

2010 USA National Games Sports & Competitions



Aquatics

298 Athletes

University of Nebraska's Devaney Sports Center



Basketball

432 Athletes

Lincoln Public School Facilities



Bocce

232 Athletes

University of Nebraska's Cook Pavilion



Bowling

298 Athletes

Sun Valley Lanes



Flag Football

98 Athletes

University of Nebraska's Fleming Fields



Golf

211 Athletes

Mahoney & Highlands Golf Courses



Gymnastics

46 Athletes

University of Nebraska's Devaney Sports Center's
Indoor Track



Power Lifting

101 Athletes

University of Nebraska's Kimball Recital Hall



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Soccer

268 Athletes
Abbott Sports Complex



Softball

343 Athletes
University of Nebraska's Fleming Fields



Tennis

92 Athletes
Abbott Sports Complex



Track and Field

436 Athletes
University of Nebraska's Ed Weir Track



Volleyball

184 Athletes
Abbott Sports Complex



2010 USA National Games Signature Events



Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening and Closing Ceremonies are two of the most anticipated celebrations of each and every Special Olympics Games. Athletes, coaches, volunteers, family and friends come together by the thousands to kick off the Games and to bring the competition to a close.

These spectacles are truly a celebration of the athletes' accomplishments. In addition, the

ceremonies are an opportunity for the Games Organizing Committee to publicly acknowledge and appreciate our sponsors.

Ceremonies include the Parade of Athletes, entertainment, and keynote speeches delivered by distinguished guests.

Opening and the Closing Ceremonies showcase the excitement, empowerment, and energy surrounding the week-long events of the 2010 USA National Games.

Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run®

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics began in 1981 and is now the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle.

The Torch Run Final leg is not only a salute to athletes from around the United States who will compete in the 2010 USA National Games, but it is also an honor for the participating law enforcement officers who comprise the Torch Run Final Leg Team. During this event, officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" throughout over 100 Nebraska communities and conclude at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 USA National Games.



Healthy Athletes

Since officially launching in 1997 as a Special Olympics program, Healthy Athletes has grown to provide seven different health screenings — Fit Feet, FUNfitness, Healthy Hearing, Health Promotion, Opening Eyes®, MedFest and Special Smiles® — with the goal to improve athletes' ability to train and compete.

All of the athletes competing at the 2010 USA National Games are eligible to receive free health screening provided by licensed medical professionals. The screenings include any treatments necessary. For example, athletes that require glasses, will receive new prescription lenses and frames right there on site.

Products, equipment, and medical volunteers from local companies help to support this program. In addition to medical screenings, athletes have the opportunity to learn more about their health and wellness.

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The Sports Experience

The Sports Experience is a promotional event held during the 2010 USA National Games in which each Special Olympics sponsor is given a booth to highlight their organization while supporting the Special Olympics and its athletes.

Each sponsor booth hosts a variety of games, giveaways, events and promotions throughout the week. The Sport Experience is open to the public throughout the length of the Games.



Cessna Airlift

In July 2010, Cessna Citation owners will come together to transport more than 3,500 Special Olympics athletes and coaches from across the United States to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the 2010 USA National Games. Corporations and individual owners and operators donate their Citation business jets, pilots and fuel to transport athletes to the Games.

A Special Olympics Citation will land or take off every 90 seconds during a 14-hour period on July 18 at Duncan Aviation, in Lincoln, Nebraska. After the Games conclude on July 23, the Special Olympics Citation fleet will return to Lincoln to pick up the athletes and return them to their homes.

Special Olympic Athlete Leadership Program

Over 100 High School Honor Students are brought to Omaha along with 50 to 100 Special Olympic athletes to go through an intensive leadership program. The program is specially developed by the Gallup Organization and assists athletes in becoming self-advocates and teaches public speaking.



2010 USA National Games Receptions



Founder's Reception

The Founder's Reception, hosted by Eunice Kennedy-Shriver, is Special Olympics' signature reception. It is a high-profile event, celebrating the mission and robust history of Special Olympics.

Celebrity guests may include Special Olympics Board Chairman Tim Shriver, Governor Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, Vanessa Williams, Quincy Jones, and former Olympians Nadia Comaneci, Scott Hamilton, and Bart Connor.

Other distinguished guests include members of the Special Olympics National Board of Directors, the 2010 USA National Games Board of Directors, City and State Officials, and Sponsors of the 2010 USA National Games.

The Founder's Reception will be held Monday, July 19, 2010, at the Embassy Suites in La Vista, Nebraska. Formal attire is required and there will be an anticipated 500 guests in attendance.

Torch Run Reception

The Torch Run Reception is hosted in appreciation and honor of the many champions participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg. The Final Leg Team includes Law Enforcement runners, Special Olympic athletes, and the Support Team members that made it possible to run the "Flame of Hope" throughout over 100 Nebraska communities.

The Torch Run Reception will be held Friday, July 16, 2010, at the Marriott in La Vista, Nebraska. It is a casual reception and will include approximately 300 guests.

Officials Reception

The Officials Reception is hosted in appreciation and honor of the officials that donate their time to ensure the proper regulation, safety, and competitive standards of the 2010 USA National Games.

This casual reception will be held Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the West Stadium Club located on the campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. There will be an anticipated 300 guests.

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Healthy Athlete Reception

The Healthy Athlete Reception will be held in appreciation of the many members of the Medical Community who have generously donated their time and talents to the Special Olympic athletes throughout the week of the games. Members of the Medical Community enable programs such as Healthy Athlete to exist and their support throughout the competitions and accompanying events ensure safety for our athletes and spectators.

The Healthy Athlete Reception will be held Sunday, July 18, 2010, at the Champions Club located on the University of Nebraska, Lincoln campus. This reception will host up to 250 guests.

Volunteer Reception

The Volunteer Reception is by far the largest reception held in accordance of the 2010 USA National Games. This reception is hosted to thank the thousands of volunteers that generously donated their time and efforts to the success of the 2010 USA National Games.

The evening includes a night-out at the local Salt Dogs ballpark, where volunteers will receive complimentary food and beverage. The evening will conclude with a fireworks celebration at the end of the game.

The Volunteer Reception will be held at Haymarket Park on Thursday, July 22, 2010. There will be an anticipated 6,000 to 7,000 volunteers.

Media Reception

The Media reception will be hosted in appreciation of our Local and National Media Partners.

It is through the continued support of our Print, Broadcast, and Television Partners that we are able to create awareness, educate the community, and successfully promote the 2010 USA National Games.

The Media Reception will be held at the Wick Alumni Center located on the University of Nebraska, Lincoln campus on Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

