver and bronze medals and placement ribbons feature the 19 colors of the World Games logo. More than 15,000 medals and 15,000 ribbons will be produced by MTM Recognition of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a long-standing partner of Special Olympics.

A special Kids Corps squad is being assembled of children aged 7-15 to carry the awards trays into each Awards Ceremony held at UCLA. Participants must have performed eight or more hours of volunteer community service prior to the start of the World Games, including two or more hours at a Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) event. The program will be based at the UCLA Lab School and operate from 28 July-1 August, when awards are being distributed on campus.

Kids Corps registration began with an e-mail inquiry to kidscorps@LA2015.org not later than 3 July 2015. Each member of the Kids Corps will be uniformed with a special sash in the World Games mosaic look, to wear during their four-hour shifts.

3.07 Credentials

Nothing signals a major event like a large badge around the neck of athletes, coaches, news media, officials, staff and volunteers.

For the 2015 World Games, some 35,000 credentials – all with identifying photographs – will be issued to the galaxy of groups which will make the Games go:

- Athletes
- Coaches and Delegation officials
- Families
- Honored Guests

- News Media
- Production units
- Special Olympics, Inc. staff
- Sponsors and support personnel
- Sports Officials
- Staff and volunteers

As always, the staff and volunteer corps will be the largest group, with more than 16,000 in all, with athletes-coaches-delegation officials next at just more than 9,000.

Credentials are being prepared with usability and security in mind, allowing easy determination of access and privileges, as well as being tamper-proof.

In addition to this massive processing and production effort, distribution will take place at multiple locations throughout Los Angeles in advance of, and during the Games.

3.08 Delegation Services

Meeting the needs of delegations of Special Olympics Athletes and coaches from around the world is a daunting task. The responsibility for ensuring that the logistics for accommodations, equipment, meals, transportation and many other needs are met for those coming to Los Angeles rests with the LA2015 Delegation Services team.

A significant simplification of the logistics for most Special Olympics Athletes coming to the 2015 World Games was made by the decision to house athletes and coaches by sport, rather than country. In this way, an estimated 60% of all athletes will walk to the competition site rather than require transportation. This also accounts for most of the athletes being housed at the University of Southern California (USC), the site of aquatics, athletics and basketball, and about one-third at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), site of six sports.

Delegation Liaisons:

In order to assist delegations with their preparations, as well as their stay, in Los Angeles, LA2015 has recruited and appointed hundreds of Delegations Liaisons. These Los Angeles-area residents will stay with their teams, provide language support and key local knowledge during the Games.

This roster, as of 1 July 2015, is listed alphabetically by Special Olympics Program (slightly different in some cases from country names):

Mehrnaz Rahimi	Afghanistan	Luke Niu	Australia	Abir Siddiqui	Bangladesh
Dorela Nuellari	Albania	Sarah Wooley	Australia	Fahim Raian	Bangladesh
Sarah Daoudi	Algeria	Alexander Denk	Austria	Callie Webb	Barbados
Eileen Malumaleumu	Amer. Samoa	Jessica Weyreuter	Austria	Darja Ruppert	Belarus
Laura Camastro	Amer. Samoa	Joanna Wiese	Austria	Arne Reynaert	Belgium
Chloe Vignolles-Jeong	Argentina	Marco Sanchez	Austria	Melanie Maroy	Belgium
Marisa Filoseta	Argentina	Ulrike Weschta	Austria	Sil Decraene	Belgium
Gevorg Gevorgyan	Armenia	Victoria Medvedeva	Azerbaijan	Alfred Ayala	Belize
Christine Arys	Aruba	Margaret Kennedy	Bahamas	Javier Guzman	Benin
Idalina De Bock	Aruba	Umberto Gatti	Bahamas	Tavor Yisrael	Benin
Ecaterina Balaceanu	Australia	Mohamed Elhallak	Bahrain	Anil Desai	Bharat (India)

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Hina Surani	Bharat (India)	Ivana Moore	Czech Rep.	Katalin Safrany	Hungary
Indu Malhotra	Bharat (India)	Lenka Vrecniková	Czech Rep.	Timea Heidenreich	Hungary
Mithuna Loganathan	Bharat (India)	Veronique Dozier		Anna Gudlaugsdottir	Iceland
Naseem Qader	Bharat (India)		Dem. Rep. of Congo	Maria Teran Somohano	Iceland
Shirin Amlani	Bharat (India)	Lorrie Nixon	Denmark	Dara Kusumo	Indonesia
Sonal Desai	Bharat (India)	Trine Bay Larsen	Denmark	Katharina Hasjim	Indonesia
Subodh Sah	Bharat (India)	Kathryn Hunter	Dominica	Victoria Mamatova	Indonesia
Viren Shah	Bharat (India)	Akbar Khan	Dominican Rep.	Sara Rabiee	Iran
Gus Moreno	Bolivia	Esmeralda Diaz	Dominican Rep.	Solmaz Soleimani	Iran
Patricia Romero	Bolivia	Acela Brooks	Ecuador	Adnan Osman	Iraq
Ellen Hamilton-Klomp	Bonaire	Pilar Frausto-Glassman	Ecuador	April DeVito	Ireland
Benjamin Alickovic	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Ahmed El Agouz	Egypt	Colleen Tobin	Ireland
		Elhamy Khalil	Egypt	Geno Mulcahy	Ireland
Estelle Vest	Botswana	Samira El-Adawy	Egypt	James Cairns	Ireland
Lorna Butler	Botswana	Luis Sanchez	El Salvador	Ken Kieffer	Ireland
Ana da Silva	Brazil	Melissa Soriano	El Salvador	Bernadette Magnus	Isle of Man
Ivi Casagrande	Brazil	Carrie Belyea	Estonia	Julie Standish	Isle of Man
Rui Jiang Ong	Brunei	Seth Morrison	Estonia	Elke Coblens Aftergut	Israel
Alyssa Goode	Bulgaria	Eydgerd Nattestad	Faroe Isl.	Ervin Biener	Israel
Maud Bellet	Burkina Faso	Mariana de Hemmer	Faroe Isl.	Sheri Neuberg	Israel
Philippe Dao	Burkina Faso	Pratiksha Khadka	Fiji	Adriana Rosas Masi	Italy
Van Chor	Cambodia	Caroline Goerke	Finland	David Thomforde	Italy
Dee Reik	Canada	Erin Hobbs	Finland	Luisa Giacomini	Italy
Jean Tetarenko	Canada	Laila Hartshauer	Finland	Maria Zuccarello	Italy
Murielle LaBeaud	Canada	Riley Smith	Finland	Nathalie Pardo	Italy
Sophie Saidoff	Canada	Isabelle Bart	France	Betsy Stephens	Jamaica
Jessica Kidder	Cayman Islands	Sandrine Tournier	France	Christopher Lewis	Jamaica
Patrick Stanton	Cayman Islands	Margarita Velmozhina	Georgia	Michael Sowash	Jamaica
Carmen Beckham	Chile	Biggi Krebel	Germany	Sara Jane Stephens	Jamaica
Paola De La Torre	Chile	Fred Koch	Germany	Tanisha Wisdom	Jamaica
Charlotte Deng	China	Petra Kern	Germany	Alyssa White	Jordan
Chenyan Lu	China	Philipp Janik	Germany	Jordan Wilson	Jordan
Lexie Shi Chen	China	Ursula Schoeneich	Germany	Anna Rekhert	Kazakhstan
Vivian Yan Zhang	China	John Hooper	Ghana	Margarita Mendeleva	Kazakhstan
Amy Meng	Chinese Taipei	Pamela Sparrow	Ghana	Viktoriya Zakharova	Kazakhstan
Sandy (Tsui-Fang) Chang	Chinese Taipei	Charlene Varela	Gibraltar	Anishka Khosla	Kenya
		Gustavo Montez	Gibraltar	Shivani Khosla	Kenya
Luz Rooney	Colombia	Alyssa Rountree	Great Britain	Annie Lee	Korea
Salvador Amaya III	Colombia	Jennifer Nam	Great Britain	Grace Seo Mi Kim	Korea
Alejandro Diaz	Costa Rica	Krista Novelli	Great Britain	Jisue Ahn	Korea
Allison Thomas	Costa Rica	Julianne Iskandar	Greece	Phoebe Ahn	Korea
Aracelli Aguilar	Costa Rica	Louena Nuellari	Greece	Mike Gojcaj	Kosovo
Jennifer Arevalo	Costa Rica	Maria Eleni Gigourtaki	Greece	Gulnur Tlegenova	Kyrgyz Rep.
Jessica Rodriguez	Costa Rica	Sofia Paragioudakis	Greece	Valdis Keris	Latvia
Joni Borbón	Costa Rica	Sophia Thomopoulos	Greece	Hratch Sarkissian	Lebanon
Josue Vega	Costa Rica	Rogger Andrade Mazariegos		Serene Fakhreddine	Lebanon
Maria Porrás	Costa Rica		Guatemala	Tricia Gonsowski	Liechtenstein
Alyssa Raney	Cote D'ivoire	Jane Branum	Guyana	Ursula Finkbeiner	Liechtenstein
Ann Vandersteene	Cote D'ivoire	Chevelle Hall	Haiti	Ausra Venckus	Lithuania
Tyler Harrison	Cote D'ivoire	Kevin Labille	Haiti	Jeanne de Calbiac	Luxembourg
Anna Maria Sicenica	Croatia	Iliana Flores	Honduras	Simone Luttert	Luxembourg
Fabiola Guzman	Cuba	Reynaldo Reyes	Honduras	Amy Zhao	Macau
Rita Ford	Cuba	Candice Liang	Hong Kong	Chen Du	Macau
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Constantine Psimopoulos	Cyprus	Tiffanie Lai	Hong Kong	Vlatko Velkoski	FYR Macedonia
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Karla Castro	Mexico	Rasha Alkhamis	Qatar	Anna Kober	Thailand
Nancy Mayorga Reyes	Mexico	Daniela Iliescu	Romania	Woralux Semthiti	Thailand
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Jake Slemboski	Moldova	Barbara Orloff	Russia	Wade Edwards	Togo
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Soraya Benzakour	Morocco	Regina Reyes	Russia	Canan Kocasoy	Turkey
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Jasmine Clark	Norway	Beth Fang	South Africa	Jennifer Owen	United States
Emaan Ahmed	Pakistan	Kristi Culpepper	South Africa	Kelsey Chau Khanh	United States
Komal Chawla	Pakistan	Michael Pikuza	South Africa	Madison Bender	United States
Nazish Khan	Pakistan	Laura Sanchez	Spain	Michele Bateman	United States
Ghada AlFraih	Palestine	Luis Garcia	Spain	Monae Smith	United States
Nedal Ibrahim	Palestine	Maria & Robert Kreger	Spain	Se Yoong Park	United States
Cristina Jaramillo	Panama	Gloria Lopez	St. Kitts & Nevis	TJ Dozier	United States
Eva Cisneros	Panama	Riley Hales	St. Kitts & Nevis	Yuqing Wu	United States
Hector Manuel Ramirez	Panama	Bob Heitker	St. Lucia	Diane Kim	Uzbekistan
Abbie Reese	Paraguay	Chris Regan	St. Lucia	Lana Regan	Uzbekistan
Ricardo Gutierrez Sanchez	Paraguay	Betty Durrant		Edgar Delpino	Venezuela
Maria Ballon	Peru		St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Giovanne Murillo	Venezuela
Maria Jose Nolla	Peru	Lievie Olivera	Suriname	Jose Pelaez	Venezuela
Marjie Shahani	Philippines	Pete Bauwens	Suriname	Teresa Cozad	Venezuela
Nestor Fajota	Philippines	Joni Salmon	Swaziland	Hung Le	Vietnam
Dorota Roszko	Poland	Emily Weixin Liang	Sweden	Erica Brown	Zambia
Ewelina Pelszynska	Poland	Louise Dahlbom-Cleary	Sweden	Matthew Kennedy	Zambia
Sylwia Linderman	Poland	Alexander Ocker	Switzerland	Ed Mutuma	Zimbabwe
Daniela Sodre	Portugal	Gary Khamneipuir	Switzerland		

In general, one Delegation Liaison is assigned per every 40-50 athletes.

Heads of Delegation Conference:

Many of the larger Special Olympics Programs got a first look at the preparations in Los Angeles for the 2015 World Games at the Heads of Delegation (HOD) Conference, held from 21-26 January at the Covell Commons complex at UCLA.

Some 157 representatives from 72 countries attended the program, which included in-depth tours of the competition venue sites, as well as the housing and ceremonies sites. A full-day classroom session, with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, French, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish (and limited additional support for seven additional languages), filled the first day, with site visits on succeeding days. The classroom presentations were hosted by LA2015 Board of Directors members and Special Olympics Athletes Debi Anderson and Dustin Plunkett.

A set of 26 Sport Technical Manuals and an 87-page Head of Delegation Manual with information about the Games and Los Angeles were distributed and, in keeping with the LA2015 emphasis on sustainability, on USB flash drives. In addition, these were also made available on an experimental basis on seven-inch Google Nexus tablets, which the delegates could use to determine if they would like to use such devices during the Games period.

World Games services – Delegations:

The “Athletes First” program for LA2015 has been created to eliminate – to the greatest extent possible – heavy reliance on bus transport to move athletes to their competition sites. By splitting delegations by sport for housing purposes, approximately 60% of all participating athletes will not require any bus transportation to get to their competitions. Of the remaining 40%, half will travel less than 2½ miles (4 km) with the remainder traveling a little more than 10 miles (mostly to Long Beach).

Upon arrival in Los Angeles, teams will be processed at a special Delegation Welcome Center, located at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), close by the Los Angeles International Airport. There, teams will be able to rest after a long flight, stretch their legs and get organized for their trip to Host Towns from 21-24 July.

After the Host Town experience, athletes and coaches will travel to UCLA or USC, as appropriate, and move in on the day prior to the Opening Ceremony on 24 July.

At both campuses, the Athlete housing program will include strong support services, including a 24-hour service desk, a Delegation Service Center, Sports Information Desk, laundry facilities, meeting room, worship spaces and access to the Festival programs being held on each campus.

World Games services – Families:

LA2015 has made a special outreach effort to encourage families to come and support their Special Olympics Athlete at the World Games. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Personal credential available to all family members (as defined below)
- Reserved seating areas for families at most competition sites
- Special Family Reception invitations for the “Picnic in the Park” on 28 July
- Special Family Welcome Pack upon arrival

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- Transportation privileges on the Games shuttle system
- Opening Ceremony tickets on a complimentary basis
- Access to special Hospitality Lounges at most competition sites

These privileges will be available to the 5,391 Special Olympics athlete family members – from 95 countries – who registered online with LA2015 by 20 April 2015. Registration was free, but is available only to (1) a husband, wife or partner of a competing Special Olympics Athlete; (2) Blood relatives of the Athlete, and relatives related by marriage or partner of a blood relative, or (3) legal guardian, foster parent or caregiver of an Athlete.

Many athletes will have family members present in Los Angeles. Among those with the largest number of family registrations:

41	Dillon Sanders	United States	(Athletics)
38	Alyssa Sims	United States	(Gymnastics)
36	Destiny Sanchez	United States	(Athletics)
32	Justin Lutu	American Samoa	(Athletics)
30	Conrad Ackerman	United States	(Aquatics)
27	Kyle Mesorvey	United States	(Aquatics)
23	Eric Young	United States	(Softball)
23	Julie Doss	United States	(Gymnastics)
22	Rosemary O'Reilly	Ireland	(Golf)
19	John Paul Sean Coleman	Ireland	(Aquatics)
18	Caelyn Griffith	United States	(Gymnastics)
18	Padraig McIntyre	Canada	(Athletics)
18	Robert Williams	United States	(Tennis)
17	Daulton DiGuardi	United States	(Softball)
17	Tyler Scott	United States	(Softball)
16	Brittany Conatser	United States	(Athletics)
16	Carlos Villafuerte	Canada	(Bowling)
16	Gillian Dabrowski	United States	(Athletics)
16	Michael Crofton	United States	(Sailing)
15	Jeannie Garriss	United States	(Gymnastics)
15	Julia Longo	Canada	(Aquatics)
15	Mark Wolffer	United States	(Athletics)

Other non-U.S. athletes with 10 or more family members registered to attend include:

14	Dearbhail Savage	Ireland	(Equestrian)
14	Ricardo Rodriguez	Puerto Rico	(Bowling)
14	Shane Carr	Canada	(Basketball)
13	Mauricio Castro	Costa Rica	(Golf)
13	Roy Cullen	Ireland	(Football/5-a-side)
12	Anne Hoey	Ireland	(Bocce)
12	Daniel Wolff	Great Britain	(Athletics)
12	Ricardo Aponte	Puerto Rico	(Aquatics)
11	Ariel Ary	Costa Rica	(Beach Volleyball)
11	Bibiana Buendia	Venezuela	(Gymnastics)

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11	Brenda Monreal	Mexico	(Rollerskating)
11	Kanza Bodden	Cayman Islands	(Aquatics)
11	Paul Kirrane	Ireland	(Golf)
10	Alon Dolev	Israel	(Cycling)
10	Clare Nolan	Ireland	(Basketball)
10	Deron Forbes	Bahamas	(Aquatics)
10	Esther Pair	Jamaica	(Bocce)
10	Fatima Nunez	Mexico	(Gymnastics)
10	Gary McEnroe	Ireland	(Aquatics)
10	Liam Barry	Canada	(Football/5-a-side)
10	Nicola Higgins	Ireland	(Kayaking/Basketball)
10	Sophie Hughes	Great Britain	(Gymnastics)
10	Teemu Salmenaho	Finland	(Basketball)
10	Teresita Santander	Mexico	(Open Water/Triathlon)
10	Valeria Vazquez	Puerto Rico	(Gymnastics)

In addition, a corps of 49 Family Ambassadors will further welcome families of Special Olympics Athletes to Southern California. Family Ambassadors – individuals or families – will receive training in Spring 2015 and will connect with assigned families coming to the Games. Whether for advice on where to go and what to do, or to share the thrill of competition, Family Ambassadors will touch 2-3 families during their stay for the Games.

3.09 Development, Partners and Sponsors

Without the support of individual donors, civic foundations and organizations and corporations, it would not be possible to stage the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles.

Individual Giving:

LA2015 has been the recipient of donations of all sizes from individuals who wish to support the World Games and the mission of Special Olympics. One of the most durable and popular programs for individuals is “Support An Athlete.”

The concept is for individuals to raise money to support one or more athletes at the World Games. The estimated cost to LA2015 of supporting an athlete is \$2,500, divided among housing (~\$1,000), meals (~\$500), entertainment (~\$400), medical support (~\$300) and transportation (~\$300). By raising funds to support an athlete, the donor will be paired with an athlete during the Games, to identify the direct benefit of the donation.

Individuals can use the “Support An Athlete” program to raise money from others, as well as donating directly. More details are at <http://support.LA2015.org> by clicking the “Become A Fundraiser” tab.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) produced unique “Challenge Coins” to raise money for “Support An Athlete” programs from fellow officers and friends. The obverse of each 1¾-inch coin pictures the World Games 2015 logo on a white background for the LAPD version and on a black background for the LAFD edition. The reverse depicts the famed badges of each organization against an American flag background. The initial

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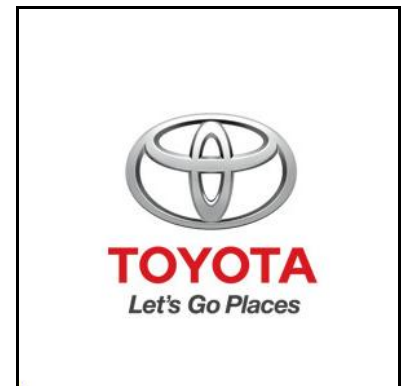
run of 400 coins sold out (at \$15 each) almost immediately and two more orders were made; a total of 2000 coins were made in all: 1,200 LAPD coins and 800 LAFD coins.

Partners, Sponsors, Suppliers and Champions:

In addition to individual giving, corporations and foundations have been solicited to help support the LA2015 organizing effort. As of 1 July, the LA2015 partners, sponsors and champions include:

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• OFFICIAL BROADCAST PARTNER • ESPN

• OFFICIAL WORLD GAMES HEADQUARTERS • OUE SkySpace Los Angeles



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- OFFICIAL TRANSIT PROVIDER •
Metro



- OFFICIAL HOST VILLAGES •
UCLA and USC



- GAMES SPONSORS •

Davis Elen Advertising = Microsoft = Toys "R" Us = The Walt Disney Company

- GAMES SUPPLIERS •

Google = Herbalife Nutrition = UPS

- PROMOTIONAL PARTNERS •

AMC = La Opinion = Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board
Los Angeles Daily News = Los Angeles Times = WWE

- FOUNDING CHAMPIONS •

AEG = Annenberg Foundation = Bank of America = Kate Capshaw & Steven Spielberg
The Coca-Cola Company = The David Geffen Foundation = Kaiser Permanente
The Knights of Columbus = LA84 Foundation = Mattel, Inc. = Panda Express = Toyota
The Walt Disney Company

- CHAMPION – PLATINUM •

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FleishmanHillard = The Northrop Grumman Foundation = Jeff Skoll, Participant Media
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Konica Minolta = Lionsgate = MTM Recognition
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County = ProAngle Media = The Rose Hills Foundation
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Convention Management Resources = Cox Communications & Kelley Blue Book
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The J.C. Flowers Foundation = Joseph Drown Foundation = Lakers Foundation
Laz Parking = Lee Hecht Harrison = Macerich = Moon Tide Media Inc. = Pacific Life Foundation
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Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP = Skechers = Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.
SoCalGas = The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation = TransPerfect

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Melissa and Bob Alvarado = AmeriCares = Andean Dream = The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Aon = Austrian-American Council West = Biola University = Boeing
Marty Bowen, Wyck Godfrey & Temple Hill Entertainment = BYD Motors, Inc.
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Creative Artists Agency = Delaware North = Dell = Direct Relief
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Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine = Engel & Völkers
Entertainment Industry Foundation = Evensen Family
Foundation for Global Sports Development = George and Judy Marcus Family Foundation
Grip-n-Assist Gladbelt = Homeland Vinyl = Hudson Jeans = Huntington Hospital
The John W. Carson Foundation = Sherry Lansing - The Sherry Lansing Foundation
Avi Lerner/Millennium Films = Lockton Insurance Brokers, Inc. = Looking Beyond
Los Angeles Sports Council Foundation = Marcia Israel Foundation = McKesson
Molina Healthcare = NBA Cares = NOVA Medical Products = Oakland Raiders
OneWest Bank = Orange County Fair & Event Center = OxySure Systems, Inc.
The Smile Generation = Paul Hastings LLP = Quest Diagnostics = Ralph M. Parsons Foundation
The Ratkovich Company and The Alhambra = The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation
Nancy and Barry Sanders = San Diego Chargers = San Diego Padres = San Diego Zoo
San Francisco 49ers = Shakey's Pizza = Sony Pictures Entertainment = Sun Shield
Time Warner Cable = Todd R. Wagner Foundation = TOMS = Union Bank = Vanguard University
Janet and Dick Van Kirk = Waste Management = The Weinstein Company
West Coast University = Westmont College = Western University of Health Sciences

A number of Partners and Sponsors will be presenters of many of the major venues at the 2015 World Games:

- Long Beach/Alamitos Beach: Hot Wheels (a division of Mattel, Inc.)
- Los Angeles Convention Center: Toyota
- Los Angeles Equestrian Center: Davis Elen Advertising
- UCLA/Drake Stadium and the North Athletic Field: Microsoft
- UCLA/Easton Stadium: Toys 'R' Us
- UCLA/Intramural Field: OUE Skyspace Los Angeles
- UCLA/Los Angeles Tennis Center: The Walt Disney Company
- UCLA/Pauley Pavilion: Kaiser Permanente
- USC/Galen Center: Mattel, Inc.
- USC/Loker Stadium: The Coca-Cola Company
- USC/Uytengsu Aquatics Center: Bank of America

Additional Partners, Sponsors, Suppliers and Champions are being added, with significant benefits up to and including participation in the Parade of Athletes during the Opening Ceremony, along with commercial and hospitality programming prior to and during the 2015 World Games.

For more information on becoming an individual LA2015 Champion, please contact Senior Vice President/Development Susan Pollack at susan.pollack@LA2015.org.

For more information on joining the LA2015 family of corporate partners and sponsors, please contact Senior Vice President/Corporate Partnerships Brian Erickson at brian.erickson@LA2015.org.

3.10 Digital Strategy

Increasingly important in today's connected world, the LA2015 Social Media Coverage project has grown exponentially since its launch in April 2014.

From a standing start, the Social Media Coverage unit has created programming on multiple platforms to reach out with the World Games message. These include:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/LA2015
- Twitter: [@LA2015](https://twitter.com/LA2015)
- Instagram: [@LA2015](https://www.instagram.com/LA2015)
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/LA2015

Hashtags related to the World Games include #LA2015 – #ReachUp – #ReachUpLA – #TheWorldIsComing.

A special World Games 2015 mobile app was launched on 15 April and is available for free in the App Store (iOS users) and Google Play (Android users). Upon registration, users can share their own World Games-related content, including pictures and stories.

Fans are invited to create and share their own content on other platforms as well, and can use specially-created, official graphics and other tools provided free at the World Games “amplify” page at www.LA2015.org/amplify/social-media-assets.

The impact of these programs has been impressive, surpassing 100 million impressions per week in the spring of 2015, peaking at 275.5 million during the week of 20 April. The subscribed social-media audience grew to 96,303 by 1 July 2015, with 54,762 separately subscribed to World Games electronic-mail newsletters and special messages.

During the World Games, a 100-strong team will be providing thorough coverage in words, pictures and videos, available on LA2015's social channels, as well as on a curated Flickr site:

www.flickr.com/LA2015worldgames

In addition to publishing on LA2015 and Special Olympics social media channels, the digital assets created by the Social Media Coverage team will also be available to media and supporting organizations to use in their own coverage of the Games and promotion of Special Olympics.

3.11 Fans, Fans in the Stands and Cheerleaders

Being a volunteer at the 2015 World Games is not limited to serving as part of the organizing committee. Unique to the Special Olympics experience is the opportunity to support the athletes by simply cheering for them in the stands!

All athletes feed on encouragement and support from fans, and Special Olympics Athletes are no different. And for the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, it's easy to help out:

- All competition sessions are open to spectators, free of charge.
- No tickets are required to see any competition . . . just walk right in!
- Teams of co-workers, families and friends are encouraged to attend an event as a group.

The Opening Ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will require tickets to be purchased. Limited capacity at the Lucky Strike Lanes for bowling may not allow enough room for spectators, but all other venues should have ample room for fans.

An extensive [spectator information section](#) of the LA2015 Web site explains the fan experience at the World Games. A colorful, 10-page *Spectator Guide* can be downloaded for easy reference during the event.

Of note is what spectators are asked not to bring into the Games venues, primarily for safety reasons, but also for the comfort of their fellow fans:

- Drugs or alcohol (no alcohol will be served at Special Olympics events)
- Pop-up tents inside of venues
- Animals (except assistive animals)
- Fireworks

- Firearms
- Weapons, knives and explosives
- This is a smoke-free event. Tobacco use is not permitted at any location including cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless products
- Professional cameras, (with lenses longer than tree inches) or video and/or audio recording equipment
- Horns or other noisemakers, musical instruments or large music players
- Frisbees, balls
- Signs, posters, placards or banners exceeding (30 by 36) inches in size. Handles or supports may not exceed one-quarter-inch thickness, three-quarters-of-an-inch width, and 18 inches in length – all such handles or supports shall be made of wood without exception
- Hard or soft sided coolers of any size
- Skateboards, roller skates and rollerblades
- Outside food and drink (a reasonable amount of water for individual personal consumption will be permitted)

In addition, spectators will be part of the World Games scene, and therefore possibly included in images recorded by news media and others. Because of this, spectators will see this sign at the entrance to World Games venues:

BY ENTERING THIS AREA, YOU CONSENT TO BE FILMED, PHOTOGRAPHED AND/OR OTHERWISE RECORDED. YOUR ENTRY CONSTITUTES FULL CONSENT TO USE YOUR VOICE, NAME, AND/OR LIKENESS, WITHOUT COMPENSATION, IN ANY RECORDINGS FOR EXPLOITATION IN ANY AND ALL MEDIA, WHETHER NOW KNOWN OR HEREAFTER DEVISED, THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE AND IN PERPETUITY. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING AND/OR RECORDING WILL BE DONE IN RELIANCE ON THIS CONSENT GIVEN BY YOU BY ENTERING THIS AREA.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE FOREGOING, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THIS AREA.

Thank you for your cooperation with these regulations.

Fans in the Stands:

Individuals wishing to organize a spectator "team" can become a Fans in the Stands Team Captain. Registration is free at www.LA2015.org/volunteer/fans-in-the-stands. Team Captains must be 14 years of age or older, and are responsible to organize a group of 10 or more to attend at least one event during the World Games.

This program has been a huge success, with a remarkable 3,852 team captains and 121,253 individually-registered fans as of 15 July! This includes an amazing 19,951 fans signed up from 1-15 July alone! Team "schedules" are being finalized so that every session of the Games will be covered. The largest single-group commitment to the Fans in the Stands program is the Bank of America, with 8,501 registered fans by 1 July. The City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has organized field trips for more than 3,600 children to attend the World Games as part of its summer programming.

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In fact, by 15 July, the allocation of spectator seats for the Fans in the Stands program was exhausted for all sessions of six sports: Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics – Artistic, Gymnastics – Rhythmic, Judo, Kayaking and Sailing. A small remaining allocation will still be available for families, Honored Guests, news media and the general public.

World Games Cheerleaders:

What would a sporting event in the U.S. be without cheerleaders?



For the first time in World Games history, cheer squads will be added to competitions at the four largest hubs: the Los Angeles Convention Center, UCLA, USC and Long Beach. *Cheer for LA2015* teams will include Special Olympics cheer squads, All-Star cheer squads, Challenger cheer squads, and Unified High School cheer squads.

A total of 211 cheerleaders from 18 different U.S.-based cheer squads from eight states will participate, with male and female cheerleaders ranging from age 6-45:

• Calvert County Starz	Owings, Maryland	8 cheerleaders
• Conejo Sparkles	Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park & Westlake Village, California	17
• Duncanville (DHS) Sparklers	Duncanville, Texas	9
• Eternity CheerForce	Simi Valley, California	7
• Everett Vikings Unified Cheer	Lansing, Michigan	8
• Explosive All Stars Cheer - Dazzle	Chino, California	16
• Fierce Lucky Katz	Rancho Cucamonga, California	11
• JOY SOMO	Rockville, Maryland	Wave 1: 12
• JOY SOMO		Wave 2: 2
• Ladybugs Forever	Los Angeles, California	2
• Legacy Showcats	Lexington, Kentucky	14
• Liberty Cheer Justice	Midlothian, Texas	19
• Mercer Island	Mercer Island, Washington	11
• New Hanover County Shining Stars	Wilmington, North Carolina	7
• Notre Dame School Cheer Squad	Dallas, Texas	17
• Orange Empire Challenger Cheer	Yorba Linda, California	17
• Pacific Coast Magic Invincible	Irvine, California	14
• Sinagua Middle School Mustangs	Flagstaff, Arizona	9
• Stardom	Victorville, California	11

The *Cheer for LA2015* squads will be present at 10 different sports over the nine days of competition:

Los Angeles
Convention Center
 Handball
 Roller Skating

UCLA
 Football (5-a-side & 11-a-side)
 Gymnastics – Artistic
 Gymnastics – Rhythmic
 Judo
 Volleyball

USC
 Aquatics
 Athletics
 Basketball

3.12 Finance

As the Special Olympics World Summer Games has moved around the world since Dublin held the first games outside the U.S. in 2003, much of the funding has been provided by local, regional and national governments of the host country.

In the U.S., and especially in Los Angeles, events such as the World Games are supported primarily by private funding, with modest government support. For the 2015 World Games, a careful program of fiscal controls and heartfelt outreach has positioned the Games to flourish without the heavy governmental underwriting now common worldwide.

A New Approach:

Using prior Games as a model, initial projections of total costs and people were at upwards of \$91 million (U.S.) and more than 30,000 volunteers to host the competitions and support services. Instead of the gigantism which has expanded the size and costs of so many mega-events over the past half-century, LA2015 has right-sized the event, using:

- The abundance of local sports and support facilities in Los Angeles,
- Athlete-centric planning which has eliminated much of the local transportation costs, and
- A commitment to sustainability, avoiding costly construction and technical infrastructure in favor of existing or temporary solutions.

The result is a Games that will provide world-class support with a budget of less than \$70 million and about 16,000 volunteers and staff, actually lower than the original estimates. Even the famed 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, which revolutionized Olympic-sport financing worldwide, cost 57% more to produce (\$546 million in 1984 dollars) than the initial (1979) estimate of \$347 million.

Funding for the Games comes from individual donations, corporate and foundation grants and sponsorships, licensing, merchandising and Ceremonies ticket revenues and modest government grants at the local, regional and state level. More than 75% of the total Games budget will be supported by private-sector donations and marketing revenues.

As of 1 July 2015, receipts and commitments for more than \$65 million had been received, on schedule to deliver a balanced budget for the World Games.

Any surplus remaining after the Games will be plowed back into the support of Special Olympics Programs at the local and international levels.

Economic Impact:

More than simply being frugal, however, the Games will generate significant economic impact in Los Angeles County, estimated at \$415 million in direct and induced spending. The study by Micronomics, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board, was completed in January 2013 and projected:

- \$128 million in direct spending by visiting attendees (inclusive of displacement factors)
- \$ 23 million in spending for athlete and delegation accommodations
- \$ 34 million in staff salaries and contractor payments
- \$ 28 million in Games production expenses
- \$202 million in multiplier effects from this direct spending

for a total impact of at least \$415 million overall. The economic benefit is equivalent to the creation of 4,300 new jobs in the Los Angeles County area.

The study noted that the economic impact from the World Games will yield governmental revenues of approximately \$14 million to the State of California, \$8.3 million in local tax revenues (to cities and counties) and \$2.8 million in Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel) revenues.

It is worth noting that the Micronomics study did not take into account the Host Town program, which will add spending in 85-plus communities for three days prior to the Opening Ceremony.

3.13 Global Messengers

The focus of the Special Olympics World Games, of course, is the athletes who will take part. Their experiences will reverberate through time through the people these athletes will meet and speak to in the months and years ahead, explaining the impact of their trip to Los Angeles.

To prepare the Los Angeles community and preview the impact of what the World Games will mean for so many – those who will come to compete and those who will hear about it in the future – LA2015 has engaged 22 World Games Global Messengers to spread the word:

Kristin Arias	Joseph Gorin	Angelisa Romo
Sherina Assomull	Kimberly Guillen	Randy Smith
Eric Chan	Ramon Hooper	Pete Waldron
Terra Clendening	Kristin Knutson	Allen Wales
Michelle Core	Ariel Lopez	Marisa Watkins
Cameron Crowe	Marco Martinez	Elizabeth Weaverling
A.J. Fry	Lucy Meyer	
Eric Galindo	Rebecca Nerney	

Several of these athletes are themselves veterans of the World Games experience:

- A.J. Fry: 2007 World Summer Games gold medalist in Athletics, and a volunteer at the 2011 World Games in Athens.
- Kristin Knutson: 2011 World Summer Games silver medalist in Aquatics.
- Rebecca Nerney: 1991 World Summer Games silver medalist in Equestrian.
- Marisa Watkins: 2009 World Winter Games gold medalist in Snowboard.

In addition, Ramon Hooper was named "Special Olympics Athlete of the Year 2009" for his courage and commitment to basketball.

The LA2015 Global Messenger corps is separate and distinct from the Special Olympics Global Ambassadors, who assist Special Olympics, Inc. with their outreach work worldwide.

3.14 Graphics and Look

The impact of design is well established as an important element for any large-scale sporting event and the 2015 World Games has benefitted from a strong graphics program.

Logo:

Created by Los Angeles-based Davis Elen Advertising, the mission of the 2015 World Games is expressed in its unique three-element logo:



- At the center of the logo is the Celebratory Figure, representing the courage, determination and joy of Special Olympics Athletes. The Celebratory Pose is a universal expression of praise, enthusiasm and celebration.
- The Celebratory Figure is inside the Circle of Acceptance and Inclusion, creating the awareness that leads to acceptance and inclusion of all people with intellectual disabilities.

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- The Colorful Mosaic represents the diversity of the 177 Special Olympics Programs worldwide, and the opportunity to share the mission of acceptance and inclusion with every corner of the globe.

David Moranville, Chief Creative Officer at Davis Elen, explained the creative process behind the logo's design. "It wasn't until we took all three of those elements – the ring, the celebratory character and the color treatment – and brought them together and modeled them in a three-dimensional environment that we realized we had created something truly powerful. That's when we said, 'Wow, this is beautiful, this is really world-class.'" Davis Elen enlisted the talents of noted New York-based graffiti artist Stash to bring a more "street-based" perspective representing the inherent edginess and grit that defines Los Angeles.

The logo offers excellent options for use in all kinds of advertising and promotional programs, especially in combination with the LA2015 theme of "Reach Up":



The Mosaic is also a key element in the promotion of the Games. Even without the logo, the reference to the Games is becoming instantly recognizable:



The athlete shown above, seen in many LA2015 ads, is Frenchman Michel Kozoris, who competed in the 2011 World Games in Athens in Athletics. This shot is from his race in the 100 meters.

The Circle of Inclusion has itself become a theme for people everywhere to showcase their interest and support of the 2015 World Games, here with volunteer Mary Lou Adler Westmoreland:



Look of the Games:

Beyond the logo and its many applications, environmental graphics will “brand” the Games in person, in photographs and on television for spectators on-site and viewers around the world.

To find the freshest-possible look on environmental graphics for the World Games, LA2015 turned to the famed Art Center College of Design of Pasadena, California to ask for students to help create a program that would be cost-effective, flexible, sustainable and efficient. The results included a wide-ranging “kit of parts” for awards podiums, entryways, gathering places, way-finding obelisks and signposts and celebratory elements.

The Art Center project was developed by the College’s Environmental Design Department under the direction of chair David Mocarski, working in collaboration with Regina Dowling-Jones, (director) and Christine Hanson (project manager) of the Sponsored Projects Team. The project team included:

Instructors (3):

Cody Clark
Michael Neumayr
Dewi Schonbeck

Samantha Choo

Hayley Chung
Joseph Chung
Ronnie Dai
Katie Healey
K.B. Jeon
Jed Jeong
Erica Kim
Jonathan Kim
Terry Kim
Andy Lee
Cheok Lei
Yu-Jin Lim
Julia Ok
Ana Marie Pino

(Environmental Design)
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(Photography & Imaging)
(Environmental Design)
(Photography & Imaging)
(Environmental Design)
(Environmental Design)
(Environmental Design)
(Product Design)
(Graphic Design)
(Film)
(Graduate Environmental Design)
(Graduate Environmental Design)
(Fine Art)

Students (32):

Sophia Alvarado (Photography & Imaging)
Connie Bakshi (Environmental Design)
Annie Buado (Photography & Imaging)
Ara Byun (Environmental Design)
Julian Callanta (Environmental Design)
Ellie Chan (Environmental Design)
Carrie Chang (Graphic Design)
Sabrina Che (Photography & Imaging)
Sherry Chen (Product Design)

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Maria Shishkina
Tanvi Sonavane
Marie Stargala
Kevin Staves

(Graduate Environmental Design)
(Graduate Environmental Design)
(Environmental Design)
(Graphic Design)

Wesley Sun
Belle Thanassorn
Vincent Widjaja
Daniel Yoon

(Photography & Imaging)
(Environmental Design)
(Graphic Design)
(Photography & Imaging)

Many possible uses of the kit created by the Art Center project are being studied for use at Games venues, Festivals, at the Athlete Villages and elsewhere throughout Los Angeles to enhance the visual appeal and impact of the World Games.

Sport Pictograms:

Individual pictograms for each of the 25 sports in the 2015 World Games were developed by LA2015 intern Carrie Chang, a student at the Art Center College of Design, assisted by LA2015 Director of Look & Signage Jim Casares.

Both one-color and four-color versions were produced. In addition, special pictograms were also produced for the Half Marathon race and the Motor Activity Training Program (MATP) for a total of 27:



Aquatics-Swimming • Aquatics-Open Water • Athletics • Athletics-Half Marathon • Badminton • Basketball



Beach Volleyball • Bocce • Bowling • Cycling • Equestrian • Football



Golf • Gymnastics-Artistic • Gymnastics-Rhythmic • Handball • Judo • Kayaking

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Powerlifting • Roller Skating • Sailing • Softball • Table Tennis • Tennis



Triathlon • Volleyball • Motor Activity Training Program

World Games Artist-in-Residence Marco Martinez:

When the LA2015 organizing committee wants to make an extra-special gift to a delegation, government, organization or supporter, it's likely to be a custom glass-and-tile sign made by its Official Artist-in-Residence, Marco Martinez.



*LA2015 Artist-in-Residence Marco Martinez
(Photo by Ciro Cesar, courtesy La Opinion)*

Now a fixture in the Southern California Special Olympics movement, Martinez just walked into the Abram Friedman Occupational Center in downtown Los Angeles some years back and asked instructor Ricardo Nunez if he could enroll in his class in tiling and flooring.

From there, he discovered both a passion and a talent that he didn't know he had. His signs are all one-of-a-kind, made by hand out of wood, cut tiles, glass beads, and glue for friends and organizations he admires.

On his own, he created a 25-pound sign for Special Olympics Southern California for the chapter office and after carting it to Long Beach on public transit, started on a path that led to his involvement in the 2015 World Games as the official artist of LA2015.

3.15 Host Town

Introduced in 1995 at the ninth Special Olympics World Summer Games at New Haven Connecticut, the Host Town program created a new medium for the cultural exchange aspects of the World Games.

Rather than simply heading to the Athlete Villages upon arrival in the host city, the Host Town concept brings Special Olympics delegations into a town for three days of cultural activities as well as an adjustment period for the athletes, and an opportunity for training and rest prior to the Opening Ceremony. The program brings the Special Olympics message of acceptance and inclusion to communities throughout California.

An impressive 85 communities in nine California counties – Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura – have agreed to act as Host Towns for the 2015 World Games.

On 5 March 2015, the pairings of these communities with specific Special Olympics delegations were announced; in some instances, delegations will be shared by more than one Host Town. The following list is updated to 10 July:

Alhambra, Monterey Park
& Lincoln Heights:
• Germany

Anaheim & Orange:
• Canada
• Senegal

Arcadia:
• Kyrgyz Republic
• Trinidad & Tobago

Azusa, Duarte & Glendora:
• South Africa

Bakersfield:
• Jordan
• Kenya

Beverly Hills:
• Gibraltar
• Monaco

Big Bear Lake:
• Chile
• Luxembourg
• Montenegro

Burbank:
• Botswana
• Zimbabwe

Calabasas:
• Great Britain

Camarillo:
• New Zealand
• Saudi Arabia

Carson:
• Dominica
• Mali
• Palestine
• Turkmenistan

Cerritos:
• Guyana
• Uruguay

Chatsworth:
• Serbia
• Timor Leste

Chino Valley:
• Laos
• Poland

Claremont:
• Bolivia
• Curacao
• Georgia Republic
• Latvia

Corona:
• Iran
• Slovakia

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Costa Mesa:

- Aruba
- Bahamas

Downey:

- Ireland

El Segundo:

- Barbados
- FYR Macedonia

Fountain Valley:

- Netherlands

Fullerton:

- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Lebanon
- Rwanda
- Tunisia
- Ukraine

Glendale:

- Armenia
- Bonaire
- Dominican Republic

Goleta:

- Bhutan
- Panama
- Qatar

Hacienda Heights:

- Chinese Taipei

Hawthorne:

- Estonia
- Nigeria

Hermosa Beach:

- Belgium
- Belize

Huntington Beach:

- Australia

Inglewood:

- Jamaica

Irvine:

- Korea

La Habra:

- Lithuania
- Myanmar
- Norway

La Jolla:

- Bharat (India)

La Mirada:

- Russia

La Verne:

- Pakistan
- U.S. Virgin Islands

Lake Arrowhead:

- Switzerland

Laguna Hills & Lake Forest:

- Cayman Islands
- Vietnam

Lakewood:

- Slovenia
- Turkey

Long Beach:

- China

Los Angeles – Downtown:

- Algeria
- Belarus
- Colombia
- Moldova

Manhattan Beach:

- Hungary
- Nepal

Mission Viejo:

- Indonesia
- Spain

Newport Beach:

- Mexico
- Fiji

Northridge:

- Azerbaijan
- Cambodia
- Malta

Ontario:

- Iceland
- Iraq
- Seychelles

Oxnard:

- Afghanistan
- American Samoa
- Kosovo

Papua New Guinea

- Samoa
- Tonga

Palm Springs:

- Bahrain
- Portugal

Palmdale:

- Cyprus
- St. Lucia

Pasadena:

- Namibia
- Singapore
- Tanzania

Pomona:

- Isle of Man
- Libya

Poway:

- Ecuador
- Togo

Rancho Cucamonga:

- Cote d'Ivoire

Rancho Santa Fe:

- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Uganda

Redlands:

- Austria
- Liechtenstein

Redondo Beach:

- Benin
- Haiti
- Suriname

Riverside:

- Sweden

San Diego – East County: (El Cajon)

- Egypt
- Hong Kong

San Diego – Golden Triangle: (La Jolla, University City)

- Costa Rica

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San Diego – North County:
(Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana Beach)

- Ghana
- Swaziland
- Thailand

San Diego – Point Loma:

- Albania
- Burkina Faso
- Finland

San Diego – South County:
(Chula Vista, Coronado,
National City)

- Argentina
- Puerto Rico

San Luis Obispo County:
(Arroyo Grande, Atascadero,
Grover Beach, Morro Bay,
Pismo Beach,
San Luis Obispo)

- United Arab Emirates

San Pedro:

- Croatia
- Kazakhstan

Santa Barbara:

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- St. Kitts & Nevis

Santa Clarita:

- El Salvador
- Faroe Islands
- Malawi
- Philippines

Santa Maria:

- Democratic Republic
of the Congo
- France
- Mauritius

Santa Monica:

- Brazil
- Romania

Santa Monica Mountains:

- Israel

Simi Valley:

- Peru
- Serendib (Sri Lanka)
- Zambia

Solvang:

- Denmark

South Pasadena:

- Morocco
- Paraguay

Studio City:

- Cuba
- Czech Republic

Thousand Oaks:

- Mongolia
- San Marino
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Tajikistan

West Covina:

- Nippon (Japan)

West Los Angeles:

- Italy

Westchester:

- Bangladesh

Westside:

- Malaysia

Whittier:

- Macau

Winnetka:

- Venezuela

Woodland Hills, Tarzana
& Reseda:

- Hellas (Greece)

Each Host Town (or Host Town group) is responsible for providing accommodations, activities, meals and training opportunities for 100+ athletes, which may be from one or more countries. The Host Town locations are all located within a three-hour drive of Los Angeles, and have agreed to provide the funding needed to support their programs.

Activities already envisioned at specific Host Towns include beach cook-outs on the California coast, tours of the Columbia Space Station Museum, local landmarks, zoos and the largest Coca-Cola bottling plant in the United States! Larger group activities include:

- 22 July: Host Town Riverside will host a "Parade of Champions" in downtown Riverside featuring the 91-member delegation from Sweden and the 480-strong Special Olympics USA team.
- 22 July: Host Towns La Jolla, Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego/East County and San Diego-Point Loma will treat 564 athletes, coaches and delegates from eight delegations to a special day at the San Diego Zoo.

- 22 July: Host Towns in the Orange County area will host 345 athletes, coaches and officials from eight delegations at Angel Stadium in Anaheim to watch the Minnesota Twins and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in a Major League Baseball game.
- 23 July: Host Towns in the Orange County area will host more than 1,000 athletes and delegation officials on Day 7 of the 125th Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa.
- 23 July: Host Towns in the San Diego area will host more than 1,700 athletes and delegation officials at Petco Park in San Diego to watch the Miami Marlins and the San Diego Padres in a Major League Baseball game.

Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) staff will be working with each Host Town to assist with preparations, and to encourage each participating community to continue its support of the Special Olympics into the future.

3.16 Language Services

It's expected that delegations coming to Los Angeles will speak in excess of 60 different languages:

Albanian	Fiji Hindi	Korean	Romanian
Arabic	Fijian	Laotian	Russian
Armenian	Finnish	Luganda	Samoan
Bahasa Indonesia	French	Macedonian	Serbian
Bahasa Malaysia	German	Malay	Serbo-Croatian
Bengali	Greek	Maltese	Seychellois Creole
Bosnian	Hebrew	Mandarin	Sinhala
Bulgarian	Hindi	Mongolian	Slovak
Cantonese	Hungarian	Montenegrin	Slovenian
Croatian	Icelandic	Myan	Spanish
Czech	Italian	Norwegian	Swedish
Danish	Japanese	Papiamento	Tagalog
Dutch	Kazach	Pashto	Tamil
Dzongkha	Khmer	Polish	Thai
Farsi	Kiswahili	Portuguese	Urdu

Ensuring that communications are smooth is the task of the World Games Language Services team. A multi-level approach has been created, beginning with the assignment of Delegation Liaisons with each team. These Los Angeles-area volunteers are conversant not only with the language(s) of their delegations, but with the customs and expectations – of their delegation and the U.S. – as well.

At the Athlete Villages and competition venues, language-service support will again be embedded into the officials and volunteers who will be supporting the competition and services at each site. These individuals will be easily identified by language tags, indicating their ability to help.

For formal events, such as the Head of Delegations meetings, simultaneous interpretation is planned to be provided in the six designated languages of Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish.

3.17 Licensing and Merchandise

Whether to show your support of the 2015 World Games, or to give a gift to a Special Olympics fan, a full line of World Games merchandise is available at the LA2015 Web site: <http://shop.LA2015.org>.

You can choose from apparel (25 items), caps (2), collectibles (3), drinkware (9) or bags and totes (3) to show your pride in the Games, or simply make a donation to help the cause! Profits from the sale of these items supports the organization of the Games.

Online sales of World Games items have been strong since the LA2015 Web store opened in March 2014, with orders received from 47 countries (and every continent save Antarctica) and all 50 U.S. states.

3.18 Media Operations

A World Games-record contingent of more than 1,500 local, national and international media from 72 countries will assemble to cover the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, one of the world's media capitals. A full-service program of support services is being planned to ensure their words, pictures and videos reach their intended destinations.

Media Operations:

Credentials will be required for all media covering the 2015 World Games. The open-application period has now closed.

Media credentials were authorized for verified members of news-gathering organizations, including holders of AIPS cards, letters of assignment from their news organization and individuals and organizations which have been accredited for parallel events such as Olympic Games or regional, multi-sport Games.

The preferred media hotel is the LA Hotel Downtown, at 333 S. Figueroa Street in downtown Los Angeles. Transportation to the competition venues will be available at the hotel, as well as other LA2015-designated accommodations locations.

Media-support facilities will be available at each competition site, including but not limited to:

- Seating reserved in existing facilities or in the grandstands;
- Reserved shooting positions for photographers and videographers at field level;
- Designated post-event Interview Areas where journalists can meet the athletes;
- Results, start lists and LA2015 staff images and video available online;
- Working areas with complimentary wired and/or wireless Internet access.

Credentials, information and results, photographer's bibs and Ceremonies sub-credentials will be available at the Media Operations Office and Workroom at the Los Angeles Convention Center, opening on 20 July 2015.

Photographers and videographers will be identified by special bibs allowing access to field of play-adjacent shooting positions. Live coverage is not allowed, but recordings of competitions and athlete interviews shown post-competition are encouraged.

Transportation support will be provided free of charge to credentialed media via shuttle systems connected to the LA2015-designated hotels. Media driving their own vehicles will be accommodated with complimentary parking on a space-available basis at designated locations at most sites.

A complete review of the Media Operations program for credentialed journalists was presented in the *LA2015 Guide for News Media*, first available online on 10 July 2015.

For more information, please visit the Media Operations blog at www.LA2015.org/media/blog.

Television:

The 2003 Special Olympics World Games in Dublin set a new standard with live, worldwide television coverage of the Opening Ceremony. For 2015, an unprecedented collaboration with ESPN – the Worldwide Leader in Sports – will bring more of the World Games to audiences than ever before. Under an agreement with the LA2015 Games Organizing Committee, ESPN will:

- Produce and air live coverage of the complete, three-hour Opening Ceremony on 25 July, to be hosted by “Good Morning America” anchor Robin Roberts and ESPN’s Kevin Negandhi and Lindsay Czarniak;
- ESPN’s coverage will also include “Countdown To The Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts,” a one-hour special from the “Good Morning America host,” as well as a new 30 For 30 Short documentary, “Brave In The Attempt,” executive-produced by Maria Shriver;
- ESPN’s coverage will be carried across ESPN’s networks in the U.S. as well as on WatchESPN. It will also reach 170 countries and territories around the world via ESPN media platforms and syndication partners;
- Provide a first-ever, daily, 30-minute prime-time World Games highlights show at 1900 Eastern Daylight Time (1600 Pacific) from 26 July-1 August on ESPN, ESPN2 and/or ABC originating from ESPN’s Los Angeles studio at L.A. LIVE, plus a Games retrospective to air on the following weekend (all times Eastern Daylight Time in the United States):

23 July	Thursday	Countdown to the Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts	9 p.m.	ESPN
25 July	Saturday	Countdown to the Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts	2:30 p.m.	ABC
		30 For 30 Short: Brave In The Attempt	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
		Countdown to the Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts	8 p.m.	ESPN
25 July	Saturday	Opening Ceremony	9 p.m.	ESPN
26 July	Sunday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN2
27 July	Monday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN
28 July	Tuesday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN

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29 July	Wednesday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN
30 July	Thursday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN2
31 July	Friday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN2
1 August	Saturday	ESPN on ABC Sports Saturday	4 p.m.	ABC
1 August	Saturday	LA2015 Highlights	7 p.m.	ESPN
7 August	Friday	Best of LA2015 & Closing Ceremony	7 p.m.	ESPN
8 August	Saturday	ABC Sports Saturday: Best of LA2015	4 p.m.	ABC

All of these shows will re-air on ESPN2 later on the same night. In Los Angeles, KABC7 will re-air the Opening Ceremony in its entirety, immediately following the ESPN broadcast, from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

- Provide a two-minute daily Video News Release which may be used, free of charge, by broadcasters worldwide.

ESPN's coverage will include features, vignettes and 5-6 minute mini-movies on athletes and Special Olympics personalities from around the world. Coverage of the World Games is being produced by Bill Bonnell (Opening Ceremonies) and Kate Jackson, with "SportsCenter" anchors Lindsay Czarniak and Kevin Negandhi slated to host the shows, and Jeremy Schaap and Marty Smith reporting from the competition venues.

Extensive ESPN pre-World Games coverage, including video profiles of leading 2015 Special Olympics World Games athletes, is posted at <http://espn.go.com/extra/specialolympics/>.

Licensed international broadcasters as of 1 July include:

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| • ABS-CBN | Philippines | • ORF | Austria |
| • BT Sport | Great Britain | • Starhub | Singapore |
| • Fox Sports | Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Malta, ,
Turkey, Africa in coordination
with SuperSport | • TG4 | Ireland |
| • Indovision | Indonesia | • TSN | Canada |
| • ITV | Great Britain | • TV3 | Thailand |
| • NHK | Japan | • TVB | Hong Kong |
| • Nordisk TV | Sweden | • TVI | Portugal |
| • NTV | Mongolia | • TVP | Poland |
| | | • Viasat | Russia |
| | | • YLE | Finland |

For information on obtaining use of ESPN footage for local broadcast outside the United States, please contact:

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|--|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| • For Asia-Pacific: | Karen Lay | karen.lay@espn.com | Tel.: (656) 692-7482 |
| • For Europe, Africa
and the Middle East: | Alex Barnes | alex.barnes@espn.com | Tel.: (44.20) 8222-2456 |
| • For Latin America: | Flavia N. Rios | flavia.n.rios2@espn.com | Tel.: (54.11) 5031-0800 |
| • Other territories: | Drew DePalma | drew.depalma@espn.com | Tel.: (860) 766-4405 |

3.19 Medical Programs

For a project like the Special Olympics World Games, in which each of the participants has unique needs, the medical services program is of the utmost importance.

Athlete and Delegate care:

Each and every Special Olympics Athlete attending the World Games must receive a documented medical examination prior to coming to Los Angeles. Each Delegation is required to have at least one Delegation Team Physician and/or Delegation Medical Personnel who can support the medical needs of its members. A detailed Medical Risk Assessment will identify athletes with medical conditions that may require clinical monitoring or medical intervention.

Bert Mandelbaum, M.D., founder of the Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group, serves as Chief Medical Officer of the World Games. The World Games Medical Director is Aaron Rubin, M.D., Program Director for the Sports Medicine Fellowship at Kaiser Permanente with Thad Woodward, M.D., a Sports Medicine specialist at Kaiser Permanente, serving as Associate Medical Director. Their goal is a medical program that not only provides needed medical care, but promotes health and prevents illness.

A coalition of world-class Southern California medical services providers is working together to support the World Games, including:

- Kaiser Permanente:
Medical sponsor for the 2015 World Games, providing oversight and communication coordination through the Medical Command Center and integrating the Healthy Athletes Program vision of wellness into delivery of overall Medical Services plan. Kaiser Permanente physicians and staff will provide on-field and medical coverage at the Delegation Welcome Center at Loyola Marymount University, the Long Beach venues, Los Angeles Convention Center, UCLA and USC.
- Keck USC School of Medicine:
Will operate the Poly Clinic on the USC campus to support delegations housed there, providing both acute and emergency medical care, as well as the Healthy Athletes Program.
- UCLA Health System:
Will operate the Polyclinic on the UCLA campus to support delegations housed there, providing acute care, as well as the Healthy Athletes Program, with special emphasis on the MedFest physical examination project.
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles:
Will provide on-field coverage at Balboa Sports Center, Griffith Park (Wilson and Harding Golf Courses) and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

- Western University of Health Sciences:
Supporting the Healthy Athletes program, especially the MedFest physical examination project and clinical resources for Healthy Athletes.
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science:
Will provide the Overnight Nursing program for the World Games.
- American Medical Response (AMR):
Will provide ambulance support, including communications coordination and dispatch.

These entities, working with athletic trainers and specialists, will provide World Games athletes with the care and support they need on and off the field of play as they prepare for, and participate in, the World Games events.

In addition, a unique and vital program called “Healthy Athletes” will give all World Games athletes the opportunity to obtain free screenings and information on how to live a healthier life. Instituted in 1995 at the ninth Special Olympics World Summer Games at New Haven Connecticut, Healthy Athletes offers a free seven-part program to promote health:



- Fit Feet (Podiatry) Podiatric screenings to evaluate ankles, feet, lower extremity biomechanics and proper shoe and sock gear.
- FUNFitness (Physical Therapy) Designed to assess and improve an athlete’s flexibility, functional strength, aerobic capacity and balance, and educate coaches and families.
- Health Promotion (Better Health and Well Being) Uses interactive tools, displays and demonstrations to encourage healthy behaviors and enhance levels of wellness and self-care.
- Healthy Hearing (Audiology) A free hearing screening designed to detect hearing problems and ensure proper audiological care.
- Lions Clubs Int'l Opening Eyes (Vision) Provides free eye assessments and offers prescription eyewear, sunglasses and sports goggles to Special Olympics Athletes at no charge.

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- Special Smiles (Dentistry) Provides oral care information, free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing.
- MedFest (Sports Physicals) Provides physical exams to athletes not previously screened prior to competition, including stations for medical history, height and weight, blood pressure, cardiology tests, musculoskeletal tests, orthopedic tests and abdominal evaluation.

These services are free, and will be offered in a special pavilion at the USC campus. Levi Harrison, M.D., serves as the Medical Director of the Healthy Athletes Program. A graduate of the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, his practice provides exceptional care in the areas of repetitive motion, work related injuries, athletic injuries, and aesthetic, restorative hand function procedures. No stranger to the Special Olympics movement, he participated in the 1987 World Games as an interpreter and host for the French team while a student at the University of Notre Dame.

Each of the nearly 6,500 athletes expected at the 2015 World Games has been pre-scheduled for a visit (which is optional) to the Healthy Athletes Program, fully coordinated with their individual training and competition schedules.

3.20 Promotion and Publicity

A heavy program of promotional and publicity programs have raised the profile of the World Games in the Southern California area and across the United States.

Campaign theme: REACH UP

Using the iconic World Games logo, the promotional campaign for the Games has been "REACH UP," an acronym for seven attributes that define the World Games program for 2015:

- R Respect
- E Enthusiasm
- A Acceptance
- C Compassion
- H Heart

- U Unified
- P Play



Elements and Programs:

An astonishing variety of advertising, displays and events has showcased the World Games logo, message and promoted the Games. Highlights:

- Advertising and Promotions:
LA2015 has been featured in an ever-widening program of display advertising and special promotions, all designed to raise the profile of the World Games. These include:

- = Airport signage at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- = Digital signage at L.A. LIVE, Westfield Malls and The Citadel Outlets
- = Movie trailers, shown in 5,000 AMC Theaters nationwide
- = Outdoor advertising, on billboards and bus shelters
- = Product placements
- = Radio and television public-service announcements
- = Tourism promotion ads, by the Los Angeles Convention & Tourism Authority

The outdoor and radio campaigns, coordinated by World Games sponsor Davis Elen, have generated more than 328 million impressions through January 2015, with a value – all donated – of more than \$4 million.

On 16 April, as part of ceremonies marking “100 Days Away,” the giant entry pylons at Los Angeles International Airport and the 130-foot-tall Pacific Wheel Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier were lit up in World Games colors from sunset to midnight.

Other “landmark lighting” programs include the Games headquarters building, where the crown of OUE SkySpace Los Angeles (633 West 5th Street, tallest building in the West) was lit in colors of the Games beginning 1 May 2015.

The Circle of Inclusion is a popular promotional tool at many events, and the World Games flag has been around the world, even in front of the last-standing Wonder of the Ancient World, the pyramids at Giza, Egypt:



- Special Events:

- = Jan. 2015: Kaiser Permanente Rose Parade float: "Together We Thrive"
The World Games-themed float was awarded the Judge's Special Trophy for the most spectacular in showmanship and dramatic impact. The 126th Rose Parade marked Kaiser Permanente's tenth float entry, designed and built once again by Fiesta Parade Floats.

A floral salute to the World Games, the float featured a sculptured reproduction of the World Games torch, sitting atop a rotating replica of the World Games logo. A rotating hexagon with eight "floral-graphs" pictured inspiring photographic moments of past Special Olympics competitions, taken by photographer Cory Hansen. Reproductions of gold, silver and bronze medals adorned the sides and a reproduction of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, stood as the float's backdrop.
- = Jan. 2015: Avril Lavigne Song "Fly" to Support Special Olympics
Canadian singer-songwriter Avril Lavigne announced a new song called "Fly" for The Avril Lavigne Foundation to support the World Games.
The Avril Lavigne Foundation launched a campaign in September 2014 to raise funds to support 30 Special Olympics Athletes, from five different countries, competing in the 2015 World Games. During her 2014 World Tour, Lavigne met with and invited more than 200 Special Olympics Athletes to her shows in 14 countries.
- = Jan. 2015: Heads of Delegation Conference
Held at UCLA and widely covered by area news media, the HOD Conference showcased the World Games program to representatives of 72 countries who will come to Los Angeles to compete this summer.
- = Feb. 2015: "Gold Meets Golden" Fundraiser on Academy Awards Weekend
Hosted by Academy Award winner Nicole Kidman, this third-annual fundraising luncheon brought together stars from entertainment, sports and Special Olympics at the Equinox Sports Club Lounge on 21 February. It benefitted the World Games "Support An Athlete" Program, which raises funds to cover athlete costs for their stay in Los Angeles.

The event featured stars Eddie Redmayne, Laura Dern, Gina Rodriguez, Matt Bomer, as well as Kidman, and Olympic champions Greg Louganis, Nadia Comaneci and Bart Conner, and Maria Shriver, daughter of Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver.
- = Apr. 2015: "100 Days Away" Celebration
Held at the LA84 Foundation, a legacy of the 1984 Olympic Games, the colorful designs of the World Games medals and award ribbons were unveiled in a ceremony featuring Olympic gold medalists Rafer Johnson (track & field), Julie Foudy (two gold medals in women's soccer), Greg Louganis (four gold medals

in diving), John Naber (four gold medals in swimming) and LA84 President and two-time Olympian (and Olympic medalist in rowing), Anita L. DeFrantz.

- = Jul. 2015: Unveiling of Toyota's "Share The Journey" Public Murals
Inspired by the freeway murals program created for the 1984 Olympic Games, three public artworks were dedicated in a ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Created in cooperation with the Los Angeles Mural Conservancy, these murals will become a legacy of the 2015 World Games:

The artworks include (1) Kent Twitchell's "Special Olympics Monument," a dual portrait of Special Olympics icon Rafer Johnson and Special Olympics Athlete Loretta Claiborne, located at 1147 South Hope Street in Los Angeles; (2) David Flores's "World Stage Legacy," picturing the history of the Coliseum, located on the ground level outside the west end of the facility; and (3) Artist "Cryptik" created a large-scale portrait of boxing champion Muhammad Ali and multiple plaques with inspirational quotations from Special Olympics athletes and advocates, located at 1248 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles.

Sports Commissioners and LA2015 Goodwill Ambassadors:

The Sports Commissioners program includes Olympians, Paralympians and professional athletes who will provide leadership and expertise in an official capacity within their sport. They will open venues, lead coaching clinics, present awards and provide support and encouragement for the competitors. As elite performers in their own right, the Sports Commissioners are keenly aware of the empowering influence of sport:

Amy Alcott	Jacqueline Hansen	Giddeon Massie
Bob Babbitt	Queen Harrison	Ann Meyers Drysdale
Dain Blanton	WWE Superstar Mark Henry	John Naber
Valerie Ann Brisco-Hooks	Heather Jackson	Michael Phelps
Sky Christopherson	Cobi Jones	Amy Purdy
Tamara Christopherson	Michellie Jones	Gavin Rosedale
Jason DeRulo	Meb Keflezighi	Donald Suxho
Julie Foudy	Tommy Lasorda	Tyree Washington
Amanda Freed	Mario Lopez	Jeff Williams
Nastaya Generolova	Greg Louganis	Nick Young
Linda Hanley	Lenny Krayzelburg	

The Goodwill Ambassadors include celebrities, sports figures and other high-profile individuals who are using their significant social-media influence to raise awareness and create acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities around the world.

With a combined social-media audience of more than 200 million, the LA2015 Goodwill Ambassadors provide unprecedented amplification of the message and are introducing their fans to our Special Olympics Athletes:

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Kelsea Ballerini
WWE Superstar Big Show
Jamie Brewer
Sharna Burgess
WWE Superstar Diva Cameron
Val Chmerkovskiy
Cody Christian
Miranda Cosgrove
Andra Day
Oscar De La Hoya
Gavin DeGraw
Brooklyn Decker
Jason Derulo
Kimberly Elise
Bill Engvall
Elizabeth Espinosa
Kevin Eubanks
WWE Superstar Diva
Eva Marie

Angie Everhart
Allyson Felix
Geovanni Gopardi
Carrie Ann Inaba
Anne Mare Johnson
Beverly Johnson
Juanes
Jennifer Lawrence
Tara Lipinski
Charlotte McKinney
WWE Superstar
Stephanie McMahon
Dominik Meichtry
Maria Menunous
Tim Morehouse
Tahj Mowry
Nancy O'Dell
Terrell Owens
Wilson Phillips

Lauren Potter
Curtis Pride
Sofia Reyes
Darius Rucker
Zoe Saldana
Jon Secada
Michael Strahan
Geoff Stults
Alison Sweeney
Bo Svenson
Robin Thicke
Wilmer Valderrama
Travis Van Winkle
Tyree Washington
Marcellus Wiley
Metta World Peace

Postal Salute:

For the second time in U.S. postal history, Special Olympics is being honored with a United States postage stamp. A full-sized, first-class commemorative stamp honoring the World Games was introduced on 9 May 2015 in Irvine, California (92619).

The design by Greg Breeding features the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles logo on a graduated background, showcasing the colors of flags from participating countries.

A full series of philatelic collectibles, including First-Day Covers, panes, press sheets, special digital-color postmarks and posters are available from the United States Postal Service.

(Link: <http://uspsstamps.com/stamps/special-olympics-world-games>)



The 2015 design follows up on the 2003 issuance of an 80-cent international-rate stamp celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Special Olympics Movement in 1968. The design by Lance Hidy, pictures an athlete wearing a medal and celebrating by grasping the hands of fellow competitors and raising them in the air. The Special Olympics logo appears above the athlete's head.

3.21 Protocol

Much more than a Los Angeles-based event to which the world is invited, the World Games is an international event to which Los Angeles will play host. That requires a determined effort to reach out to the international community in which Los Angeles plays an important part.

International Relations and Protocol:

Under the direction of former City of Los Angeles protocol chief Elga Sharpe, a dedicated LA2015 team is working closely with the nearly 100 Consular Offices in the greater Los Angeles area. These relationships will be key to working through entry and visa issues, liaison with the delegations and their consulates and embassy in the United States and outreach to coordinate invitations, security and support of heads of state, ministers, ambassadors, consular officers and other officials who will attend the World Games in varying capacities.

World Games Honored Guests:

A separate project, known as the Honored Guest program, brings together a select group of individuals who support the Special Olympics movement. From celebrities to government leaders, and corporate to individual supporters, the Honored Guest Program recognizes each participant for their ongoing support of Special Olympics and engages new potential supporters to the movement.

The program includes Honored Guests of LA2015 and Special Olympics, Inc. as well as Program Honored Guests from each of the participating delegations.

In each instance, the Honored Guest Program seeks to deepen the relationship between the guest and the Special Olympics Movement through the four-step process of ENGAGE • EDUCATE • THANK • INSPIRE. As many as 2,500 Honored Guests are expected to attend one or more days of the 2015 World Games.

3.22 Security

A carefully-coordinated program of security is being developed and implemented by local, regional and national law-enforcement entities in Los Angeles and beyond.

Locally, the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Fire Department are the lead agencies to coordinate security support for the Games. Working in combination with the full network of law enforcement agencies, locally and nationally, plans are being made to ensure a safe, enjoyable Games for all participants, officials, spectators and staff.

3.23 Special Events

Even at a special event like the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, there are additional special events. Some of the higher-profile programs already scheduled for the Games period include:

Festivals:

Opening on 24 July and concluding on 2 August, specially-designed Festivals will be mounted to celebrate the World Games and bring athletes, families, officials and spectators together in a relaxed, inclusive atmosphere.

At UCLA, the Festival area will be on Wilson Plaza in the center of campus, while Alumni Park will be the Festival location at USC:

<i>Date</i>	<i>UCLA</i>	<i>USC</i>
24 July Friday	12 p.m.-9 p.m. Move-in Day	12 p.m.-9 p.m. Move-in Day
25 July Saturday	10 a.m.-Noon	10 a.m.-Noon
26 July Sunday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Latin America Day
27 July Monday	10 a.m.-9 p.m. East Asia Day	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
28 July Tuesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Africa Day
29 July Wednesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Middle East & North Africa Day	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
30 July Thursday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Asia Pacific Day
31 July Friday	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Europe/Eurasia Day	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
01 August Saturday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m. North America Day
02 August Sunday	10 a.m.-Noon	10 a.m.-Noon

Entertainment from a main stage will be featured, which can also be used for designated awards ceremonies and special-recognition programs. Festival programming will salute each of the seven Special Olympics regions worldwide on a specific day, rotating between the campuses. These Cultural Days in both Festivals are presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Cultural Affairs. An LA2015 Art Initiative at both Festivals will be located at both Festival locations, presented by the Tierra Del Sol Foundation.

Performers interested in appearing at the Festival should complete the online submittal form. The link is available at the bottom of the LA2015 Festivals & Entertainment page:

<http://www.LA2015.org/about-games/festival-entertainment>

For information on Festival booth opportunities, please contact Dwayne Jones, Vice President, Special Events and Entertainment at dwayne.jones@LA2015.org.

GenUIn Social Impact Summit:

The Special Olympics Movement is, of course, about much more than sports. On 28 May 2015, Special Olympics, Inc. announced the GenUIn Social Impact Summit, designed to generate critical change around the pressing issues facing people with intellectual disabilities. This six-day event will be held from 23-28 July and feature 120 young social change leaders from 30 countries, aged 16-25 years old, with and without intellectual disabilities, from around the world, who will challenge each other to generate true acts of inclusion in their respective communities.

Youth leaders submitted over 135 proposals detailing a challenge and proposed solution to making their individual communities more inclusive for everyone. Forty percent of the applications were admitted through a competitive process and Special Olympics review. Each project selected will receive funding upon completion of the Summit program.

Special Olympics athlete Brina Maxino and teammate Isabela Montana from the Philippines have been selected to serve as co-chairs of the Summit, supported by teammate Abdulla Almedfaa and Bahraini athlete Faisal Hameed, who will serve as vice co-chairs. These two unified pairs were elected to these positions during the Global Youth Activation Summit held in PyeongChang, South Korea in 2013.

The program is scheduled for 23-28 July 2015, at three Los Angeles-area venues, including the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE.

Doha GOALS:

Under the patronage of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of Qatar, Doha GOALS – Gathering of All Leaders in Sport – was founded in January 2012 at the Doha GOALS Pre-Forum.

The program was created as a platform for world leaders to advance social initiatives through sports. Rather than acting as a conference – where ideas are traded but rarely enacted – Doha GOALS is an initiative with the express intent of empowering stakeholders to create a roadmap for social improvement through sports, and launch cross-border initiatives.

The fourth edition of the Doha GOALS Forum will be the first to be held outside Doha, and will coincide with the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. Program dates are 25-27 July, at the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE.

There are four key themes in this year's Doha GOALS Forum: (1) building a movement through sports, (2) the imperative for inclusion, (3) the power of sport to create bridges across divides in our societies, and (4) sports as a catalyst for transformation and change.

The participants – public and private sector, non-governmental organizations, athletes, and business leaders – will be able to use the Doha GOALS Forum as a platform to present ideas for reform in sports, as well as ideas of how sports can be used to wider effect on the policy agenda.

For more information, please visit www.dohagoals.com.

3.24 Staffing

Since the revolutionary approach of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee at the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in 1984, volunteer staffing has been at the center of every major Games worldwide. The Special Olympics World Games will be no different.

Based on models of prior World Games, up to 30,000 volunteers were projected to be required. In fact, because of the penchant for L.A.-area volunteers to offer themselves for multiple days, total volunteer needs for LA2015 are projected at approximately 8,737 as of 1 June 2015.

Since the opening of the online volunteer portal – www.LA2015.org/volunteer – on 3 December 2013, more than 13,000 individuals have registered to support the Games. A selection and matching process is now underway to pair volunteers with actual positions and shift times for the Games. Applications continue to be accepted.

Volunteers for the 2015 World Games must be 18 years old by 25 July 2015 and must volunteer for a minimum of five of the nine days between 25 July and 2 August. Training sessions will be required for all positions, and a uniform kit will be issued to all staff. The individual uniform program for each position will differ depending on the area of assignment and length of service.

Some 94 different job titles have been identified for volunteer and staff positions. Including both paid and contracted staff, a total workforce of 15,879 is anticipated to support the Games.

In the volunteer sector, 77% of the total are in Sports, Medical, Spectator Services, Guest Services and Transportation. Sports has the greatest projected need for volunteers at 2,025, trailed by Medical Services (1,535) and Spectator Services (1,486).

California Military Department support:

The organization of the 2015 World Games is being significantly assisted by the California Military Department (CMD), best known for its California National Guard unit.

The CMD is providing logistics and operations support for the World Games, with a single-day peak of 442 personnel involved in moving delegation luggage and Games materials between sites. A significant part of the CMS is up to 321 members of the California Cadet Corps, a CMD training program for students.

Uniforms:

It won't be hard to pick out a World Games staff member beginning 20 July. The more than 16,000 volunteers and staff will be wearing colorful polo-style shirts in cranberry, dark blue, lime green, orange, red, purple, teal and white as their World Games uniforms.

The unusual aspect of the more than 24,483 shirts produced for LA2015 by Head To Toe of Murrieta, California is that 25% of the material used to make them comes from recycled water bottles! The LA2015 staff uniform shirts and hats contain recycled material equivalent to 1,048,320 plastic water bottles. The plastic bottles are broken down into shredded flakes, out of which spun fibers are created that become, among other things, the shirts and hats that will be worn at the World Games.

Each LA2015 staff member will be outfitted in polo shirts, a form-fitting LA2015 hat and a convenient hip pack with space for a water bottle and a storage pocket. Gear distribution began at the Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Center (UDAC) on 7 July.

3.25 Technology

Major events of all kinds depend on technology and a strong support program is being engineered for the 2015 World Games.

The LA2015 organizing committee has utilized a full palette of office-productivity tools provided by Games supplier Google to help support its commitment to minimizing waste and emphasizing sustainability. These will be combined with a renovated Games Management System (GMS), refreshed by Special Olympics, Inc., and its sponsor Microsoft Corporation, to offer speedy production of athlete entries, start lists and results.

For the first time in World Summer Games history, results are expected to be posted in near-real time on the LA2015 Web site, as soon as declared official at each competition site.

In addition, a free World Games mobile application now available from LA2015 (in iOS and Android formats) will also offer quick access to results, schedules and other features to make the World Games easy to follow and enjoy.

3.26 Torch Relay

A fixture from the very start of Special Olympics events since the inaugural national competition on 20 July 1968, the Flame of Hope is an integral part of the build-up to the 2015 World Games.

Since 1981, a massive fund-raising program known as the Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign has been organized to support Special Olympics in countries worldwide. It has grown to include more than 97,000 volunteers spanning 46 countries, who have raised more than \$461 million for the Movement. As the largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics, the program raised over \$50.3 million in 2013. This program will be expanded once again to support the Unified Relay.

On 14 May, the Special Olympics Flame of Hope for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 was lit by the sun's rays at the Sacred Site of Pnyx, opposite the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. Present at the ceremony were Prokopios Pavlopoulos, President of the Hellenic Republic; Special Olympics, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Janet Froetscher; Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 President Patrick McClenahan; Special Olympics Hellas President Joanna Despotopoulou; Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Final Leg Team members, Team Special Olympics Hellas and hundreds of dignitaries and guests.

After the Flame of Hope was lit, McClenahan handed the torch to Final Leg Team member and Special Olympics Southern California athlete Brett Laza and Special Olympics Hellas athlete Theano Dilaveraki. Members of law enforcement along with Special Olympics athletes then carried the Flame of Hope through the streets of Athens to the residence of U.S. Ambassador David

Pearce, where a ceremony was held. The Flame of Hope was then entrusted to the Presidential Guard for safekeeping until it began its journey to the United States.

The Flame of Hope was transported via UPS Airlines on 18 May to the UPS hub at Cologne Bonn Airport in Germany, then to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arriving on 19 May. The flame was then transferred to a UPS alternative fuel vehicle to travel to the Special Olympics headquarters offices in Washington, D.C. in time for the start of the Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America on 26 May.

The Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America (www.UnifiedRelay.org), presented by Bank of America, comprised a 46-day, 20,492-mile (32,979 km), three-route program of running, walking, cycling and driving with the Flame of Hope:

- From 26 May to 10 July, the Unified Relay moved across the United States on three concurrent routes: Northern (Red), beginning in Augusta, Maine; Central (White), beginning in Washington, D.C., and Southern (Blue), originating from Miami, Florida.
- Each route was supported by a 150-member Running and Sport Team of the Law Enforcement Torch Run volunteer corps from around the world, serving as Guardians of the Flame®.
- More than 10,000 torchbearers carried the Flame for a half-mile walk or run segment or a five-mile bike segment in their area of interest across the United States, raising \$1,634,639 in the process.
- Co-Captains for the Unified Relay included entertainment, sports and Special Olympics Athletes from across the USA:
 - = Aloe Blacc, singer-songwriter
 - = Big Show, WWE wrestler and goodwill ambassador for the 2015 World Games
 - = Zach Commander, Special Olympics Athlete (Elizabeth City, North Carolina)
 - = Elena Delle Donne, Chicago Sky (WNBA)
 - = Mike Golic, ESPN Radio “Mike & Mike in the Morning” co-host
 - = Mike Greenberg, ESPN Radio “Mike & Mike in the Morning” co-host
 - = Joe Haden, Cleveland Browns (NFL)
 - = Corey Leonhard, Special Olympics Athlete (Muscatine, Iowa)
 - = Damian Lillard, Portland Trail Blazers (NBA)
 - = Maria Menounos, E! Entertainment host
 - = Nancy O’Dell, Entertainment Tonight co-anchor
 - = Apolo Anton Ohno, eight-time Olympic medalist in Short-Track Speedskating
 - = Johanna Schoenek, Special Olympics Athlete (Cogan Station, Pennsylvania)
 - = Josh Turner, singer-songwriter
- The Unified Relay was presented by Bank of America and nationally sponsored by CITGO, FinishLine, Microsoft, PR Nutrition, Toyota and Visa. ESPN-ABC was the Official Media Partner, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was an Official Partner. Promotional

Partners included Coca-Cola, Interscope Records, ReverbNation, Universal Music Group Nashville, UPS and WWE. Lions International is a Community Partner.

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The three routes met in Los Angeles on 10 July, and in a ceremony at Dodger Stadium, transferred the Flame of Hope to the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team for the final run-up to the opening of the World Games:

- On 13 July, three separate routes covering 4,648 miles (7,480 km) through California will begin from the state capitol of Sacramento on a 13-day journey to Los Angeles.
- A team of 125 members – which includes 10 team leaders, 77 law enforcement officer runners, 10 Special Olympics athletes, and logistics personnel – will serve as Guardians of the Flame as they run the Flame of Hope through 122 cities across California at 119 events.

The law enforcement members of the Final Leg team come from 23 countries and territories, including Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Korea (South), Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, St. Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States.

- From 4-6 stops will be made on each route each day, celebrating the arrival of the Torch in communities across the state, including as many of the Host Towns as possible.

- Final Leg runners will include 10 teams of not more than 12 people each: two of the routes will have three teams and one will have four. Special Olympics Athletes will run with the law enforcement Torch Runners throughout the route, at a 10-12 minutes-per-mile pace.
- Law Enforcement runners from around the world are selected to represent their Torch Run and Special Olympics Programs in the Final Leg. The Special Olympics athletes were selected to be a part of the Final Leg Team based on nominations received from around the world.

The relay will end with the lighting of the ceremonial cauldron during the Opening Ceremony in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on 25 July. For additional details on the Final Leg program, please visit www.LETR-FinalLeg.org.

The ceremonial torches to be used on the Unified Relay and the Final Leg were manufactured by MTM Recognition of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which has produced the torches for the Special Olympics World Games relays in 2007 (China) and 2011 (Greece), among others.



*Law Enforcement Final Leg torch
(Photograph by Cory Hansen)*

3.27 Transportation

Special arrangements for the transportation of athletes, coaches and teams, and of the World Games family, will be provided by LA2015. A fleet of 470 buses and motor coaches will support the nearly 35,000 credentialed personnel of the 2015 World Games.

Athlete and delegation transportation:

A significant effort to reduce transportation logistics was made by placing athletes in housing within walking distance of their competition sites at UCLA and USC. However, for those athletes whose venues are not located at UCLA or USC, athlete transportation will be organized by campus to venues with the shortest travel time:

- From UCLA: Balboa Sports Center and some venues in Long Beach
- From USC: Griffith Park, some venues in Long Beach, the Los Angeles Convention Center and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

These systems will be open only to World Games athletes, coaches and delegation members.

World Games Family transport:

In order to support the needs of credentialed members of the extended World Games Family – athlete families, news media, sports officials and World Games staff – a shuttle service will provide links between the LA2015-designated hotels and the competition venues on either a direct or hub-and-spoke system depending on the venue. In addition, limited inter-venue shuttle links will be provided, as well as a dedicated inter-campus shuttle between UCLA and USC.

A Motor Pool operation, utilizing 400 vehicles furnished by Toyota, will provide special support for credentialed individuals needing extra mobility, as well as transit to special events in the Los Angeles area.

World Games public transport:

Public transportation will be a key element in the success of the World Games, especially for the Opening Ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on 25 July, where special procedures are needed due to the nature of the show.

The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) joined the World Games effort as the Official Transit Provider of the Games on 15 June 2015. In addition to providing public transit support, Metro will also provide 12,000 TAP cards for use by volunteers and staff, further lowering the need for individual cars to be used for transit. Special commemorative World Games TAP cards will be sold in Metro's ticket vending machines in the weeks before the start of the Games.

3.28 Travel

Families and fans looking to attend the World Games are encouraged to contact Cievents (www.cievents.com), the official travel agency of record for Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015, to manage group travel needs.

Cievents, with offices in the United States, Europe, Asia and Oceania, will assist groups with arrangements for special group airfares, group seat allocations and any special individual needs, including dietary requirements.

More information is available at www.LA2015.org/travel. Simply scroll down to “Group Travel and Airport Transfers” and click on the blue “Book Your Group” box. Complete your contact information and group travel details and click “Submit” and a events staff member will contact you directly.

3.29 World Games Calendar

Significant dates ahead in the countdown to the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles:

- 13 July: Beginning of the Law Enforcement Torch Run – Final Leg, in Sacramento, California, on three routes.
- 21 July: Delegation arrivals and transfer to Host Towns.
- 24 July: Delegation arrivals at the Athlete Villages at UCLA and USC, and the Opening Ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.
- 26 July: Opening of competitions at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.
- 01 August: Completion of competitions.
- 02 August: Closing Ceremony, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Red-Letter Days in LA2015 history

05 January 2011:

Special Olympics, Inc. announced that bids from South Africa and the United States (Los Angeles) are finalists to be hosts of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

14 September 2011:

Los Angeles is announced as host of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in a celebration held at Staples Center. Pat McClenahan, chair of the Bid Committee, is named as President and Chief Executive.

14 February 2013:

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announces the results of an economic-impact study of the World Games, showing a benefit of as much as \$415 million in direct and induced spending from the organization and production of the Games.

The World Games logo, designed by Los Angeles-based advertising agency Davis Elen, is unveiled. World Games president Pat McClenahan notes that "The celebratory figure represents the courage, determination and joy of our athletes, inside the circle represents acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities, and the multiple colors, comprised of colors of flags around the world, represents diversity and the beautiful mosaic of our World Games athletes."

24 July 2013:

U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn (CA-44) introduced a resolution honoring the upcoming 2015 World Games in Los Angeles. Rep. Hahn was joined by Rep. Joe Kennedy (MA-4) and the entire Los Angeles County congressional delegation to introduce the resolution on the day marking exactly two years from the Games' opening ceremony.

30 July 2013:

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that U.S. President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will serve as Honorary Chairs of the World Games, with Garcetti and California Governor Jerry Brown are serving as Honorary Hosts.

03 December 2013:

LA2015 launched two new programs: an online volunteer-registration portal – www.LA2015.org/volunteer – and its “Support An Athlete” campaign, at support.LA2015.org. The latter will help raise funds to meet the estimated \$2,500 cost of hosting each athlete coming to the World Games in Los Angeles.

02 April 2014:

Long Beach, California is announced as the first “Host Town” of the 2015 World Games. Long-time headquarters of Special Olympics Southern California, Long Beach will be one of dozens of California communities to host delegations for three days prior to the start of the World Games.

16 April 2014:

A team of “15 for 2015” World Games Global Messengers is introduced. Along with seven alternates, the individuals – all Special Olympics Athletes and several veterans of past World Games – will spread awareness of the event throughout Southern California. Selected from 11 California counties, these athletes have competed in a combined 12 sports from bocce to volleyball.

30 April 2014:

An unprecedented Special Olympics World Games broadcast agreement is announced between LA2015 and ESPN, which will showcase the World Games in 10 hours of coverage on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2. Programming will include full coverage of the Opening Ceremony and highlights shows on each night of the Games.

06-08 June 2014:

The Southern California Special Olympics Summer Invitational served as a major test event for LA2015. Held at the University of Southern California, the event showcased 1,244 athletes competing in six sports from 12 countries in addition to those from Southern California.

16 July 2014:

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. is named as an Official Partner of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, joining the Coca-Cola Company and Deloitte as top-level supporters of the Games.

29 July 2014:

California Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom named Executive Chairman of the LA2015 Leadership Council, providing strategic counsel and relationship-building support for the organization of the World Games.

31 July 2014:

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is announced as the fourth Official Partner of the 2015 World Games.

20 August 2014:

The news media registration portal for the World Games opens at www.LA2015.org/media.

03 September 2014:

Mattel, a supporter of Special Olympics since 2005, is announced as the fifth Official Partner of the 2015 World Games.

07 October 2014:

OUE Limited announces it will provide the Official Headquarters of the 2015 World Games on two floors of its landmark U.S. Bank Tower skyscraper in downtown Los Angeles. The tallest building in the U.S. west of Chicago, the 73-story, 1,018-foot-high tower is one of the icons of Los Angeles.

10 December 2014:

Redondo Beach-based FiveCurrents, producers of mammoth special events including multiple Olympic Games ceremonies, named as the producers of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2015 World Games.

01 January 2015:

Kaiser Permanente's "Together, We Thrive" float in the 126th Tournament of Roses Parade, awarded the Judge's Special Trophy as the most spectacular in showmanship and dramatic impact. The float saluted the World Games with a rotating eight-panel image display, the World Games logo and the peristyle of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

16 January 2015:

Canadian singer-songwriter Avril Lavigne announces the creation of a new song, "Fly," to support the Special Olympics World Games through the Avril Lavigne Foundation.

27 January 2015:

The "Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America" is announced on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Presented by Bank of America, the program will have as many as 20,000 participants running, walking or biking with the Flame of Hope through all 50 states on its way to the Opening Ceremony in Los Angeles.

05 March 2015:

Pairings of delegations with more than 70 Host Town communities throughout California are announced.

15 April 2015:

The Special Olympics World Games mobile app is launched, available for free on both iOS and Android systems. Designed by Spontly, the app allows registered users to create and share their own World Games-related content.

16 April 2015:

Gala ceremonies at the LA84 Foundation in Los Angeles mark “100 Days” to go to the Opening Ceremony. The designs of the World Games competition medals and award ribbons are unveiled in the company of Olympic gold medalists including Julie Foudy (football), Rafer Johnson (track & field), Greg Louganis (diving) and John Naber (swimming).

Musician and philanthropist Avril Lavigne debuted her song “Fly.” Premiered on the Ryan Seacrest radio show, the song is available on iTunes and the video is available at Vevo.com, with all net proceeds to benefit Special Olympics. The music video for “Fly” debuted on ABC’s Good Morning America, and features Avril Lavigne and Special Olympics athletes worldwide.

14 May 2015:

The Special Olympics Flame of Hope for the 2015 World Games was lit by the sun’s rays at the Sacred Site of Pnyx, opposite the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. Present at the ceremony were the President of the Hellenic Republic, Prokopios Pavlopoulos; Special Olympics Chief Executive Officer Janet Froetscher; LA2015 President and Chief Executive Patrick McClenahan; Special Olympics Hellas President Joanna Despotopoulou; Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Final Leg Team members, Team Special Olympics Hellas and hundreds more dignitaries and guests.

26 May 2015:

The Unified Relay Across America torch run began in Augusta, Maine; Washington, D.C. and Miami, Florida. The program will cross the United States on three different routes, ending in Los Angeles on 10 July.

In Augusta, Maine Governor Paul LaPage, elite game wardens from North Woods Law, and Special Olympics Pennsylvania athlete and Unified Relay co-captain Johanna Schoeneck kicked off the Northern Route of the Relay from the State Capitol.

In Washington, D.C. at the National Sylvan Theatre, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs Evan Ryan joined singer Andra Day, Miss District of Columbia USA Lizzy Olsen and Special Olympics Iowa athlete and Unified Relay co-captain Corey Leonhard to inaugurate the Central route.

In Miami, at Marlins Stadium, Marlins players joined actor Geovanni Gopradi and Special Olympics North Carolina athlete and Unified Relay co-captain Zach Commander to begin the Southern route.

2 June 2015:

Public sale of tickets for the Opening Ceremony for the 2015 World Games began.

15 June 2015:

The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is announced as the Official Transit Provider of the 2015 World Games, supporting a key element in the success of the event. In addition to providing public transit support, Metro will also provide 12,000 TAP cards for use by volunteers and staff. Special commemorative World Games TAP cards will be sold in Metro's ticket vending machines in the weeks before the start of the Games.

18 June 2015:

Stevie Wonder, Avril Lavigne, Nicole Scherzinger, O.A.R., Cody Simpson, J Balvin, Becky G and "Reach Up LA" theme song creator Siedah Garrett announced as headliners of the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics World Games on 25 July.

The show will be directed by Emmy Award-winning choreographer Debbie Allen and produced by FiveCurrents with appearances by Jimmy Kimmel, Eva Longoria, Lauren Potter, Michael Phelps, Greg Louganis, Stephanie McMahon and others to be announced.

25 June 2015:

Honorary World Games co-chair and U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama confirmed her attendance at the Opening Ceremony.

07 July 2015:

Unveiling ceremony for Toyota's "Share The Journey" Public Murals at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Created in cooperation with the Los Angeles Mural Conservancy, three public murals were created that will become a legacy of the 2015 World Games:

The artworks include (1) Kent Twitchell's "Special Olympics Monument," a dual portrait of Special Olympics icon Rafer Johnson and Special Olympics Athlete Loretta Claiborne, located at 1147 South Hope Street in Los Angeles; (2) David Flores's "World Stage Legacy," picturing the history of the Coliseum, located on the ground level outside the west end of the facility; and (3) Artist "Cryptik" created a large-scale portrait of boxing champion Muhammad Ali and multiple plaques with inspirational quotations from Special Olympics athletes and advocates, located at 1248 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles.

10 July 2015:

Culmination of the 46-day, 20,492-mile (32,979 km), 10,000-runner Unified Relay Across America, The three-route program raised more than \$1.6 million and the three flames were joined in a ceremony at Dodger Stadium. The Flame of Hope was transferred to the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team for the final run-up to the opening of the World Games, beginning 13 July in Sacramento, California.



LA2015 President and Chief Executive Pat McClenahan receiving the Special Olympics flag during the Closing Ceremony of the 2013 Special Olympics Winter World Games in Korea.

Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.

- Athlete Oath

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4.01 Athlete Eligibility

At the core of the Special Olympics program is the opportunity to participate. Article 2 of the Special Olympics Amended General Rules (2012) defines this as:

Participation in Special Olympics is open to all persons with intellectual disabilities who meet the age requirements of this Article, whether or not that person also has other mental or physical disabilities, so long as that person registers to participate.

(Link: http://resources.specialolympics.org/Topics/General_Rules/Article_02.aspx)

Further on, the specific requirements for Special Olympics eligibility are:

2.01 (B): Age Requirements

There is no maximum age limitation for participation in Special Olympics. The minimum age requirement for participation in Special Olympics competition is eight years of age.

2.01 (D): Identifying Persons with Intellectual disabilities

A person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:

- *The person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability as determined by their localities; or*
- *The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures which are generally accepted within the professional community in that Accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or*
- *The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care). However, persons whose functional limitations are based solely on a physical, behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as Special Olympics athletes, but may be eligible to volunteer for Special Olympics.*

For the Special Olympics World Games, athletes are nominated by their national Special Olympics organizations (known as "Accredited Programs") according to a quota determined by Special Olympics, Inc. In general, however, not just any athlete is allowed to be entered in the World Games. According to the Special Olympics Sports Rules, Article 1 (L) (2), "An athlete is eligible to advance to the next competition provided she or he has (1) participated in the previous level of competition (e.g., an athlete must compete in Program-level Games before advancing to the World Games), with the following exception, (2) An athlete or team for which there has been no competition opportunity or Tournament or Games shall be eligible to advance to the next level of competition."

Nominations were due by 1 November 2014, with substitutions allowed to 15 May 2015. World Games athletes are allowed to enter one sport only, with per-sport limits on the number of events one can enter (noted in the sport-by-sport review below). Special Olympics sports regulations for the 2015 World Games require that every delegation must have female athlete representation and that athletes may only be entered in events that are appropriate for their level of training.

In order to safeguard the health of every entrant, a series of medical forms is also filed for each athlete. Moreover, according to the Special Olympics Sports Rules, Article 1 (F) (2), "Accredited Programs shall provide for adequate supervision and coaching for all athletes. For competition activities, a maximum ratio of four athletes-to-one Coach/Chaperone (4:1 athlete-to-coach ratio) is required."

The Special Olympics Sports Rules, Article 1 (C) also requires that:

- All athletes, coaches and officials follow the Special Olympics Code of Conduct;
- Compete against any and all registered competitors, specifically "Any individual, team or delegation that refuses to compete or participate in a Special Olympics Games or activities based on the ethnic origin, gender, religion, political affiliation of their fellow Special Olympics athletes in those activities, will be disqualified from participation in the games or event in question and not eligible for awards or recognition at that event."
- Competitors refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, including offensive actions or language to officials, spectators or competitors, upon penalty of disqualification.

For the special Unified Sports Experience exhibitions, the goal is to pair Special Olympics athletes (individuals with intellectual disabilities) and partners (individuals without intellectual disabilities) as teammates. Athletes and partners should be of similar age and ability, based on sport performance assessments.

4.02 Divisioning and Schedule

One of the unique aspects of the Special Olympics World Games is the "divisioning" process.

Unlike competitions such as the Olympic Games, where athletes entered in a specific event will move through elimination rounds toward a final competition, every World Games race or tournament is a competition unto itself.

Beginning on 25 July, competitors and teams will participate in a series of preliminary competitions and/or skills contests to determine the creation of competition divisions, with a minimum of three, to a maximum of eight entrants. All finishers will receive an award, with medals for the first three places and ribbons for places 4-8.

The Divisioning process, under supervision of the Special Olympics sport Technical Delegate, generally includes three steps:

- For individual sports:
 - (1) Division by gender: male and female (except for mixed-gender events);
 - (2) Division by age groups, generally 8-11, 12-15, 16-21, 22-29, 30+ for individual sports;
 - (3) Division by ability, based on personal best marks, or results of seeding events, preferably into groups within 15% of each other's personal best or seeding-event scores.
- For team sports:
 - (1) Division by gender: male and female (mixed-gender teams will play with male teams unless there are enough for a separate division);
 - (2) Division by age groups, generally 15 and under; 16-21, 22 and older, based on the age of the older player on each team;
 - (3) Division by ability, based on skills tests and Divisioning-round play.

Age group limits can be modified if needed to create divisions of 3-8 teams within the guidelines.

Special Olympics competitions importantly include a rule requiring the full effort of athletes, especially in the Divisioning rounds (Article 1 (J) (5)):

If it has been determined by the competition management jury that an Athlete or team has not competed with maximum effort in preliminary and/or divisioning rounds with the clear intent to gain an unfair advantage in the divisioning process, sanctions will be imposed on the Athlete/team/coach. Sanctions may include adjusted division placement, final placement or disqualification.

Formats and rules specific to each sport are noted in the sections below. A full sports schedule page is included in section 4.29.

4.03 Sports

The Special Olympics Amended General Rules (2012) recognize 21 "Official Summer Sports" in section 3.04(b):

Aquatics (Swimming)	Equestrian	Powerlifting
Athletics (Track & Field)	Football (Soccer)	Roller Skating
Badminton	Golf	Sailing
Basketball	Gymnastics – Artistic	Softball
Bocce	Gymnastics – Rhythmic	Table Tennis
Bowling	Handball	Tennis
Cycling	Judo	Volleyball (Beach & Indoor)

Summer "Recognized" Sports include Cricket and Kayaking, for a total of 23.

For the 2015 World Games in Los Angeles, Kayaking was included as the 22nd sport and three new programs classified as "demonstration sports" – Triathlon, Open Water Swimming and Beach Volleyball – were added for a total of 25 sports in all. Competitors in the three demonstration sports will receive medals or ribbons as with the Official and Recognized sports on the program.

Although classified by their International Federations as disciplines, Open Water Swimming (part of Aquatics) and Beach Volleyball (part of Volleyball) are considered sports at the World Games because of their popular status as such.

A total of 290 events will be part of the 2015 World Games: 267 for Special Olympics Athletes only and 23 Unified Sports® competitions.

Specific sports are prohibited in Special Olympics because they "do not meet [Special Olympics, Inc.'s] minimum health or safety standards or which would otherwise expose Special Olympics athletes to unreasonable risks to their health or safety." These sports currently include boxing, fencing, karate, shooting, and other combat sports (Amended General Rules sec. 3.04(h)).

Management of the 2015 World Games venues is under the direction of two-time U.S. Olympic rower Jan Palchikoff, Senior Vice President for Sport & Athlete Experience. Her venue management team includes:

- General Manager/Griffith Park: Mike Bone
- Assistant General Manager/Equestrian: Meaghan Leon
- Assistant General Manager/Golf: Tom Pulchinski

- General Manager/LA Convention Center: Luke Hyvonen
- Assistant General Manager/LACC: Derrick Salisbury
- Hub Sport Director/LACC: Matt Setlik

- General Manager/Long Beach: Kevin Carerra
- Assistant General Manager/Long Beach: Tom Brooks

- General Manager/UCLA: Jean Dillingham
- Assistant General Manager/UCLA: Dusty Ann Holdren
- Hub Sport Manager/UCLA: Danielle Hamilton

- General Manager/USC: Megan Deer
- Assistant General Manager/USC: Matt Holt
- Hub Sport Manager/USC: Michelle Abel Taillon

Jennifer Keurulainen serves as the Vice President for Sport, working with the individual competition managers and Special Olympics technical delegates to coordinate the competitions.

4.04 Aquatics (Swimming and Open Water)

Swimming was one of original sports included in the first Special Olympics International Summer Games in Chicago in 1968. It has been a featured sport at the World Games ever since.

For 2015, competitions will be held in two disciplines as defined by the Federation Internationale de Natacion (FINA): Swimming and Open Water.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Swimming: Paul Roberts
- SOI Technical Delegate: Shirley-Anne Milgate (AUS)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Manuel de Jesus (PUR)

- Competition Director/Open Water: Anneka Sakovich
- SOI Technical Delegate: Anne McLindon (USA)

Events:

Five categories of competitions, 44 competition events and one Unified Team event will be held in 2015, in ascending levels of ability:

Category 1 (3 events):

25 m Freestyle
25 m Backstroke
4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay

Category 2 (13):

25 m Butterfly
25 m Backstroke
25 m Breaststroke
50 m Freestyle
50 m Butterfly
50 m Backstroke
50 m Breaststroke
100 m Freestyle
4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Medley Relay
4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100 m Medley Relay

Category 3 (15):

100 m Freestyle
100 m Backstroke
100 m Breaststroke
100 m Butterfly
100 m Individual Medley
200 m Freestyle
200 m Backstroke
200 m Breaststroke
200 m Individual Medley
400 m Freestyle
4 x 25 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Medley Relay
4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100 m Medley Relay

Category 4 (7):

400 m Freestyle
800 m Freestyle
1,500 m Freestyle
4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Medley Relay
4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100 m Medley Relay

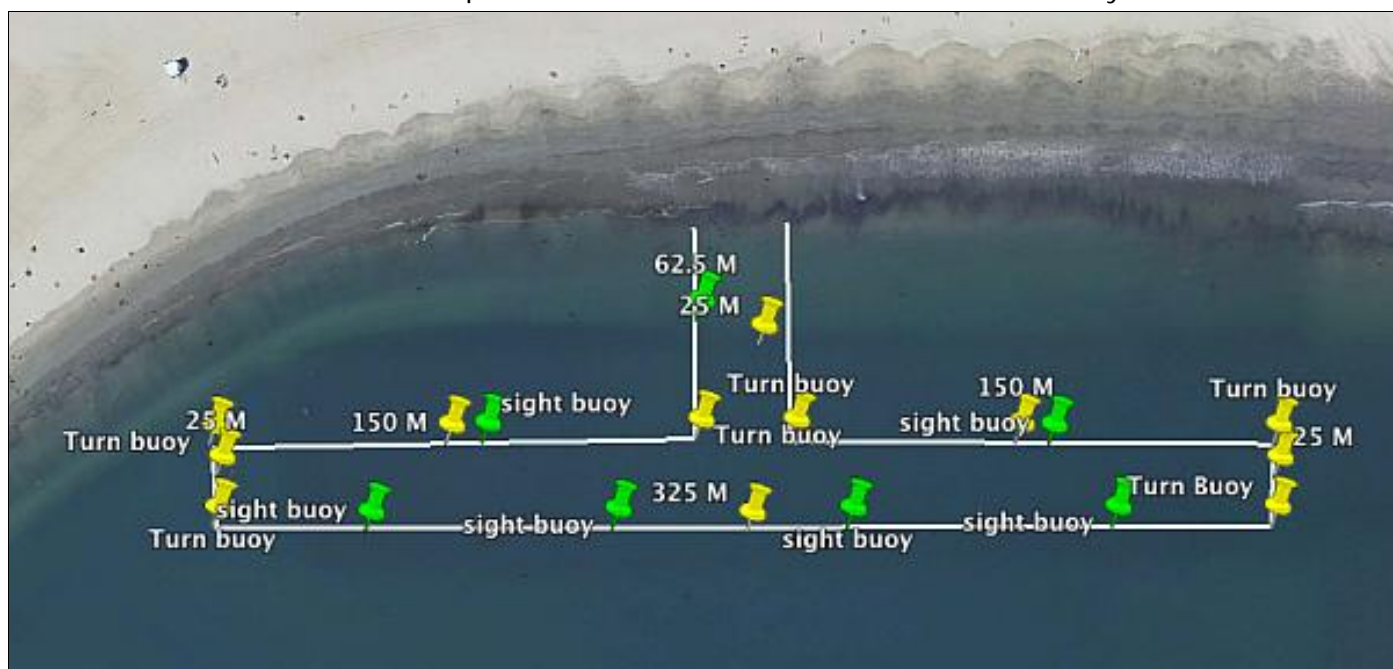
Category 5 (6 + 1 Unified):

800 m Freestyle
4 x 50 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 50 m Medley Relay
4 x 100 m Freestyle Relay
4 x 100 m Medley Relay
Open Water: 1,500 meters
Open Water: 1,500 meters Unified Team (2 people)

Athletes may compete in one category only and a maximum of two individual events and one relay in that category. In categories 3 and 4, an individual may compete in a third individual event of 200 m or longer.

Format:

Aquatics competitions in swimming will be held in a short-course (25 m) format only. The Open Water swims will start and finish at Alamitos Beach in Long Beach, California. The Open Water course will be a 1,500 m, two-loop course inside the breakwater in Alamitos Bay:



Venues:

Aquatics will be held at the Uytengsu Aquatics Center at the University of Southern California in downtown Los Angeles. The facility, originally built as the McDonald's Olympic Swim Stadium, hosted the swimming, synchronized swimming and diving competitions of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The open-air facility was built by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee in preparation for the 1984 Olympic Games. It opened in July 1983 with the McDonald's international Swim Meet on 14-15 July 1983, where Soviet world-record holder Vladimir Salnikov improved his mark in the 800-meter freestyle on the opening day. Designed by architects Flewelling & Moody, the facility was built by Western Alta Construction Company at a cost of \$3 million, supplied by the McDonald's Corporation. Over 14 days of Olympic competition, some 305,896 spectators attended Olympic events at the pool complex.

After the Games, the facility has been a popular site for events including the 1989 U.S. Long Course Championships, the 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival swimming competition and the 1993 U.S. National Diving Championships. The temporary bleachers used for the Olympic Games were removed when the multi-purpose Lyon Center was built in 1989.

The facility was renovated in 2013 and was re-named in February 2014, honoring USC's 1983 swim team captain Fred Uytengsu, who donated \$8 million for the project. The pool itself is named for former USC swim coach Peter Daland, while the diving tower was dedicated to Olympic diving champion Sammy Lee. Permanent seating is available for 1,400, which can be expanded to 2,500.

The Aquatics competition will be presented by LA2015 partner Bank of America.

The 1,500 m Open Water Swim course will start and finish at Alamitos Bay in Long Beach. The course is configured in a rectangular "box" format, with a 325 m straightaway.

4.05 Athletics (Track & Field and Road Running)

A proposal by the Chicago Park District for an Olympic-style track & field meet in 1967 was the genesis of the first-ever Special Olympics International Summer Games, held at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1968. Athletics – known in the United States as track & field – has been one of the centerpieces of the Games ever since.

Competition will include two disciplines: track & field and road running, as defined by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). Nearly 1,000 athletes are expected to compete in Los Angeles.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Athletics: Edmund Pula
- Competition Director/Half Marathon: Jonathan Pauley
- SOI Technical Delegate: Tony Wayne (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Jan Blaauw (NED)

Events:

Seven categories are recognized for athletics, with a total of 49 events on the program:

Category 1 (5 events):

25 m
50 m
100 m Walk
Softball Throw
Standing Long Jump

Category 2 (12):

100 m
200 m
400 m
4 x 100 m Relay
4 x 400 m Relay
High Jump
Long Jump
Mini Javelin-Men (300 g)
Mini Javelin-Men (400 g)
Mini Javelin-Women (300 g)
Shot Put-Men (4 kg/8.8 lbs.)
Shot Put-Women (3 kg/6.6 lbs.)

Category 3 (12):

400 m
800 m
1,500 m
4 x 100 m Relay
4 x 400 m Relay
High Jump
Long Jump
Mini Javelin-Men (300 g)
Mini Javelin-Men (400 g)
Mini Javelin-Women (300 g)
Shot Put-Men (4 kg/8.8 lbs.)
Shot Put-Women (3 kg/6.6 lbs.)

Category 4 (9):

100 m wheelchair
200 m wheelchair
400 m Walk
800 m Walk
Shot Put-Men (4 kg/8.8 lbs.)
Shot Put-women (3 kg/6.6 lbs.)
Mini Javelin-Men (300 g)
Mini Javelin-Men (400 g)
Mini Javelin-Women (300 g)

Category 5 (7):

1,500 m
3,000 m
5,000 m
10,000 m
4 x 100 m Relay
4 x 400 m Relay
Road Race: Half Marathon

Category 6 (3):

4 x 100 m Relay
4 x 400 m Relay
Pentathlon

Category 7 (1):

Road race: Half Marathon
(can also compete in Category 5)

Athletes can register in only one category and are limited to two individual events and one relay in that category. Athletes must be at least 12 years old to compete in the shot put or the pentathlon., and athletes may not enter both walking and running events (one or the other). Entrants for the Half Marathon may also enter another Category 5 event if the schedule allows for it.

For running races, one false start is allowed for the entire field. A second false start disqualifies that competitor. For relays, the oldest member of the team determines the age classification of that team. Three-turn staggers will be used for the 4 x 400 m relay start.

Pentathlon events include the 100 m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump and 400 m. Events will be scored using the Special Olympics scoring table.

Softballs shall be 30 cm (11 3/4 inches) in circumference. The Mini-Javelin is a plastic spear, with four aerodynamic fins at the tail, thrown in the same style as a standard javelin. Weights for Special Olympics use are 400 g (14.1 oz.) and 300 g (10.6 oz.).

Format:

Standard track and field equipment and markings will be used.

Venues:

Katherine B. Loker Stadium surrounds historic Cromwell Field on the campus of the University of Southern California.

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The 1,900-seat stadium opened in the 2001 season and was dedicated on 5 May during the USC-UCLA dual track & field meet. The 400 m, eight-lane Rekortan track and infield portion of the venue is named after legendary USC coach Dean Cromwell, winner of 12 NCAA team titles. Temporary seating for the World Games will bring the total capacity to approximately 3,000.

The entrance to the facility is called "Louis Zamperini Plaza" and includes tributes to USC's NCAA and Olympic champions. Cromwell Field was used as a training and warm-up facility during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The stadium was also the site of the 2003 Pac-10 and 2013 Pac-12 Track & Field Championships.

The Athletics competition will be presented by LA2015 partner, The Coca-Cola Company.

For the Half Marathon, an out-and-back course in the City of Long Beach will be used, with the start at Alamitos Beach, also the site of Beach Volleyball, Triathlon and the Open Water Swim course. The race route will primarily follow Shoreline Drive, but will also tour through Shoreline Village and other Long Beach attractions:



Participation in the Half Marathon race is open to a limited number of outside competitors. Registration is open to the public, on a first-come, first-served basis at the LA2015 Web site:

www.LA2015.org/half

The entry fee, which includes a World Games finisher medal, was \$75 through 31 May and, if space remains available, \$90 from 1 June-24 July. A total of 203 runners were registered by 1 July (250 spots available) to accompany the 28 Special Olympics Athletes in the event.

4.06 Badminton

After being added as an Olympic sport in 1992, Badminton was added to the World Games program in the 1995 Games at New Haven, Connecticut. It will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center in 2015.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Badminton: Widya Susanto
- SOI Technical Delegate: Dr. Bassem Tohamy (EGY)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Ulrich Grill (GER)

Events:

Three events will be contested in Badminton: Singles, Doubles and Unified Sports Doubles. An athlete can enter all three events if desired.

Format:

Matches are best 2-of-3, with men's and Unified Sports competitions to 15 points per game, or women's games to 11.

Venue:

Opened in 1971, the Los Angeles Convention Center attracts more than 2.5 million visitors annually and is renowned as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. The LACC is a model environment-friendly facility, holding the prestigious U.S. Green Building Council's LEED-EB GOLD Certification.

It was significantly expanded in 1993 with the addition of the South Hall. Comprising some 346,890 sq. ft. (32,227 sq. m), it will be the site of six sports for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games. The impressive lobby of the South Hall features a 140,000 sq. ft. (13,000 sq. m) multi-color map in inland terrazzo by artist Alexis Smith.

The Convention Center was the site of the Main Press Center for the 1984 Olympic Games (located in what is now known as the "West Hall").

The competitions at the Los Angeles Convention Center will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.07 Basketball

Basketball has been a fixture at the Special Olympics World Games almost from the beginning, and has been a part of every World Games (which formally began in 1975). It will be held at the Galen Center on the campus of the University of Southern California in 2015.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Basketball: Larry Gholar
- SOI Technical Delegate: Bernie Priestley (IRE)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Mark Wolfgram (USA)

Events:

Team competitions will be held for men and women, and Unified Sports team events will also be held for men and women.

Format:

Special Olympics World Games competition will use the standard 94-by-50 ft. floor (94 x 15 m), with a 6.25 m (19-9) three-point-shot arc. Teams are of five players each, with games of four quarters of six minutes each (24 minutes total) during pool play.

Standard basketballs will be used for men (79 cm circumference/30 inches; 650 g/22 oz. weight) and women (74 cm/28.5 inches; 567 g/20 oz. weight).

Venue:

The Galen Center is the home of USC basketball and volleyball. Opened in 2006, it has a main-court capacity of 10,258. The building is named after founding donors Lou and Helene Galen and the floor is named for former USC basketball player Jim Sterkel.

Connected to the Galen Center itself is Galen Pavilion, which includes three full-size basketball courts, which will also be used for World Games competition. Bleacher seating for 500 is expected to be available for each of the Pavilion courts.

The Basketball competition will be presented by LA2015 partner Mattel.

4.08 Bocce

An ancient game with roots dating back to the Roman Empire, Bocce has been part of the World Games sports program since the 1991 Games in Minneapolis-St. Paul. It will be played at the Los Angeles Convention Center at the 2015 World Games.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Bocce: David Markland
- SOI Technical Delegate: Mike Ryan (NZL)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Carlos Santiago (USA)

Events:

Bocce events for 2015 include Singles, Doubles, Team (4 players), Unified Sports Doubles and Unified Sports Team (4 players). All events will have men's and women's divisions. Athletes may participate in a maximum of three events. Mixed-gender teams will be placed in the men's division.

Format:

The Bocce field of play will include 16 courts of 12 x 60 feet (3.66 x 18.29 m) each, all covered with an artificial surface. All tournaments will be in a double-elimination format, with Singles and Doubles

matches lasting 35 minutes (or the first to 12 points), with Team matches lasting 40 minutes (or the first to 16 points).

Venue:

Please see the Badminton section for information on the Convention Center South Hall.

The competitions at the Los Angeles Convention Center will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.09 Bowling

Added to the World Games in Minneapolis-St. Paul in 1991, bowling remains a popular fixture on the Special Olympics program. The 2015 World Games competition will take place at the Lucky Strike Lanes at the L.A. LIVE complex in downtown Los Angeles.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Bowling: Gary Montgomery
- SOI Technical Delegate: Elaine Twomey (IRL)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Joseph Wong (MAS)

Events:

Bowling events will include Singles, Doubles, Team (4 players), Unified Sports Doubles and Unified Sports Team (4 players). Athletes can enter a maximum of three events.

Format:

Matches will consist of a three-game series. The total pinfall for each athlete or team will be used to calculate the winners in each division. Ties will not be broken and both athletes/teams will receive the same (place) awards.

Of the 18 total lanes available at Lucky Strike Lanes, 14 will be used for this competition.

Venue:

The Lucky Strike Lanes opened in late 2008 as part of the second phase of the massive L.A. LIVE sports and entertainment complex in downtown Los Angeles. The property includes the 7,100-seat Nokia Theater, 2,300-seat Club Nokia, the 14-screen Regal Cinemas and the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles and Ritz-Carlton Hotel Los Angeles.

4.10 Cycling

One of the world's most popular sports, cycling was added to the World Games sports program for the 1987 Games in South Bend, Indiana. For 2015, cycling competitions will take place on scenic Shoreline Drive in Long Beach, California, beginning and ending at Aquarium Way.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Cycling: Blair Cohn
- SOI Technical Delegate: Koos Feiken (NED)

- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Cindi Hart (USA)

Events:

The cycling program includes both Time Trial and Road events, using an interval start:

500 m Time Trial
1 km Time Trial
2 km Time Trial
5 km Time Trial
10 km Time Trial

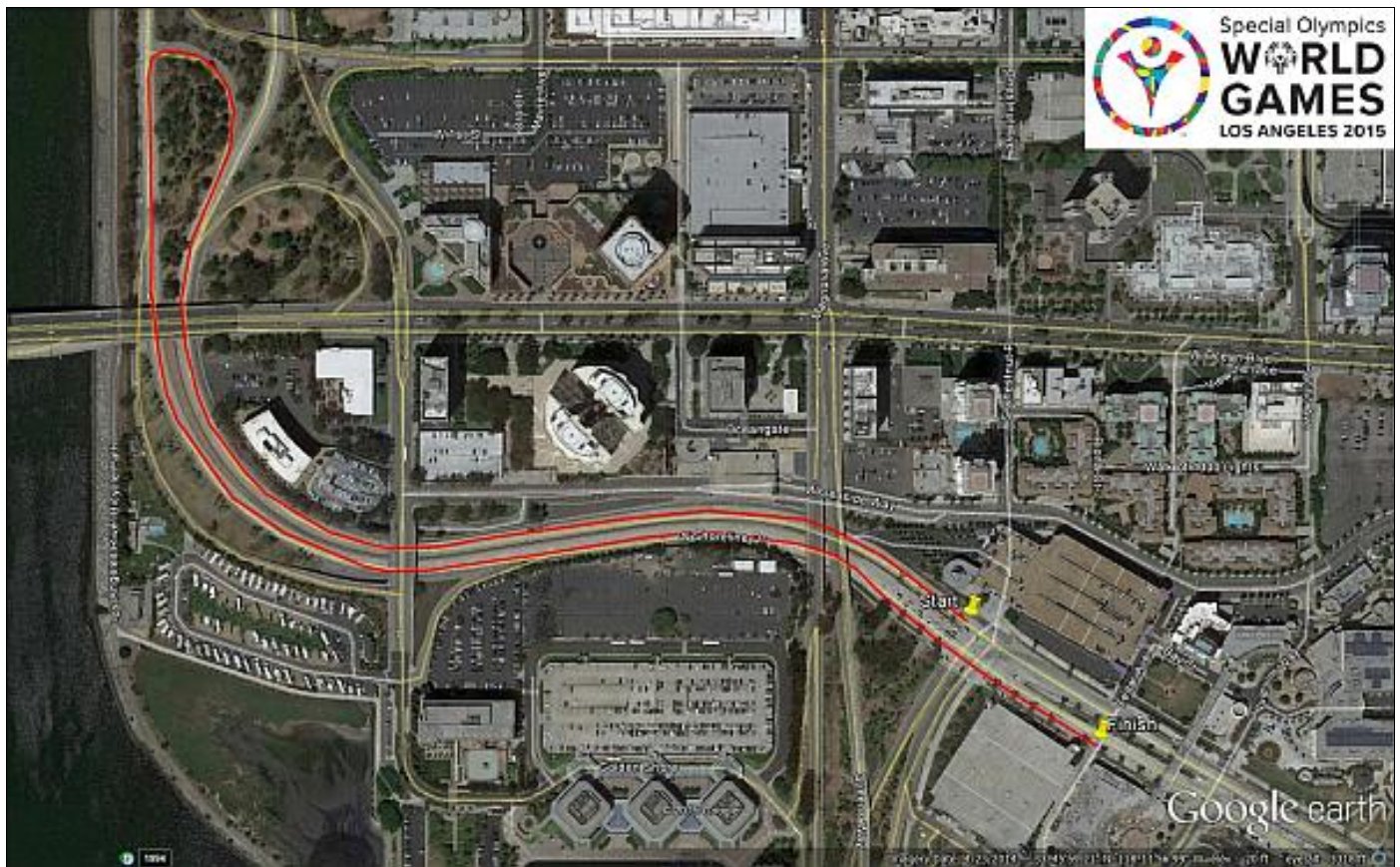
5 km Road Race
10 km Road Race
15 km Road Race
25 km Road Race
40 km Road Race

Athletes can enter a maximum of three events. Athletes using adult-modified bikes (three-wheelers) may enter only the 500 m or 1 km Time Trial events,

Format:

A loop of 2.25 km (approximately 1.4 miles) will be set up on West Shoreline Drive in the City of Long Beach, with the start one block north of the Aquarium of the Pacific at Aquarium Way.

The start and finish lines will be on a strip of West Shoreline Drive, between South Chestnut Place and Cedar Way:



Venue:

Southern California sports fans are well familiar with the Cycling route along Shoreline Drive in Long Beach: it's the showcase straightaway of the annual Grand Prix of Long Beach. From its debut as a Formula 5000 race in 1975, it's one of the area's premiere events each April, now featuring Indy Cars. The World Games cycling competition, however, promises to be much less noisy.

The start and finish areas will be just north of the famed Aquarium of the Pacific. Opened on 20 June 1998, it hosts more than 500 species and 11,000 specimens of marine life for conservation, education and study. The facility attracts more than 1.5 visitors annually, supported by a staff of nearly 900, of which about 650 are volunteers.

The Cycling competition will be presented by Hot Wheels, a division of LA2015 partner Mattel.

4.11 Equestrian

The elegant pairing of athletes and horses has been part of the World Games program beginning with the 1991 Games in Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota. For 2015, the riding events will be held in the famed Los Angeles Equestrian Center, adjacent to Griffith Park in Burbank, California.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Equestrian: Brian McQueeney
- SOI Technical Delegate: Shirley McDermott (IRL)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Roslein Wilkes (NZL)

Events:

The 2015 World Games competition in equestrian includes four events:

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|--------------------------------|---------|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| • Dressage: | Levels: | A | A-P | B-I | B-IP | C-I | | | |
| • English Equitation: | Levels: | A | A-P | B-I | B-IP | B-SP | B-SP | C-I | C-S |
| • Working Trails: | Levels: | A | A-P | B-I | B-IP | B-S | B-SP | C-I | C-S |
| • Gymkhana Relay (teams of 2): | Levels: | A | A-P | B-I | B-IP | B-S | B-SP | C-I | C-S |

Each event will be available to different levels of ability as noted above; eight levels are defined for Special Olympics athletes:

- A Level: Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope; Independent (no help allowed);
- A-P Level: Physical disability which presents posting the trot or sitting the jog;
- B-I Level: Walk, Trot/Jog; Independent (no help allowed);
- B-IP Level: Independent, but with a physical disability which presents posting the trot or sitting the jog;
- B-S Level: Supported, but can Walk and Trot/Jog;
- B-SP Level: Supported, but with a physical disability which presents posting the trot or sitting the jog;
- C-I Level: Walk only; independent (no help allowed);
- C-S Level: Walk only; supported.

Athletes may enter at only one skill level, but may compete in up to three events in that level. Some 82 horses will be provided by six therapeutic riding centers and 45 individual owners.

Format:

The Dressage, English Equitation and Working Trails events are judged according to specific rules, with places determined by the highest scores. The Gymkhana relay event is timed, with the fastest time deciding the places.

Venue:

Built in 1982, the Los Angeles Equestrian Center is a 75-acre equine facility, with stables, training and show rings, located adjacent to Griffith Park. At the center of the facility is the Equidome, a renowned 3,500-seat showcase for equestrian performances. The ring measures 150 x 300 feet (45.7 x 91.4 m). An auxiliary West Ring of the same dimensions is located just outside the Equidome and will also be used for competition; it has available bleacher seating for 500.

The Equestrian competition will be presented by LA2015 partner Davis Elen Advertising.

4.12 Football (Soccer)

Football (soccer) entered the World Games program in 1983 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Competition at the 2015 World Games will be held at Drake Stadium and the North Athletic Field at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for 11-a-side, on the UCLA Intramural Field for 5-a-side and at the Balboa Sports Center in Encino, California for 7-a-side.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Football: Hector Tovar
- SOI Technical Delegate: Joe Hampson (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegates: Christian Guiralt (VEN)
Miroslaw " Mirek" Krogulec (POL)

Events:

Three different football styles will be offered: 11-a-side (men and Unified Sports-men), 7-a-side (men, women and Unified Sports for men and women) and 5-a-side (men, women, and Unified Sports for men and women).

Format:

Three different field sizes and game formats will be used for the three different competition styles:

- (1) For the 5-a-side competition, fields will be 45 x 30 m, with a 4 m-wide goal (2 m height). Six competition fields and three warm-up fields will be available. Games will consist of two 15-minute halves with a five-minute halftime break.
- (2) For the 7-a-side competition, fields will be 60 x 40 m with a 5 m-wide goal (2 m height). Ten competition fields and one warm-up field will be available at the Balboa Sports Center. Games will consist of two 20-minute halves with a five-minute halftime break.
- (3) For 11-a-side matches, the standard 105 x 68 m field will be used, with a 7.32 m (24 ft.) wide and 2.44 m (8 ft.) high goal. One field each will be available at Drake Stadium and the North Athletic Field. Games will consist of two 25-minute halves with a five-minute halftime break.

Ties will be allowed during pool play. For elimination games tied at the end of regulation time, a 10-minute overtime will be played, and if still tied, a three-round penalty kick shoot-out will be used.

An athlete may enter only one competition. Team sizes are limited to 10 for 5-a-side, 12 for 7-a-side and 16 for 11-a-side.

Venues:

UCLA has a storied football tradition and so is a logical choice for the 2015 World Games tournaments. Drake Stadium opened in 1969 as a state-of-the-art track & field facility and hosted the 1972 Special Olympics International Summer Games competition. However, it was converted to dual use with soccer in 2000 – the pitch was renamed as Frank W. Marshall Field – and has been host to multiple NCAA tournament matches since then.

The North Athletic Field was used as the soccer home for UCLA prior to the Drake Stadium renovation and some matches are still held there. The UCLA Intramural Field, located between Drake Stadium and the North Athletic Field, has been converted to AstroTurf in a major renovation project completed in May 2015.

The Football/11-a-side competitions will be presented by LA2015 partner Microsoft, while the 5-a-side competitions will be presented by OUE Skyspace Los Angeles..

Operated by the City of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation Department, the giant Balboa Sports Center in Encino (north of UCLA) is part of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. It includes 11 full-size and two smaller-sized soccer fields, plus baseball fields, a gymnasium, adjacent golf course and much more. The fields were completely renovated in 2013.

4.13 Golf

Added at the 1995 World Games in New Haven, Connecticut, golf is a popular Los Angeles pastime. The historic Harding and Wilson courses in Griffith Park will be the site of the 2015 World Games events.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Golf: Rod Bailey
- SOI Technical Delegate: Alana-Marie Brahler (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Martin Briede (RSA)

Events:

Five events are slated for the 2015 Golf program:

- Individual Skills
- Individual 9-hole Stroke Play (36-hole tournament)
- Individual 18-hole Stroke Play (72-hole tournament)
- Team Alternate-Shot 9-hole (36-hole tournament)
- Unified Sports 18-hole Team (72-hole tournament)

Athletes can register for only one event.

Format:

The Individual 9-hole and Team Alternate-Shot events will be held over four rounds (36-hole tournaments). The Individual 18-hole and Unified Sports Team events will also be held over four rounds (72-hole tournaments).

Venues:

Griffith Park has been a key feature of Los Angeles life since Col. Griffith J. Griffith donated 3,015 acres (1,220 hectares) to the City way back in 1896. The park has been expanded and now covers 4,310 acres (1,744 hectares), more than five times the size of New York’s Central Park (843 acres/341 hectares).

The golf courses are busy year-round, named for U.S. Presidents Woodrow Wilson (served 1913-21) and Warren G. Harding (1921-23). The Harding Memorial Golf Course opened in 1923, but named for the late U.S. President in the year following his death. The Wilson course – Municipal Golf Course No. 2 in the City of Los Angeles – also opened in 1923 and was named for Wilson later.

The Harding course is a par 72 for men and par 73 for women; course lengths are 6,679 yards from the Black tees; 6,450 from Blue; 6,246 from White and 5,658 from Yellow (used for the World Games).

Wilson is a par-72 for men and par-74 for women; course lengths are 6,967 from the Black tees; 6,685 from Blue; 6,442 from White and 5,525 from Yellow (used for the World Games).

4.14 Gymnastics – Artistic

One of the most celebrated disciplines in any multi-sport games, gymnastics first appeared at the Special Olympics International Summer Games in 1972 in Los Angeles, and has been part of the World Games program since the first official edition in 1975. Collins Court at the John Wooden Center at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) will be the site for artistic gymnastics at the 2015 World Games.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Gymnastics: Maureen Miller
- SOI Technical Delegate/Men: George Krenk (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate/Men: Enzo Fulgieri (ITA)
- SOI Technical Delegate/Women: Kirsten Dunn (AUS)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate/Women: Deborah Pastorelli (ITA)

Events:

Men’s events include the full program of Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bars and All Around competition (7). Women’s events include the Vault, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise and All Around (5). For each event, four levels of competition will be offered, although an athlete can only compete in a single level.

Format:

The final placements will be calculated from 25% of the preliminary-round score and 75% of the final-round score.

The All Around score for placement will be the combined final scores of all of an athlete's individual-apparatus scores. An athlete may enter as many events as desired within a given level.

Venue:

Opened in 1983, the John Wooden Center is a two-story recreation and sports training facility on the UCLA campus. It was the training and warm-up site for gymnastics at the 1984 Olympic Games, expanded in 2001 and 2004, and is today an irreplaceable part of campus life with more than one million usages by UCLA students, faculty and staff annually. It is named for UCLA's legendary basketball coach, John Wooden, who won 10 NCAA men's basketball championships from 1964-75.

Collins Court, named for long-time UCLA supporters Jim and Carol Collins, is the main spectator facility inside the Wooden Center, with three basketball courts and retractable seating for 1,808.

4.15 Gymnastics – Rhythmic

Rhythmic gymnastics debuted as an Olympic sport in Los Angeles in 1984 and was added by Special Olympics as an approved sport in 1990. For the 2015 World Games, rhythmic gymnastics will be held at Collins Court inside the John Wooden Center at UCLA.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Gymnastics: Maureen Miller
- SOI Technical Delegate: Ashley Powell (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Cindy Hoover (CAN)

Events:

All of the standard events – Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon and All Around – will be offered, in multiple levels. Levels 1, 2 and 3 are for compulsory routines, with Level 4 consisting of optional routines using personal choreography and music. For each event:

- Rope: Levels 1, 3
- Hoop: Levels 1, 2, 4
- Ball: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- Clubs: Levels 2, 3, 4
- Ribbon: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- All Around: Levels 1, 2, 3, 4

New for 2015 will be group events in Floor Exercise and Ball, with compulsory routines for four or six entrants per team.

Format:

The final placements will be calculated from 25% of the preliminary-round score and 75% of the final-round score.

The All Around score for placement will be the combined final scores of all of an athlete's individual-apparatus scores. An athlete may enter up to four individual events (and if in all four, the All Around) within a given level, plus a group event if within the same level.

Venue:

Please see the description under Gymnastics – Artistic above. A standard mat of 13 m (approx. 42 feet, 8 inches) square will be used for all Rhythmic Gymnastics events.

4.16 Handball

Introduced into the World Games program in 1991 in Minneapolis & St. Paul, Handball will be held in the massive South Hall of the Los Angeles Convention Center in 2015.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Handball: Michael Hinson
- SOI Technical Delegate: George S. Bebetos (GRE)

Events:

Team competitions (seven-per-side) for men and women will be offered. The maximum team roster size is 12 players.

Format:

Three men's divisions and two women's divisions, each of four teams. are anticipated. Matches will be played on a standard handball surface of 40 x 20 m (131-3 x 65-7 ft.) court.

Venue:

Please see the Badminton section for information on the Los Angeles Convention Center South Hall.

The Los Angeles Convention Center competitions will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.17 Judo

Added to the Olympic Games program in 1964, Judo became part of the World Games in 2003 in Dublin, Ireland. It will be contested at the Student Activities Center at UCLA in 2015.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Judo: Kenji Osugi
- SOI Technical Delegate: Tomas Rundqvist (SWE)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Tryphon Peppas (GRE)

Events:

Multiple weight categories will be offered in three different skill levels (1, 2 and 3) for 2015:

Men:	< 60 kg (<132 lbs.)	60-66 kg 132-146	66-73 kg 146-161	73-81 kg 161-179	81-90 kg 179-198	90-100 kg 198-220	100 kg+ 220+)
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Women:	< 48 kg (<106 lbs.)	48-52 kg 106-115	52-57 kg 115-126	57-63 kg 126-139	63-70 kg 139-154	70-78 kg 154-172	78 kg+ 172+)
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Format:

Athletes must be at least 16 years old to compete in Judo. Two standard tatamis will be used for competition. Athletes will be differentiated by red or white belts for each bout, supplied by LA2015.

For divisions of five or less, competition will proceed in a round-robin format. For divisions with 6-8 entrants, two pools will be formed and a round-robin competition will ensue within each pool, to be followed by semifinals and a final to determine final placement.

Venue:

Completed in 1932 in a stately Italian Romanesque style, the Men's Gym was one of the eight original buildings on UCLA's Westwood campus that opened in 1929. Seven decades later, UCLA students voted to give it a new, student-focused identity and, in January 2004, the Men's Gym was reborn as the Student Activities Center.

With a capacity of 2,400 seats for basketball, the facility was the principal on-campus home to UCLA sports teams and events for decades, giving way to Pauley Pavilion upon its opening in 1965. The complex includes the gymnasium, locker rooms, an outdoor swimming pool and meeting rooms.

4.18 Kayaking

Kayaking is listed as a "recognized" Special Olympics sport and first appeared on the World Games sports program in Dublin, Ireland in 2003. For the 2015 edition, the historic Long Beach Marine Stadium will be used.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Kayaking: AnthonyC. DuPont
- SOI Technical Delegate: Georgia Griva (GRE)

Events:

The Kayaking program for the 2015 World Games includes four different programs:

- Tourist Kayak (KT) Singles: KT-1: 200 m, 500 m
- Tourist Kayak (KT) Doubles: KT-2: 200 m, 500 m
- Unified Sports Tourist Kayak (KT) Doubles: KT-2: 200 m, 500 m
- Unified Sports Prof'ss'l Kayak (K) Doubles: K-2: 200 m

Athletes may enter up to three events.

Format:

Six lanes of 12.5 m each (41 ft. each) will be available for racing, therefore all divisions will be made up of between 3-6 competitors.

LA2015 will provide the kayaks for the competition, offering:

- Singles: Prijon Cruiser 320 Size: 323 x 70 cm (10 ft., 7 inches x 27.5 inches)
Weight: 22 kg (49 lbs.)
Capacity: Up to 135 kg (298 lbs.)
- Doubles: Prijon Cruiser II Size: 470 x 69 cm (15 ft., 5 inches x 27 inches)
Weight: 34 kg (75 lbs.)
Capacity: Up to 240 kg (529 lbs.)

Made in Rosenheim, Germany, Prijon Cruiser kayaks are made of High-Performance Thermoplast (HTP), a high-quality material that resists abrasion yet remains lightweight.

Venue:

The Long Beach Marine Stadium was the site for the rowing competition at the Games of the Xth Olympiad, held in Los Angeles in 1932. It continues to be a popular recreational rowing, kayaking and canoeing venue today, and was proposed to be renovated to serve as the canoeing, kayaking and rowing venue for the Los Angeles bids for the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games.



Although the facility offers more than 1,000 m of clear water, a confined course of 500 m will be set up for the 2015 World Games:

4.19 Powerlifting

A relatively new sport, Powerlifting emerged in 1971 and the International Powerlifting Federation was formed in 1973. The sport was added to the World Games program in 1991 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and will be held in the Concourse Hall of the Los Angeles Convention Center in 2015.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Director/Powerlifting: Shawn Banks
- SOI Technical Delegate: Richard Frazier (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: William Clelland (GBR)

Events:

Five events will be available for men and women: Squat, Bench Press, Deadlift, Combined Bench Press and Deadlift, and Combined Squat, Bench Press and Deadlift. Athletes must be at least 14 years old to participate, and must compete in all three lifts.

Format:

There will be three weight classes each for men and women: Light, Medium and Heavy, with each division formed by reference to the athlete's pre-Games qualifying score. Competition will take place on a raised platform of 30 by 60 feet (9.14 x 18.29 m), three feet (0.92 m) off the ground.

Venue:

Opened in 1971, the Los Angeles Convention Center attracts more than 2.5 million visitors annually and is renowned as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. The LACC is a model environment-friendly facility, holding the prestigious U.S. Green Building Council's LEED-EB GOLD Certification.

It was significantly expanded in 1993 with the addition of the South Hall, Concourse Hall and other features. The Concourse Hall, in which the Powerlifting events will take place, spans 26,342 sq. ft (2,447 sq. m).

The Los Angeles Convention Center competitions will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.20 Roller Skating

Added to the World Games program at the New Haven Games of 1995, Roller Skating is offered in multiple formats: artistic, speed and hockey. For 2015, only speed events will be held, inside the South Hall of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Roller Skating: Heather Lacayo-Naece
- SOI Technical Delegate: Tony Williams (USA)

Events:

Two categories of events will be offered:

Category 1 (2): 30 m straight-line, 30 m slalom;

Category 2 (7): 100 m Race the Track, 300 m Race the Track, 500 m Race the Track, 1,000 Race the Track, 2 x 100 m Relay, 2 x 200 m Relay, 4 x 100 m Relay.

An athlete may compete in only one category, but may enter a maximum of three events, including relays.

Format:

Events will take place on a 100 m-long oval over a footprint of approximately 80 feet (24.38 m) wide and 160 feet (48.78 m) long.

Venue:

Please see the Badminton section for information on the Los Angeles Convention Center South Hall.

The Los Angeles Convention Center competitions will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.21 Sailing

The ancient sport of sailing was incorporated into the World Games sports program at the 1995 Games in New Haven, Connecticut. The famed waters off of Long Beach, California's Belmont Pier will be the site of the 2015 competitions.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Sailing: Mike Segerbloom
- SOI Technical Delegate: Jack Yoes (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Nic Jones (GBR)

Events:

Five categories of events are offered, each with special rules:

Category 1: Unified Sports Team (2-person): The Special Olympics athlete member of the crew will have complete responsibility of head sail trim.

Category 2: Unified Sports Team (2-person): A Special Olympics athlete member of the crew shall control the helm for at least 50% of the race.

Category 3: Team Competition (2-person) with Coach: All team members are Special Olympics athletes with an onboard coach. The athletes have complete control of the boat. The coach can offer verbal assistance.

Category 4: Team Competition (2-person): The entire team consists of Special Olympics athletes (no coach will be on board).

Category 5: Individual Competition: Special Olympics athletes compete alone.

Format:

Athletes may enter in one level only. Category 1, 2 and 4 competitions will sail in Club Flying Junior boats (two persons; length 13 ft./3.97 m); Category 3 competitions will use Modified Cal 20 boats (three persons; length: 20 ft./6.1 m); Category 5 competitions will use International Laser Class 4.7 boats (length 13 ft., 10 inches/4.06 m).

All entrants will race once in the Divisioning phase, with the competition phase made up of two races.

Venue:

The Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier in Long Beach will be the headquarters for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games sailing events. The Long Beach area is justly famous to sailors worldwide as the site of the 1984 Olympic Regatta and the annual Olympic Classes Regatta. For the World Games, sailing will take place inside the Alamitos Bay breakwater, ensuring safe conditions for the competitors.

The pier itself opened in 1915 to serve the Belmont Heights community, but became a highly popular Southern California attraction. Renovated and extended in 1951, the original wooden pier was replaced by a concrete structure just to the east in 1967. The pier now measures 1,620 feet long (494 m) and continues to serve fisherman, sailors, tourists and a water taxi service.

4.22 Softball

One of the early sports to join the World Games, softball debuted at the 1979 World Games held in Brockport, New York. In Los Angeles, famed Easton Stadium – home to the 11-time NCAA women’s softball champion UCLA Bruins – will be the host for softball for the 2015 World Games.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Softball: Ruby Rojas
- SOI Technical Delegate: Laurie Gouthro (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Anne Constantinides (GRE)

Events:

A team, slow-pitch competition for men only will be held. A maximum of 15 players can be on a team.

Format:

Once set into divisions of 3-6 teams, tournament play will include round-robin pool play, followed by a medal round. Games will consist of seven innings or a maximum of 75 minutes.

Venue:

Softball is an NCAA sport for women only, and UCLA played its games at Sunset Field at the northeast end of the campus beginning in 1979. That facility was renamed as Easton Stadium in 1994 and remains the home of the softball Bruins today. The conversion was made possible by a

donation from UCLA alumnus and U.S. member of the International Olympic Committee, Jim Easton, who also served as the Mayor of the UCLA Village for the 1984 Olympic Games.

A major renovation in 2005 increased the seating capacity to 1,328 and added many athletic and fan amenities.

The Softball competition will be presented by LA2015 partner Toys 'R' Us.

4.23 Table Tennis

Added to the Olympic program in 1988, Table Tennis at the World Games started earlier, in 1987 in South Bend, Indiana (USA). For 2015, the sport will be hosted in the South Hall of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Table Tennis: Alex Figueroa
- SOI Technical Delegate: Roldan Rivera (PAN)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Lua Bee Yueh (MSA)

Events:

Four events will be offered: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Unified Sports Doubles. Athletes may register for up to three events if desired.

Format:

The South Hall Table Tennis field of play will offer 22 tables. Divisioning matches will be held in the best-of-3 format, while competition matches will be best-of-5 (subject to time limits).

Venue:

Please see the Badminton section for information on the Los Angeles Convention Center South Hall.

The Los Angeles Convention Center competitions will be presented by LA2015 partner Toyota.

4.24 Tennis

Tennis was added to the World Games program in 1987 in South Bend, Indiana (USA). For 2015, competition will be held at the Los Angeles Tennis Center (LATC) on the campus of UCLA.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Tennis: Bob Wiebe
- SOI Technical Delegate: Teresa Leitao (BRA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Nancy Hoekstra (USA)

Events:

Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Unified Sports Doubles will be offered at the 2015 World Games in four levels: 2, 3, 4 and 5. Athletes may participate in two events.

Level 2 competitions will use 42-foot (12.80 m) courts and a red foam ball; Level 3 matches will be played on 60-foot (18.29 m) courts with an orange ball; Level 4 and 5 matches will be played on a standard 78-foot (23.78 m) courts with a green (L. 4) or yellow (L. 5) ball.

Format:

Level 2 matches will consist of one six-game No-Ad set; Level 3-4-5 matches will be two of three short sets (first to four games, but must win by two games). In Level 5 matches between players rated at 6.0+, matches will be best-of-3 six-game sets.

Venue:

Site of the 1984 Olympic demonstration competition that led to the sport's re-inclusion in the Olympic program in 1988, the Los Angeles Tennis Center offers eight hard courts with complete support facilities. Opened in 1984, it is the home of the UCLA men's and women's tennis teams and was the site of ATP World Tour events through 2012.

The main court, known as Straus Stadium for lead donor Leonard Straus (long-time chairman of Thrifty Corporation in Los Angeles), has a seating capacity of 5,800.

The Tennis competition will be presented by LA2015 partner The Walt Disney Company.

4.25 Triathlon

Designated as a demonstration sport, triathlon will make its World Games debut in 2015 in one of its traditional homes, Los Angeles. Full competition honors, including medals and ribbons for the participants, will be included.

The competition management team includes:

- Competition Manager/Triathlon: Jonathan Pauley
- SOI Technical Delegate: Wendy Scholten (NED)

Events:

The triathlon competition will take place as a single event, on 26 July 2015, in Long Beach, California. Divisioning will take place based on registration data. A total of 19 athletes are entered.

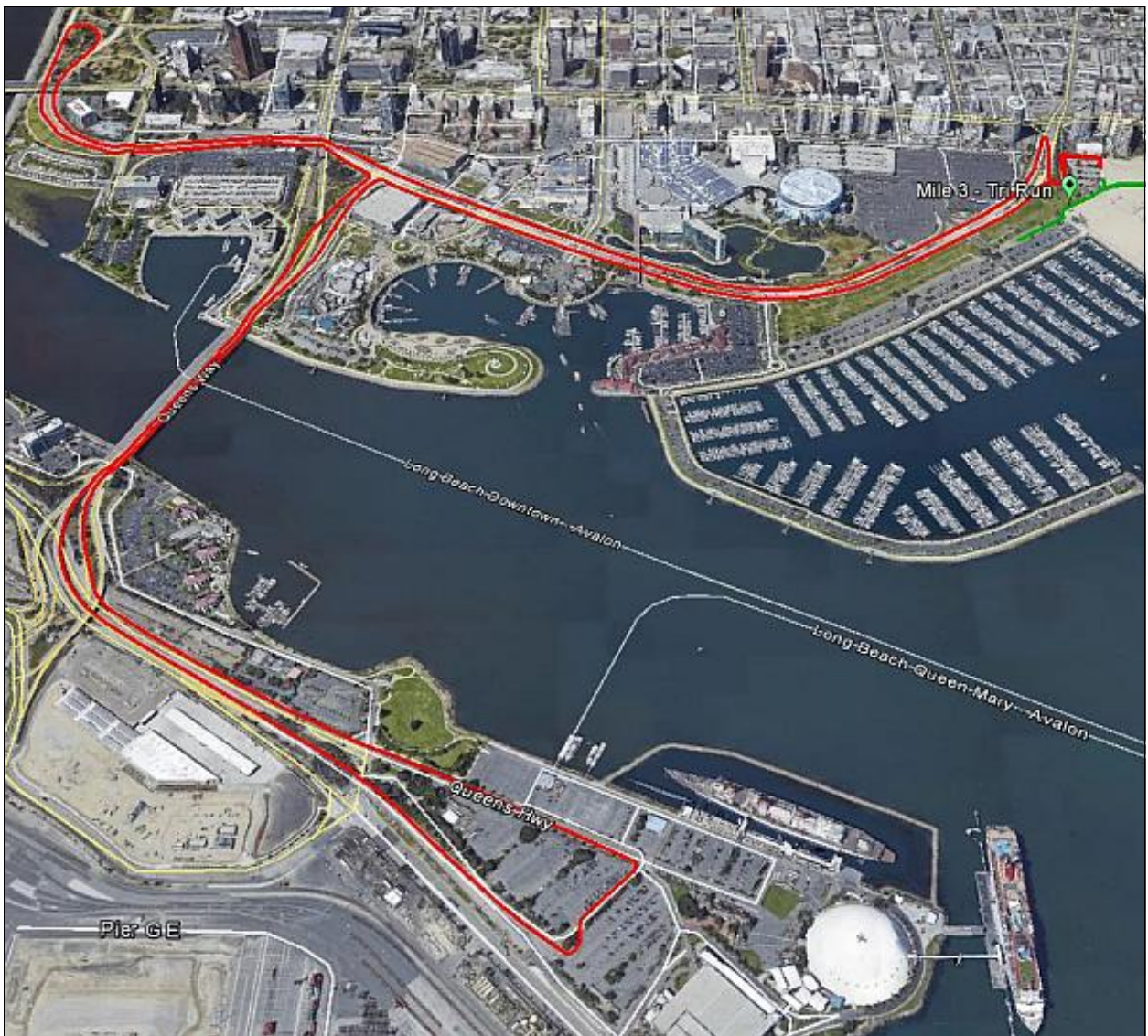
Format:

Although the exact course is subject to change, current planning shows that the event will begin with a (1) single-loop, open-water swim in Alamitos Bay of 805 m (half mile). The (2) cycling portion of 17.7 km (11 miles) will take place mostly on West Shoreline Drive, Queens Way and the Queens Highway (passing close by the iconic Queen Mary ocean liner and Carnival Cruise Lines dock), with two loops of the course. The (3) run phase of 5 km (3.1 miles) will take place along Alamitos Beach.

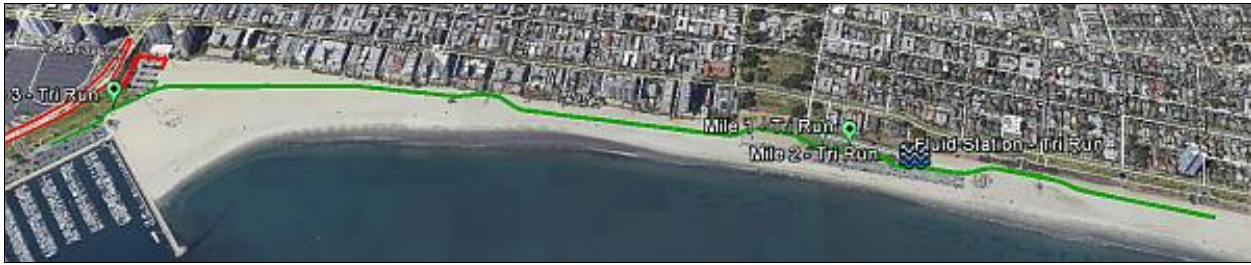
The course, by section:



2015 Special Olympics World Games Triathlon: Open Water Swim course



2015 Special Olympics World Games Triathlon: Bike Course



*2015 Special Olympics World Games Triathlon:
Run course, along Alamos Beach in Long Beach, California*

The triathlon is open to non-Special Olympics competitors as part of the Unified Sports Experience program. Public registration is open and up to 250 competitors (93 entered as of 1 July), on a first-come, first-served basis can register on the LA2015 Web site:

www.LA2015.org/tri

Registration fees, which include a World Games finisher medal, were \$90 through 31 May, and \$125 on a space-available basis through 24 July.

Venue:

Please see the sections on Aquatics and Cycling for more information on the Alamos Bay venues.

4.26 Volleyball (Beach & Indoor)

Volleyball was added to the Olympic program in 1964 in Tokyo, and became part of the World Games sports program in 1991 in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

For 2015, indoor volleyball will be played in Pauley Pavilion at UCLA, while beach volleyball will be contested at Alamos Beach in Long Beach, California.

The competition management team for indoor volleyball includes:

- Competition Manager/Volleyball: Jay Glicksman
- SOI Technical Delegate: Daniel Leake (USA)
- SOI Assistant Technical Delegate: Pamela O'Donnell (IRL)

The competition management team for beach volleyball includes:

- Competition Manager/Beach Volleyball: Aneka Sakovich
- SOI Technical Delegate: Nikolaos Sofianos (GRE)

Events:

Indoor volleyball will offer 6-a-side team competitions for men and women, and a Unified Sports Team competition. Beach volleyball will include only a Unified Sports Mixed Team event. Athletes may participate in one event only.

Format:

In indoor play, the Divisioning process will be used to create groups of 3-5 teams. Once set into divisions for the seeding round, all teams in each division will play each other. The seeding round results will then be used to form the medal round. Teams may be made up of not more than 12 players. Standard court size (9 x 19 m or 29-6 x 59 feet) and net heights will be used, with six courts arranged on the Pauley Pavilion floor.

For beach volleyball, a Unified Sports Mixed Team (4-on-4) Competition will be offered. Divisions of 3-6 teams will be formed for pool play. Matches will be 2-of-3 sets to 15 points (must win by two). The placement of each team in its pool will determine its advancement to the classification round, with the four best competing for overall places 1-4, the second group for places 5-8, and third group for places 9-12.

Venues:

UCLA's Pauley Pavilion has long been a showcase for outstanding Bruin basketball and volleyball teams. Opened in 1965, UCLA teams have won 38 national championships in the two sports combined, including 19 in men's volleyball and seven in women's volleyball. The facility was extensively renovated, at a cost of \$136 million, from 2010-12 and now seats 13,800 spectators (11,307 in permanent seats and 2,492 in retractable bleachers).

The building is named for Edwin W. Pauley, who provided the lead gift for the original construction. The facility's floor is known as "Nell and John Wooden Court" for the legendary, 10-time-NCAA champion UCLA basketball coach John Wooden and his wife Nell.

The Volleyball competition will be presented by LA2015 partner Kaiser Permanente.

Beach volleyball will be played at existing courts on Alamitos Beach in Long Beach, California. A popular site for players from casual ability up to Olympians, two competition courts will be provided along with one warm-up court.

4.27 Unified Sports®

Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. For the 2015 World Games, two types of Unified Sports programs will be held: Unified Sports competitions and Unified Sports Experiences.



Unified Sports competitions:

A part of the regular sports program, a total 24 Unified Sports events will be held over 13 different sports:

Aquatics:	Open Water 1500 m	Kayaking:	Doubles Tourist 500 m
Badminton:	Mixed Doubles	Kayaking:	Doubles Professional 200 m
Basketball:	Team Competition	Kayaking:	Doubles Professional 500 m
Bocce:	Doubles Competition	Sailing:	Team Level 1
Bocce:	Team Competition	Sailing:	Team Level 2
Bowling:	Doubles	Table Tennis:	Doubles
Bowling:	Team	Tennis:	Doubles Level 2 (Red ball)
Football:	5-a-side Team	Tennis:	Doubles Level 3 (Orange ball)
Football:	7-a-Side Team	Tennis:	Doubles Level 4 (Green ball)
Football:	11-a-Side Team	Tennis:	Doubles Level 5 (Yellow ball)
Golf:	Team (18-hole)	Volleyball:	Beach Team
Kayaking:	Doubles Tourist 200 m	Volleyball:	Indoor Team

Participants in these events will receive finisher medals or ribbons, depending on their placements.

Unified Sports Experience:

The Special Olympics Unified Sports Experiences (USE) bring together Special Olympics Athletes, dignitaries and celebrities, in non-official sports competition exhibitions to showcase the talents and abilities of Special Olympics Athletes.

These events spotlight the importance of inclusion, sportsmanship and friendship. It aims to change perceptions and break down barriers for people with intellectual disabilities, by uniting people in the joy of competition. The 16-event USE schedule (as of 1 July 2015):

- 26 July:

Triathlon	Long Beach/Alamitos Beach	8:00 a.m.
	(30 Special Olympics Athletes + ~250 USE athletes = ~280 total)	
Softball	UCLA/Easton Stadium	5:00 p.m.
	(15 Special Olympics Athletes + 15 USE athletes = 30 total, in two teams of 15; 45-minute, slow-pitch game)	
- 27 July:

Golf	Griffith Park	1:00 p.m.
	(18 Special Olympics Athletes + 54 USE athletes = 72 total)	
	(Competition format: 9-hole Shotgun Start for 18 foursomes, in two groups, starting from holes 1 and 10)	
Badminton	L.A. Convention Center/South Hall	2:00 p.m.
	(16 Special Olympics Athletes + 16 USE athletes = 32 total, in 16 pairs, playing 15-minute games in three rounds – first round, semi-finals and finals)	
Basketball	USC/Galen Center	3:00 p.m.
	(48 Special Olympics Athletes + 48 USE athletes = 96 total, in 16 teams of 6, playing two, 12-minute halves, with running clock, in two rounds)	
Bocce	L.A. Convention Center/South Hall	6:00 p.m.
	(32 Special Olympics Athletes + 32 USE athletes = 64 total, in 16 teams of 4, playing 15-minute matches for 3 rounds)	

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- 28 July: Football/5-a-side UCLA/Intramural Field 4:00 p.m.
 (60 Special Olympics Athletes + 60 USE athletes = 120 total, for 24 teams, playing two, 15-minute halves)
- 29 July: Bowling Lucky Strike Lanes at L.A. LIVE 1:00 p.m.
 (20 Special Olympics Athletes + 20 USE athletes = 64 total, in 16 teams of 4)

 Kayaking Long Beach/Marine Stadium 1:00 p.m.
 (12 Special Olympics Athletes + 12 USE athletes = 24 total, in pairs, over a 200 m course)

 Roller Skating L.A. Convention Center/South Hall 3:30 p.m.
 (12 Special Olympics Athletes + 12 USE athletes = 24 total, in 4 teams of 6 in a 4x100 m relay)

 Beach Volleyball Long Beach/Alamitos Beach 6:00 p.m.
 (12 Special Olympics Athletes + 24 USE athletes = 36 total, in teams of 4)
- 30 July: Volleyball UCLA/Pauley Pavilion 2:00 p.m.
 (60 Special Olympics Athletes + 60 USE athletes = 120 total, in 12 teams of 10, playing two matches of 25 minutes each)

 Sailing Long Beach/Belmont Pier 2:00 p.m.
 (8 Special Olympics Athletes + 8 USE athletes = 16 total, in 4 teams of 4, using Modified Cal 20 sailboats)
 (Modified Cal 20 boats are dinghy class, 20 ft./6.1 m in length, holding up to four people)

 Tennis UCLA/L.A. Tennis Center 5:00 p.m.
 (16 Special Olympics Athletes + 16 USE athletes = 32 total, in 16 doubles teams, playing one set of 4 games. Match-tie break with a 15-minute time limit or 10 points)
- 31 July: Table Tennis L.A. Convention Center/South Hall 7:00 p.m.
 (40 Special Olympics Athletes + 40 USE athletes = 80 total, in 40 doubles teams, playing 15-minute games in three rounds – first round, semi-finals and finals)
- 01 August: Athletics/Half Marathon Long Beach/Alamitos Beach 8:00 a.m.
 (50 Special Olympics Athletes + ~250 USE athletes = ~ 300 total)

The USE program at Basketball, Bowling, Bocce, Football/5-a-side, Golf, Roller Skating, Tennis and Volleyball will be preceded by a special “My First Sports Moment” program for young children (ages 2-7), presented by LA2015 partner Toys”R”Us.

An exciting aspect of the USE program for the 2015 World Games is the ability of fans to participate in two programs alongside Special Olympics Athletes: Triathlon and the Half Marathon. To register, please visit:

- <http://www.LA2015.org/special-events-programs/unified-sports-experience/half-marathon>
- <http://www.LA2015.org/special-events-programs/unified-sports-experience/triathlon>

4.28 Weather

Los Angeles is world-renowned for its sunny, warm weather which has helped to make it the entertainment capital of the world. The 2015 World Games will be conducted in two primary areas:

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the Los Angeles Basin (including the Los Angeles Convention Center, USC and UCLA) and Long Beach to the south. Recent climate data from the United States National Climatological Data Center (NCDC) for both areas is shown below:

Weather Data for Los Angeles, California/Downtown Area												
Date	Averages 1980-2010	2012 Temperatures			2013 Temperatures			2014 Temperatures			2015 Sunrise	2015 Sunset
		High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.		
25 July	75 F 24 C	78 F 26 C	60 F 16 C	69 F 21 C	79 F 26 C	62 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	88 F 31 C	69 F 21 C	79 F 26 C	05:59	19:59
26 July	75 F 24 C	76 F 24 C	60 F 16 C	68 F 20 C	80 F 27 C	64 F 18 C	72 F 22 C	86 F 30 C	68 F 20 C	77 F 25 C	06:00	19:59
27 July	75 F 24 C	77 F 25 C	60 F 16 C	69 F 21 C	79 F 26 C	62 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	84 F 29 C	67 F 19 C	76 F 24 C	06:01	19:58
28 July	75 F 24 C	79 F 26 C	59 F 15 C	69 F 21 C	76 F 24 C	63 F 17 C	70 F 21 C	88 F 31 C	68 F 20 C	78 F 26 C	06:01	19:57
29 July	75 F 24 C	79 F 26 C	60 F 16 C	70 F 21 C	77 F 25 C	63 F 17 C	70 F 21 C	88 F 31 C	68 F 20 C	78 F 26 C	06:02	19:56
30 July	75 F 24 C	79 F 26 C	62 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	76 F 24 C	62 F 17 C	69 F 21 C	90 F 32 C	68 F 20 C	79 F 26 C	05:03	19:56
31 July	75 F 24 C	82 F 28 C	62 F 17 C	72 F 22 C	73 F 23 C	62 F 17 C	68 F 20 C	87 F 31 C	67 F 19 C	77 F 25 C	06:04	19:55
1 August	75 F 24 C	80 F 27 C	63 F 17 C	72 F 22 C	74 F 23 C	62 F 17 C	68 F 20 C	85 F 29 C	66 F 19 C	76 F 24 C	06:04	19:54
2 August	75 F 24 C	82 F 28 C	61 F 16 C	72 F 22 C	76 F 24 C	62 F 17 C	69 F 21 C	90 F 32 C	65 F 18 C	78 F 26 C	06:05	19:53
Total rainfall in period:		0			0			0.02 inches 0.5 mm				
Mean relative humidity:		0700: 81% - 1000: 68% - 1300: 65% - 1600: 68% - 1900: 79% - 2200: 83%										

Times shown are for the Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) zone.

Weather Data for Long Beach, California/Airport Area												
Date	Normals 1980-2010	2012 Temperatures			2013 Temperatures			2014 Temperatures			2015 Sunrise	2015 Sunset
		High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.		
25 July	74 F 23 C	79 F 26 C	59 F 15 C	69 F 21 C	80 F 27 C	63 F 17 C	72 F 22 C	79 F 26 C	69 F 21 C	74 F 23 C	05:59	19:58
26 July	74 F 23 C	76 F 24 C	57 F 14 C	67 F 19 C	84 F 29 C	65 F 18 C	75 F 24 C	86 F 30 C	68 F 20 C	77 F 25 C	06:00	19:58
27 July	74 F 23 C	75 F 24 C	57 F 14 C	66 F 19 C	81 F 27 C	64 F 18 C	73 F 23 C	86 F 30 C	68 F 20 C	77 F 25 C	06:01	19:57
28 July	75 F 24 C	83 F 28 C	58 F 14 C	71 F 22 C	74 F 23 C	62 F 17 C	68 F 20 C	90 F 32 C	70 F 20 C	80 F 27 C	06:02	19:56

Weather Data for Long Beach, California/Airport Area												
Date	Normals 1980-2010	2012 Temperatures			2013 Temperatures			2014 Temperatures			2015 Sunrise	2015 Sunset
		High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.	High	Low	Avg.		
29 July	75 F 24 C	76 F 24 C	56 F 13 C	66 F 19 C	78 F 26 C	63 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	87 F 31 C	68 F 20 C	78 F 26 C	06:02	19:55
30 July	75 F 24 C	74 F 23 C	59 F 15 C	67 F 19 C	78 F 26 C	63 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	88 F 31 C	69 F 21 C	79 F 26 C	06:03	19:55
31 July	75 F 24 C	72 F 22 C	65 F 18 C	69 F 21 C	76 F 24 C	63 F 17 C	70 F 21 C	89 F 31 C	69 F 21 C	79 F 26 C	06:04	19:54
1 August	75 F 24 C	81 F 27 C	61 F 16 C	71 F 22 C	76 F 24 C	63 F 17 C	70 F 21 C	82 F 28 C	67 F 19 C	75 F 24 C	06:04	19:53
2 August	75 F 24 C	78 F 26 C	56 F 13 C	67 F 19 C	79 F 26 C	63 F 17 C	71 F 22 C	79 F 26 C	67 F 19 C	73 F 23 C	06:05	19:52
Total rainfall in period:		0			0.04 inches 1.02 mm			0				

Relative humidity readings for Long Beach were not available.



Special Olympics, Inc. Chair Tim Shriver formally awards the 2015 World Games to Los Angeles at Staples Center on 14 September 2011.

4.29 World Games Sports & Ceremonies Schedule

(Version 5.6 • As of 23 June 2015, but subject to change)

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>25 Jul</i>	<i>26 Jul</i>	<i>27 Jul</i>	<i>28 Jul</i>	<i>29 Jul</i>	<i>30 Jul</i>	<i>31 Jul</i>	<i>1 Aug</i>	<i>2 Aug</i>
Opening Cer.	L.A. Mem. Coliseum	●								
Aquatics-Swim	USC/Uytengsu Ctr.	Div	Div/●	Div/●	Div/●	Div/●	Div/●	Div/●	●	
Athletics-Track	USC/Loker Stadium	Div	●/Div	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	
Athletics-Road	LB/Alamitos Beach								●	
Badminton	L.A. Convention Ctr.	Train	Div	Div	Train	●	●	●	●	
Basketball	USC/Galen Center	Div	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	●	
Beach Volleyball	LB/Alamitos Beach	Train	Div	●	●	●				
Bocce	L.A. Convention Ctr.	Div	Div/●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Bowling	Lucky Strike Lanes		Div	Div/●	●	●	●	●		
Cycling	LB/Aquarium		Train	Div	Div/●	●	●	●		
Equestrian	L.A. Equestrian Ctr.	Train	Match	Match	Div	●	●	●	●	
Football/5s	UCLA/Intramural	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	●		
Football/7s	Balboa Sports Ctr.	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	●		
Football/11s	UCLA/Drake Stad.	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Golf	Griffith Park			Train	Div	Div	●	●		
Gymnast.-Art.	UCLA/Wooden Ctr.		Train	Train	Train	Train	Div	Div/●	●	
Gymnast.-Rhy.	UCLA/Wooden Ctr.	Train	Div	Div/●	●					
Handball	L.A. Convention Ctr.		Div	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Judo	UCLA/Stu. Act. Ctr.			Train	Div	●	●	●		
Kayaking	LB/Marine Stadium			Train	Div	Div	●	●		
Open Water	LB/Alamitos Beach	Train	Div				●			
Powerlifting	L.A. Convention Ctr.		Train	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Roller Skating	L.A. Convention Ctr.	Train	Div	Div	●	●	●			
Sailing	LB/Belmont Pier		Train	Div	●	●		●	●	
Softball	UCLA/Easton Stad.	Train	Div	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	
Table Tennis	L.A. Convention Ctr.	Train	Div	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	
Tennis	UCLA/Tennis Ctr.	Div	Div	Div	Div	●	●	●	●	
Triathlon	LB/Alamitos Beach		●							
Volleyball	UCLA/Pauley Pavil.	Train	Div	Div	Div	MATP	●	●	●	
Closing Cer.	L.A. Mem. Coliseum									●

(Key: Div = Divisioning • Train = Training • Div/● = Divisioning & Competition on same day)

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Daily sports schedules, grouped by hub (version 5.6: as of 23 June), are as follows, but subject to change. For consistency of reference, a 24-hour clock (military time) is used:

Abbreviations: Comp.: = Competition Division: = Divisioning Train: = Training
 MATP = Motor Activities Training Program (volleyball) Match = Matching
 USE = Unified Sports Experience (exhibition)

<i>Sport Schedules</i>	<i>25 Jul</i>	<i>26 Jul</i>	<i>27 Jul</i>	<i>28 Jul</i>	<i>29 Jul</i>	<i>30 Jul</i>	<i>31 Jul</i>	<i>1 Aug</i>
<i>Hub: Griffith Park area</i>								
Equestrian	Train: 900-1200	Match: 900-1200 1300-1800	Match: 900-1200 1300-1800	Division: 900-1200 1330-1630	Comp.: 900-1200 1330-1630	Comp.: 900-1200 1330-1630	Comp.: 900-1200 1330-1630	Comp.: 900-1230
Golf			Train: 730-1130 USE: 1230-1600	Division: 830-1500	Division: 830-1500	Comp.: 830-1500	Comp.: 830-1500	
<i>Hub: Los Angeles Convention Center area</i>								
Badminton	Train: 800-1200	Division: 900-1700	Division: 900-1300 USE: 1400-1600	Train: 900-1200 1300-1700	Comp.: 900-1730	Comp.: 900-1730	Comp.: 900-1730	Comp.: 900-1830
Bocce	Division: 900-1200	Division: 900-1100 Comp: 1000-1730	Comp.: 900-1200 1200-1730 USE: 1730-2000	Comp.: 900-1800	Comp.: 900-1800	Comp.: 900-1800	Comp.: 900-1800	Comp.: 900-1800
Handball		Division: 900-1700	Comp.: 1000-2000	Comp.: 1000-2000	Comp.: 1000-2000	Comp.: 1000-2000	Comp.: 1000-2000	Comp.: 900-1900
Powerlifting		Train: 1000-1600	Division: 700-900 1100-1300 Comp.: 900-1300 1300-1700	Division: 700-900 1100-1300 Comp.: 900-1300 1300-1700	Division: 700-900 1100-1300 Comp.: 900-1300 1300-1700	Division: 700-900 1100-1300 Comp.: 900-1300 1300-1700	Division: 700-900 1300-1500 Comp.: 900-1300 1500-1900	Division: 700-900 1300-1500 Comp.: 900-1300 1500-1900
Roller Skating	Train: 830-1200	Division: 930-1230 1330-1600	Division: 930-1300 1400-1600	Comp.: 1030-1200 1330-1530	Comp.: 930-1130 1300-1430 USE: 1500-1730	Comp.: 1000-1130 1300-1500		
Table Tennis	Train: 900-1200	Division: 900-1200 1400-1800	Division: 900-1200 1400-1800	Division: 1400-1800	Comp.: 900-1200 1400-1800	Comp.: 900-1200 1400-1800	Comp.: 900-1200 1400-1800 USE 1900-2100	Comp.: 900-1200 1400-1800

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<i>Sport Schedules</i>	<i>25 Jul</i>	<i>26 Jul</i>	<i>27 Jul</i>	<i>28 Jul</i>	<i>29 Jul</i>	<i>30 Jul</i>	<i>31 Jul</i>	<i>1 Aug</i>
Bowling		Division: 900-1700	Division: 900-1130 Comp.: 1200-1430 1500-1730	Comp.: 900-1415 1430-1945	Comp.: 900-1130 USE: 1230-1500	Comp.: 900-1130 1300-1530	Comp.: 1000-1230 1300-1530	
<i>Hub: Long Beach area</i>								
Athletics (Half Marathon)								Comp.: (w/USE) 800-1100
Beach Volleyball	Train: 900-1130	Division: 1000-1300	Comp.: 900-1315	Comp.: 900-1330	Comp.: 1430-1630 USE: 1800-2000			
Cycling		Train: 1330-1630	Division: 1000-1515	Div/Comp: 900-1600	Comp.: 900-1530	Comp.: 900-1130 1345-1600	Comp.: 900-1500	
Kayaking			Train: 900-1200	Division: 900-1200	Division: 900-1200 USE: 1300-1500	Comp.: 900-1200	Comp.: 900-1230	
Open Water Swimming	Train: 800-1030	Division: 1200-1500				Comp.: 1200-1430		
Sailing		Train: 1430-1730	Division: 1100-1400 1430-1730	Comp.: 1100-1400 1430-1730	Comp.: 1100-1400 1430-1730	USE: 1400-1800	Comp.: 1100-1400 1430-1730	Comp.: 1100-1500
Triathlon		Comp.: (w/USE) 800-1100						
<i>Hub: UCLA</i>								
Football/5-a-side	Division: 900-1045	Division: 1100-1515	Comp.: 900-1335	Comp.: 900-1335 USE: 1530-1800	Comp.: 900-1335	Comp.: 900-1335	Comp.: 900-1335	
Football/11-a-side (Drake Stadium and North Athletic Field)	Division: 900-1205	Division: 1100-1645	Comp.: 900-1430	Comp.: 900-1430	Comp.: 900-1430	Comp.: 900-1430	Comp.: 900-1430	Comp.: 900-1100
Gymnastics/ Artistic		Train: 1000-1730 (Pardee) Gym	Train: 900-1800 (Pardee) Gym	Train: 900-1730 (Pardee) Gym	Train: 830-1500	Division: 1000-1130 1400-1530 1700-1830	Division: 900-1000 Comp.: 1130-1300 1430-1600	Comp.: 900-1000 Gala: 1900-2100

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<i>Sport Schedules</i>	<i>25 Jul</i>	<i>26 Jul</i>	<i>27 Jul</i>	<i>28 Jul</i>	<i>29 Jul</i>	<i>30 Jul</i>	<i>31 Jul</i>	<i>1 Aug</i>
Gymnastics/ Rhythmic	Train: 800-1200	Division: 1000-1200 1230-1430 1530-1730 1800-1830	Division: 900-1100 1130-1330 Comp.: 1400-1830	Comp.: 900-1100 1130-1330 1500-1700 1730-1800				
Judo			Train: 1000-1400	Division: 930-1230	Comp.: 1600-1800	Comp.: 1600-1800	Comp.: 1600-1800	
Softball	Train: 900-1200	Division: 900-1630 USE: 1630-1900	Division: 900-1630	Division: 900-1630	Comp.: 830-1630	Comp.: 830-1630	Comp.: 1000-1630	Comp.: 1130-1630
Tennis	Division: 900-1200	Division: 900-1200 1300-1700	Division: 900-1200 1300-1700	Division: 900-1200 1300-1730	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1730	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1345 USE: 1700-1900	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1600	Comp.: 900-1200
Volleyball	Train: 900-1200	Division: 1200-1600 1800-2000	Division: 1000-1700	Division: 1000-1600	Young Athletes: 900-1015 MATP: 1100-1200	Comp.: 900-1400 1600-1945 USE: 1400-1600	Comp.: 900-1845	Comp.: 1000-1715
Off-site: (Balboa Sports Ctr.) Football/7-side	Division: 900-1045	Division: 1100-1515	Comp.: 900-1345	Comp.: 900-1345	Comp.: 900-1345	Comp.: 900-1345	Comp.: 900-1345	
<i>Hub: USC</i>								
Aquatics	Division: 800-1200	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1900	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1900	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1930	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1900	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1900	Division: 930-1300 Comp.: 1400-1900	Comp.: 930-1320 1430-1630
Athletics	Division: 845-1200	Comp.: 830-930 Division: 930-1200 1300-1630	Division: 900-1200 1300-1730	Division: 900-1200 1300-1730	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1630	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1630	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1730	Comp.: 900-1200 1300-1530
Basketball	Division: 800-1200	Division: 1000-2000	Division: 900-1300 USE: 1430-1700	Comp.: 900-2015	Comp.: 900-2015	Comp.: 900-2015	Comp.: 900-2015	Comp.: 900-1900

4.30 World Games Venue Map

The 2015 Special Olympics World Games will be held at 10 major competition, ceremonies and support sites in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area:



No.	Site	Activities
1	Los Angeles Convention Center (Downtown Los Angeles)	Badminton, Bocce, Handball, Powerlifting, Roller Skating, Table Tennis, Media Operations Office & Workroom
2	USC and the Memorial Coliseum (Downtown Los Angeles)	Athlete's Village, Aquatics (Swimming), Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Ceremonies (at the Coliseum), Healthy Athletes
3	UCLA (Westwood)	Athlete's Village, Football (5-a-side & 11-a-side) Gymnastics (Artistic), Gymnastics (Rhythmic,) Judo, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball
4	Long Beach/Marina Green, Alamitos Beach and the Aquarium of the Pacific	Athletics (Half Marathon), Beach Volleyball, Open Water Swimming, Triathlon and Cycling at the Aquarium of the Pacific
5	Long Beach/Belmont Pier	Sailing (Site no. hidden between nos. 4 & 6)
6	Long Beach/Marine Stadium	Kayaking
7	Griffith Park	Golf
8	Los Angeles Equestrian Center	Equestrian
9	Balboa Sports Center	Football (7-a-side)
10	Loyola Marymount University	Delegation Welcome Center (Close to Los Angeles Int'l Airport)

5.01 Entries by Delegation

Athlete nominations for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles were submitted in November 2014. As of 10 July 2015, a total of 165 delegations are slated to compete in Los Angeles with 6,321 Special Olympics Athletes and Unified Partners in total, although the exact composition and size of delegations will change right up until the start of the competitions:

<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Afghanistan	6	0	4	10
SO Albania	6	0	4	10
SO Algeria	22	0	10	32
SO American Samoa	11	3	8	22
SO Argentina	19	1	10	30
SO Armenia	5	0	4	9
SO Aruba	26	0	12	38
SO Australia	73	2	29	104
SO Austria	78	40	31	149
SO Azerbaijan	12	0	10	22
SO Bahamas	21	3	12	36
SO Bahrain	11	0	9	20
SO Bangladesh	47	10	23	80
SO Barbados	26	2	13	41
SO Belarus	5	1	3	9
SO Belgium	68	2	30	100
SO Belize	2	2	3	7
SO Benin	11	5	10	26
SO Bharat (India)	235	5	88	328
SO Bhutan	4	0	3	7
SO Bolivia	10	2	7	19
SO Bonaire	12	0	8	20

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Bosnia	15	5	9	29
SO Botswana	30	10	17	57
SO Brazil	32	6	15	53
SO Brunei Darussalam	11	0	7	18
SO Bulgaria	23	0	14	37
SO Burkina Faso	16	4	10	30
SO Cambodia	8	0	5	13
SO Canada	114	0	49	163
SO Cayman Islands	28	9	17	54
SO Chile	15	1	6	22
SO China	90	5	34	129
SO Chinese Taipei	52	6	20	78
SO Colombia	14	3	8	25
SO Costa Rica	198	18	65	281
SO Cote D'Ivoire	51	12	28	91
SO Croatia	22	0	9	31
SO Cuba	13	3	7	23
SO Curacao	16	0	7	23
SO Cyprus	39	4	18	61
SO Czech Republic	32	14	21	67
SO Democratic Republic of Congo	4	0	2	6
SO Denmark	63	6	28	97
SO Dominica	5	0	4	9
SO Dominican Republic	33	4	14	51
SO Ecuador	39	6	14	59
SO Egypt	61	7	29	97
SO El Salvador	23	2	11	36
SO Estonia	16	4	10	30

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Faroe Islands	18	0	9	27
SO Fiji	6	0	3	9
SO Finland	63	29	37	129
SO France	41	0	23	64
SO FYR Macedonia	14	3	8	25
SO Georgia Republic	6	0	4	10
SO Germany	115	23	56	194
SO Ghana	18	10	14	42
SO Gibraltar	22	6	14	42
SO Great Britain	115	5	47	167
SO Guatemala	12	1	6	19
SO Guyana	4	0	2	6
SO Haiti	20	6	6	32
SO Hellas (Greece)	107	2	34	143
SO Honduras	16	2	8	26
SO Hong Kong	65	11	29	105
SO Hungary	53	5	28	86
SO Iceland	39	2	17	58
SO Indonesia	38	3	19	60
SO Iran	32	0	18	50
SO Iraq	12	0	11	23
SO Ireland	88	0	40	128
SO Isle of Man	25	0	11	36
SO Israel	36	4	19	59
SO Italy	84	17	41	142
SO Jamaica	60	7	19	86
SO Jordan	14	0	8	22
SO Kazakhstan	58	8	29	95

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Kenya	45	6	17	68
SO Korea	87	7	39	133
SO Kosovo	2	0	2	4
SO Kyrgyz Republic	5	1	4	10
SO Laos	4	0	3	7
SO Latvia	13	0	6	19
SO Lebanon	14	1	9	24
SO Libya	23	0	14	37
SO Liechtenstein	10	5	6	21
SO Lithuania	13	0	7	20
SO Luxembourg	28	10	19	57
SO Macau	60	18	34	112
SO Malawi	10	0	8	18
SO Malaysia	25	2	14	41
SO Mali	4	0	4	8
SO Malta	22	0	14	36
SO Mauritius	10	2	6	18
SO Mexico	90	6	33	129
SO Moldova	7	6	6	19
SO Monaco	28	4	13	45
SO Mongolia	12	2	7	21
SO Montenegro	6	0	4	10
SO Morocco	36	0	18	54
SO Myanmar	9	0	5	14
SO Namibia	8	4	6	18
SO Nepal	5	0	3	8
SO Netherlands	65	2	27	94
SO New Zealand	34	2	17	53

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Nicaragua	12	4	5	21
SO Nigeria	38	4	19	61
SO Nippon (Japan)	77	6	35	118
SO Norway	24	2	14	40
SO Pakistan	51	4	23	78
SO Palestine	23	2	15	40
SO Panama	35	3	15	53
SO Papua New Guinea	6	0	5	11
SO Paraguay	19	3	9	31
SO Peru	35	9	16	60
SO Philippines	32	2	15	49
SO Poland	60	0	27	87
SO Portugal	49	4	17	70
SO Puerto Rico	50	4	18	72
SO Qatar	15	0	11	26
SO Romania	22	5	12	39
SO Russia	146	28	71	245
SO Rwanda	3	0	4	7
SO Samoa	14	4	9	27
SO San Marino	11	2	9	22
SO Saudi Arabia	21	2	14	37
SO Senegal	9	0	7	16
SO Serbia	52	31	26	109
SO Serendib (Sri Lanka)	7	0	5	12
SO Seychelles	7	0	4	11
SO Singapore	31	1	15	47
SO Slovakia	20	5	15	40
SO Slovenia	24	0	10	34

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO South Africa	57	11	20	88
SO Spain	73	4	26	103
SO St Kitts and Nevis	17	0	8	25
SO St Lucia	24	0	13	37
SO St Vincent and Grenadines	26	0	6	32
SO Suriname	22	2	12	36
SO Swaziland	4	0	4	8
SO Sweden	57	4	30	91
SO Switzerland	71	2	29	102
SO Syria	18	0	14	32
SO Tajikistan	8	0	6	14
SO Tanzania	8	0	6	14
SO Thailand	27	2	13	42
SO Timor-Leste	9	0	6	15
SO Togo	12	6	9	27
SO Tonga	4	0	4	8
SO Trinidad and Tobago	64	0	23	87
SO Tunisia	8	0	5	13
SO Turkey	8	4	5	17
SO Turkmenistan	11	1	7	19
SO Uganda	22	4	12	38
SO Ukraine	8	0	5	13
SO United Arab Emirates	57	0	26	83
SO Uruguay	72	16	32	120
SO US Virgin Islands	15	4	8	27
SO USA	300	44	136	480
SO Uzbekistan	20	0	9	29
SO Venezuela	80	14	28	122

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<i>Delegation</i>	<i>Athletes</i>	<i>Unified Partners</i>	<i>Coaches & Officials</i>	<i>Total</i>
SO Vietnam	7	0	4	11
SO Zambia	3	0	3	6
SO Zimbabwe	14	1	7	22
<i>Total:</i>	5,648	673	2,675	8,996
<i>(Total of 6,321 athletes including Unified Partners as of 1 July)</i>				

5.02 Entries by Sport

Participation in each of the 25 sports in the 2015 World Games is now projected as follows, based on information available as of 1 July:

• Aquatics/Swimming:	634	athletes from 116 delegations	
• Aquatics/Open Water:	87	athletes from 35 delegations	
• Athletics/Track & Field:	972	athletes from 157 delegations	
• Athletics/Half Marathon:	28	athletes from 15 delegations	
• Badminton:	145	athletes from 47 delegations	
• Basketball:	624	athletes from 54 delegations	(66 teams)
• Beach Volleyball:	34	athletes from 5 delegations	(8 teams)
• Bocce:	284	athletes from 96 delegations	(40 teams)
• Bowling:	222	athletes from 50 delegations	(40 teams)
• Cycling:	176	athletes from 34 delegations	
• Equestrian:	125	athletes from 36 delegations	
• Football/5-a-side:	272	athletes from 30 delegations	(32 teams)
• Football/7-a-side:	681	athletes from 55 delegations	(67 teams)
• Football/11-a-side:	220	athletes from 13 delegations	(15 teams)
• Golf:	184	athletes from 34 delegations	(18 teams)
• Gymnastics/Artistic:	139	athletes from 34 delegations	
• Gymnastics/Rhythmic:	136	athletes from 35 delegations	
• Handball:	187	athletes from 15 delegations	(18 teams)
• Judo:	105	athletes from 24 delegations	
• Kayaking:	69	athletes from 13 delegations	
• Powerlifting:	172	athletes from 41 delegations	
• Roller Skating:	110	athletes from 20 delegations	
• Sailing:	56	athletes from 9 delegations	(28 teams)
• Softball:	144	athletes from 8 delegations	(10 teams)
• Table Tennis:	211	athletes from 70 delegations	
• Tennis:	142	athletes from 40 delegations	
• Triathlon:	19	athletes from 6 delegations	
• Volleyball:	336	athletes from 23 delegations	(28 teams)

The actual format of each competition will not be decided until the divisioning process is completed for each sport.

5.03 Youngest and Oldest

From the registration data of athletes expected to attend the Games, the ages will range from just above the minimum age of eight to 77! Here's a list of the youngest and oldest entered athletes as of 10 July (family names are in CAPS; M or F for male or female):

• 9	Hoi Kei TANG	Macau	(F: Aquatics)
9	Jazlyn HYDES	Cayman Islands	(F: Athletics)
9	Desire D. MECIA	Venezuela	(F: Gymnast./Artistic)
9	Yoselin Mariela FLORES	El Salvador	(F: Gymnast./Rhythmic)
9	Alanys QUINTERO	Panama	(F: Gymnast./Artistic)
9	Johann Franck H. YAGO (Unified Partner)	Cote D'Ivoire	(M: Bocce)
9	Tyler CASTILLO	Cayman Islands	(M: Football/7s)
9	Jomani LEE	Cayman Islands	(M: Football/7s)
• 10	Weng LEI	Macau	(F: Aquatics)
10	Ieng Wa LEONG	Macau	(F: Athletics)
10	Yan Yi WONG	Hong Kong	(F: Gymnast./Artistic)
10	Grecia Maria ZELAYA	El Salvador	(F: Gymnast./Rhythmic)
10	Hoi Ying Fiona WONG	Hong Kong	(F: Gymnast./Rhythmic)
10	Mokhinabohu TULAGANOVA	Turkmenistan	(F: Gymnast./Rhythmic)
10	A. DEVI	Bharat (India)	(F: Roller Skating)
10	Ying WANG	China	(F: Table Tennis)
10	Yousef M. TAWFEK	Egypt	(M: Aquatics)
10	Tmeyon B. LOGIE	Trinidad & Tobago	(M: Athletics)
10	Ilya BAKHAREV (Unified Partner)	Kazakhstan	(M: Bocce)
10	Alec Q. PIERRE	St. Lucia	(M: Football/7s)
10	Stefan J.P. BARTLEY (Unified Partner)	Jamaica	(M: Football/11s)
10	Tyrese BROWN	Cayman Islands	(M: Football/7s)
10	Chun Pui WONG	Hong Kong	(M: Gymnast./Artistic)
10	Cheng-Hong LI	Chinese Taipei	(M: Roller Skating)
10	A. ANU	Bharat (India)	(F: Roller Skating)

Additional athletes may be added to this list, but checking is continuing on birthdates which appear to be incorrect, or were not provided. Oldest athletes currently registered:

• 64	Trevor J. HEATHERTON	New Zealand	(M: Bocce)
• 67	Margaret SEBASTIAN	United States	(F: Tennis)
• 68	Margaret BURNELL	Canada	(F: Bocce)
68	Viktor AGOSTINI	Austria	(M: Bocce)
• 69	Ursula McDONNELL	Ireland	(F: Golf)
69	Rodricka A. BECKFORD	Jamaica	(M: Football/11s)
• 71	Mary DAVIS	United States	(F: Bocce)
71	Patrick RUTHERFORD	Ireland	(M: Golf)

The most senior of the Unified Partners coming to the World Games:

- 70 Toon Anthonios MUL Netherlands (M: Sailing)
(Unified Partner)
- 72 Foeke S. BROUWER Netherlands (M: Sailing)
(Unified Partner)
- 74 Joe M. VOLPERT United States (M: Bocce)
(Unified Partner)
- 76 Ann LILLEY New Zealand (F: Bocce)
(Unified Partner)
- 77 Alan Raymond GUSTAFSON United States (M: Bocce)
(Unified Partner)

5.04 Special Olympics National Program Codes

The following codes are used by Special Olympics, Inc. in World Games results and other reference materials and are presented here for convenience. Please note that these codes are not identical to those used by the International Olympic Committee. Reference codes for the seven Special Olympics worldwide regions are included at the end of the table.

AFG	Afghanistan	BUL	Bulgaria	EGY	Egypt
ALB	Albania	BUR	Burkina Faso	ESA	El Salvador
ALG	Algeria			ESP	Spain
AND	Andorra	CAF	Central Africa Rep.	EST	Estonia
ANT	Antigua & Barbuda	CAM	Cambodia		
ARG	Argentina	CAN	Canada	FIJ	Fiji
ARM	Armenia	CAY	Cayman Islands	FIN	Finland
ARU	Aruba	CGO	Congo	FRA	France
ASA	American Samoa	CHA	Chad	FRO	Faroe Islands
AUS	Australia	CHI	Chile		
AUT	Austria	CHN	China	GAB	Gabon
AZE	Azerbaijan	CIV	Côte d'Ivoire	GAM	Gambia
		CMR	Cameroon	GBR	Great Britain
BAH	Bahamas	COD	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	GEO	Georgia Republic
BAN	Bangladesh	COL	Colombia	GER	Germany
BAR	Barbados	CON	Comoros	GHA	Ghana
BEL	Belgium	CRC	Costa Rica	GIB	Gibraltar
BEN	Benin	CRO	Croatia	GLP	Guadeloupe
BER	Bermuda	CUB	Cuba	GRE	Greece
BHU	Bhutan	CUR	Curacao	GUA	Guatemala
BIH	Bosnia & Herzegovina	CYP	Cyprus	GUI	Guinea
BIZ	Belize	CZE	Czech Rep.	GUM	Guam
BLR	Belarus			GUY	Guyana
BOL	Bolivia	DEN	Denmark		
BON	Bonaire	DJI	Djibouti	HAI	Haiti
BOT	Botswana	DMA	Dominica	HKG	Hong Kong
BRA	Brazil	DOM	Dominican Rep.	HON	Honduras
BRN	Bahrain			HUN	Hungary
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	ECU	Ecuador		

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INA	Indonesia	MTQ	Martinique	TAN	Tanzania
IND	India	MYA	Myanmar	TGA	Tonga
IOM	Isle of Man			THA	Thailand
IRI	Iran	NAM	Namibia	TJK	Tajikistan
IRL	Ireland	NCA	Nicaragua	TKM	Turkmenistan
IRQ	Iraq	NED	Netherlands	TKS	Turks & Caicos
ISL	Iceland	NEP	Nepal	TLS	Timor-Leste
ISR	Israel	NGR	Nigeria	TOG	Togo
ISV	U.S. Virgin Islands	NIG	Niger	TPE	Chinese Taipei
ITA	Italy	NOR	Norway	TRI	Trinidad & Tobago
IVB	British Virgin Islands	NZL	New Zealand	TUN	Tunisia
				TUR	Turkey
JAM	Jamaica	OMA	Oman		
JOR	Jordan			UAE	United Arab Emirates
JPN	Japan	PAK	Pakistan	UGA	Uganda
		PAN	Panama	UKR	Ukraine
KAZ	Kazakhstan	PAR	Paraguay	URU	Uruguay
KEN	Kenya	PER	Peru	USA	United States of America
KGZ	Kyrgyz Rep.	PHI	Philippines	UZB	Uzbekistan
KOR	Korea	PLE	Palestine		
KOS	Kosovo	PNG	Papua New Guinea	VEN	Venezuela
KSA	Saudi Arabia	POL	Poland	VIE	Vietnam
KUW	Kuwait	POR	Portugal	VIN	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
		PUR	Puerto Rico		
LAO	Laos			YEM	Yemen
LAT	Latvia	QAT	Qatar		
LBA	Libya			ZAM	Zambia
LCA	St. Lucia	REU	Reunion	ZIM	Zimbabwe
LES	Lesotho	ROM	Romania		
LIB	Lebanon	RSA	South Africa		
LIE	Liechtenstein	RUS	Russia		
LTU	Lithuania	RWA	Rwanda		
LUX	Luxembourg				
		SAM	Samoa		
MAA	St. Maarten	SEN	Senegal		
MAC	Macau	SEY	Seychelles		
MAR	Morocco	SIN	Singapore		
MAS	Malaysia	SKN	St. Kitts & Nevis		
MAW	Malawi	SLE	Sierra Leone		
MDA	Moldova	SLO	Slovenia		
MDV	Maldives	SMR	San Marino		
MEX	Mexico	SRB	Serbia		
MGL	Mongolia	SRI	Sri Lanka		
MKD	F.Y.R. Macedonia	SUD	Sudan		
MLI	Mali	SUI	Switzerland		
MLT	Malta	SUR	Suriname		
MNE	Montenegro	SVK	Slovakia		
MON	Monaco	SWE	Sweden		
MRI	Mauritius	SWZ	Swaziland		
MSR	Montserrat	SYR	Syria		
MTN	Mauritania				

Region codes:

AF	Africa
AP	Asia-Pacific
EA	East Asia
EE	Europe-Eurasia
LA	Latin America
MA	Middle East & North Africa
NA	North America

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