



Countdown to the 2022 Special Olympics South Africa National Summer Games in Limpopo

National Team will be chosen to advance to the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany.

Polokwane, Limpopo - From the 17– 19 November 2022, over 700 Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across all 9 provinces will descend on Polokwane Municipality, Limpopo to compete in the 2022 Special Olympics South Africa Summer Games.

The games will be preceded by a Law Enforcement Torch Run which will see the Special Olympics “Flame of Hope” travel to four districts in Limpopo before it finally enters the Peter Mokaba Stadium as part of the official Opening Ceremony. As the official Guardians of the Flame the Special Olympics Torch will be escorted on its journey to the Opening Ceremonies by the South African Police Services, the Limpopo Municipal Police Department and other local Law Enforcement agencies.

During the 3 day event, Special Olympics athletes will compete in 8 sporting codes athletics, aquatics, basketball, bocce, football, futsal, netball, table tennis and ten pin bowling. Sports competition will be officiated by representatives from the South African Football Federation, Athletics South Africa, the Table Tennis Association of South Africa, Swimming South Africa, Ten Pin Bowling South Africa, the NBA and Netball South Africa.

Athletes also participate in golf and equestrian events which were hosted previously in Gauteng.

The National Games are being proudly hosted by the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture in Limpopo and the Municipality of Polokwane.

The Games are being supported by the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, The National Youth Development Agency and African Bank.

Alongside the National Games, a Special Olympics medical screening in 7 disciplines will be conducted for our athletes by health professionals from across Limpopo. The screening is being supported by the Department of Health in Limpopo, the Galisano Foundation and Lions Club International.

Three days of fierce competition will see the advancement of the Special Olympics South Africa National Team that will represent South Africa at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany.

The National Team will be participating against over 7000 athletes from 180 countries in Berlin and will be hoping to beat the medal count from the previous Special Olympics Summer Games in the UAE where the team returned with 35 Gold, 15 Silver and 12 Bronze medals.



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Editors Notes

About Special Olympics - Special Olympics is a global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs every day around the world to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities. [Founded in 1968](#), and celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, the Special Olympics movement has grown to more than 7 million athletes and Unified partners in more than [178 countries](#). With the support of more than 1 million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers Olympic type and over [108,000 games and competitions](#)

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