



## Santiago 2025 Special Olympics World Summer Games

### About the Games:

The 2027 Special Olympics World Summer Games shall take place 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2027 in Santiago, Chile. The event will bring together more than 6500 Athletes and Unified Partners from over 170 countries.



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The [2027 Special Olympics World Games in Santiago, Chile](#) will feature 22 sports, showcasing the incredible talent and determination of athletes from around the world. Events will take place across premiere venues throughout the city, with the iconic National Stadium Park serving as the central hub of the Games. From aquatics and athletics to team sports and individual competitions, each venue is designed to provide an unforgettable experience for athletes and spectators alike.

National Stadium Sports Park to be the primary venue during the 2027 World Games. With approximately, 76 acres of athletic facilities within a 158-acre site, El Parque del Estadio Nacional will host most of the sporting events for the 2027 Special Olympics World Games in Santiago.

The proposed schedule for the event is as below:

<b>16 October</b>	Opening Ceremony
<b>17 – 24 October</b>	Training/Divisioning, Competition/Awards
<b>24 October</b>	Closing Ceremony

Please note that a 'Host Town' programme is also in development, therefore, the dates above are not the full dates of TeamSOGB travel.

Santiago 2027 will be governed by the 2024 Special Olympics Sports Rules – available to view on the SOI Resources website [HERE](#)



**TeamSOGB Quota Allocation Breakdown:**

TeamSOGB will total 115 people and breakdown as:

- 73 Athletes (16 Sports)
- 32 Head Coaches/Coaches/Chaperones
- 2 Delegates / Management (Head of Delegation and Assistant Head of Delegation)
- 1 Medical Officer
- 7 Additional Staff - Further to the 7 delegation members outlined, TeamSOGB will be supported by an estimated 5 additional support staff that will aid in the safe, meaningful and high quality experience for all TeamSOGB members.

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<b>Badminton</b>	1	1	2	2	Singles & Mixed Doubles* (*ability level match required)
<b>Basketball</b>	10	0	10	3	Male 5v5 - Squad of 10 Unsuccessful in request for Female Team – no female quota allocation granted.
<b>Cycling</b>	3	3	6	2	Athletes may participate in a maximum of 3 events within their identified category.  Category & Events:  1 - 500m Time Trial, 1K Time Trial, 2K Time Trial  2 - 2K Time Trial, 5K Time Trial, 10 km Time Trial; 5 km Road Race  3 - 5K Time Trial, 5K Road Race, 10K Time Trial, 10K Road Race, 15K Road Race, 25K Road Race
<b>Equestrian</b>	1	2	3	2	Dressage (A, BI, CI), Equitation Jumping (A, BI), English Equitation (A, BI, BS, CI, CS), English Working Trails (A, BI, BS, CI, CS)
<b>Field Hockey</b>	5	5	10	3	Exhibition - Showcase Sport new to WSG programme – targeted selection through project work with home nation Hockey bodies
<b>Football</b>	11	0	11	3	Male 7 a side Traditional - Following <a href="#">SOI Sport Impact Standards</a>
<b>Golf</b>	2	2	4	2	x2 Level 1 - Skills Competition x2 Level 4 – Individual Stroke Play – 9 Holes (maximum entry average of 70 or lower)
<b>Gymnastics (Artistic)</b>	2	2	4	2	x2 Level 2 and x1 Level 3 (Male) x1 Level 4 (Female)
<b>Gymnastic (Rhythmic)</b>	0	2	2	1	x1 Level 3 and x1 Level 4
<b>Powerlifting</b>	2	1	3	2	Athletes must select ONE Event: Bench Press, Combined Bench Press and Deadlift, Combined Squat, Bench Press and Deadlift



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<b>Swimming</b>	2	2	4	2	Male 1	1	50m Breaststroke	50m Freestyle	4x50m Freestyle Relay
					Male 2	2	100m Breaststroke	100m Freestyle	4x50m Freestyle Relay
					Female 1	1	25m Freestyle	50m Freestyle	4x50m Freestyle Relay
					Female 2	2	100m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	4x50m Freestyle Relay
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<b>Table Tennis</b>	2	2	4	2	Singles & Doubles* (*ability level match required)				
<b>Tennis</b>	1	1	2	2	Singles & Mixed Doubles* (*ability level match required)				
<b>Triathlon</b>	1	1	2	2	Select ONE event - Sprint (Swim – 750 meters, Bike – 20K, Run – 5K), Unified Sprint (Swim – 750 meters, Bike – 20K, Run – 5K), Super Sprint (Swim – 350 meters, Bike – 10K, Run – 2.5K).  Athletes may also enter 1 additional event from 1 of the following sport categories, if schedule permits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming - 800m freestyle, 1500m Open Water Swimming, 1500m Unified Open Water</li> <li>Swimming - 4x50m freestyle relay, 4x50m medley relay, 4x 100m freestyle, 4x100m medley relay</li> </ul>				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>					



### **SOI Event Eligibility:**

Please note that the information in this section has been extracted directly from the Santiago World Summer Games 2027 Quota Handbook

### **Athletes:**

Important note regarding age requirements: An athlete and Unified partner must be at least 15 years old at the time of Opening Ceremonies to be eligible to participate in World Games sports competitions.

Important note regarding medical forms: A medical form will be required for all athletes. Selected medical information will also be required for entry into the registration portal. TeamSOGB should ensure that the individual's form is signed, and they are "Cleared" to participate on the medical form prior to registering any athlete or Unified partner. The medical history and exam must have been done no more than 12 months before the start date of the Games.

Important note regarding selection of athletes: TeamSOGB must abide by the requirements as set forth by Special Olympics outlined in Article I of the Sports Rules: Section 13: Criteria for Advancement for Higher Level Competition. <https://resources.specialolympics.org/> - The 2026 National Summer Games will act as the qualification opportunity for World Summer Games nominations. Qualification events for Field Hockey, Powerlifting and Triathlon shall be announced in due course.

### **Coaches:**

A Head Coach must be assigned for each sport.

Head Coach -The Head Coach is the lead for planning and delivery of sport specific technical, tactical, physical, and mental training. They provide pre-and-in-competition coaching and guidance as permitted by the rules of the sport. All Head Coaches attending World Games must hold valid and current coach certification from Special Olympics and/or the relevant National or International Sport Federation. Head Coaches and Coaches must be knowledgeable about and familiar with Special Olympics General Rules, Sports Rules Article 1 as well as the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules and International Sport Federation Rules of their sport.



Assistant Coach - The assistant coach supports the Head Coach in planning and delivery of sport specific technical, tactical, physical, and mental training. They provide pre-and-in-competition coaching and guidance as permitted by the rules of the sport. Assistant Coaches will also be required to support athletes with off-field preparation, personal care (as required), and support. An assistant coach may also be required to assist with chaperoning duties\*.

Chaperoning duties include:

- Care of Athletes (to include necessary personal care, medication management (per direction of Medical Officer)).
- Escorting or supporting athletes in moving around competition and non-competition venues as needed.
- Technical sports experience is not required, but Chaperone should have experience in providing support and personal care for people with intellectual disabilities.

In a change from previous games, **ALL** coaches are now required to hold valid certifications as outlined in the table below by the point of games registration.

Certification	Head Coach	Coach
(* = Required / + = Recommended)		
SOI World Games Preparation	*	*
SOI Sports Rules Article 1	*	*
SOI Level 1 Sports Assistant	+	+
SOI Level 2 Coaching Assistant	+	+
SOI Level 3 Coach (Online Module)	+	+
SOI Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports	+	+
SOI Unified Sports Coaching (Required for Unified Sports)	+	+
National Sport Governing Body/Federation Coach Certification	*	+

All Coaches MUST complete the Special Olympics online coaches training 'World Games: Coach Preparation' prior to March 1, 2027. This course can be found at the [Special Olympics Online Learning Portal](#), learner accounts can be created for free. Certifications are valid from January 2025 to January 2028. If a coach has previously taken this course prior to January 2025, they must complete the course again to have a valid certificate.



Courses are available on the [Special Olympics Online Learning Portal](#). Additional Coaching Standards can be found on the SO Resource Page under '[Coaching Standards at International Competitions](#)'. Please note that Special Olympics GB may require Head Coaches and Coaches to undertake additional training to support the needs of athletes selected for TeamSOGB.

## **TeamSOGB Selection**

Nominations for Athlete and Volunteer roles within the TeamSOGB delegation will go live the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May via an online form [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).

Please note the following deadlines:

- Head Coaches – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.
- Athletes - **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026**.
- Coaches/AS Chaperones (including any 1:1 care support) - **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026**.
- Additional Staff Roles including TeamSOGB Medical Officer, Safeguarding Officer(s), Welfare Officer(s) to follow.

Wherever possible, appointments for Head Coaches shall be made ahead of the relevant National Summer Games competition.

Athlete and the remaining Coach and AS roles will be selected as per the criteria detailed in [Special Olympics GB's Guide to Competition](#) following the outlined deadline.

Financial Contributions for TeamSOGB members shall be communicated at the point of selection and are chargeable to the delegation member's accredited programme. Financial Contributions are requested to support the costs associated with TeamSOGB's preparation for the event and contribute directly to TeamSOGB travel, kit and team training and sport specific training weekends, all of which is subsidised by Special Olympics GB. Special Olympics GB are committed to centrally fundraising to reduce delegation contributions wherever possible.

## **For more Information**

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