



Summer Games Event Guide

Special Olympics
Tennessee





2022 State Summer Games

2022 State Summer Games is set for May 20-21, 2022 at Lipscomb University in Nashville. Included in this packet is important information about the event. This information is relevant to coaches, athletes, Unified partners and family members and should be shared with all of your attendees. Any information that is different from the last State Summer Games in 2019 is highlighted.

Locations

Lipscomb University – 1 University Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37204

Allen Arena - Opening Ceremonies, Registration, Hospitality

Lipscomb Academy Gym – Unified Volleyball, Powerlifting (Weight Room)

Lipscomb University Intramural Field – Bocce, Unified Bocce

Lipscomb Academy Track – Athletics (including field events)

Ezell Center – Healthy Hearing (Rooms 136, 138), Advance Persons Mtg (Board Room 147)

Athlete/Unified Partner Selection

Quota requests are submitted by the Area Directors to the state office. The state office approves quota for each sport based on event and competition limits and standards. Area Directors and Area Management Teams register athletes, Unified partners, and coaches based on their allotted quota for each sport.

State Summer Games includes Athletics, Bocce (traditional and Unified), Powerlifting, Swimming, Tennis, and Volleyball (Unified).

Additional activities at State Summer Games include an Opening Ceremony, Victory Celebration (dance), meals, and overnight housing.



Access to Delegation

Housing, meals and certain areas of the competition venues are open only to registered members of the delegation (coaches, athletes and Unified partners). Spectators and family members will not have access to the dorms or the dining hall. Spectators and family members should utilize designated areas of the competition venues to watch competition.

Family members and spectators may purchase food and drinks at the Lipscomb Food Court or at the many options off-campus in the Nashville area. Specific operating hours and open restaurants will be provided closer to the date of the event.

Delegation Meals

Areas are responsible for their own lunches on Friday. Special Olympics Tennessee will provide the following meals to registered members of the delegation only:

Friday dinner – Lipscomb Dining Hall (registered athletes/partners/coaches only – meal ticket required) – Dining hall open 3:30-6:00 pm.

Saturday breakfast – Lipscomb Dining Hall (registered athletes/partners/coaches only – meal ticket required) – Dining hall open 6:30-8:30 am.

Saturday lunch – At competition venues (registered athletes/partners/coaches only – meal ticket required). Box/grab and go style with drink. Chick-Fil-A will not be providing lunches for families and spectators this year.

Saturday dinner – Lipscomb Dining Hall (registered athletes/partners/coaches only – meal ticket required).

Opening Ceremony

Opening Ceremony will be held in Allen Arena at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 20. Delegations will stage in the Allen Arena parking garage as in past years. Family members and spectators can sit in designated seating areas of the arena at no cost – no ticket required.



Screening – Friday Afternoon

Certain sports will hold screening games/activities Friday afternoon. Athletes who are not participating in screening activities should report to Healthy Athletes in Ezell 136. The following sports will hold screening activities Friday. Remind athletes/partners to play to their full potential during screening activities so that appropriate division placements may be made.

Tennis – Screening 2:00-4:00 pm at the Tennis Center

Volleyball – Screening 2:00-5:00 pm at McQuiddy Gym

Powerlifting – Weigh-in 3:00-4:00 pm at Academy Weight Room

All other sports (Athletics, Swimming, Powerlifting, Bocce) should report to Healthy Athletes at any time between 2:00-6:00 pm.

Equipment Requirement

Equipment necessary for competition will be provided at each venue. Tennis players should bring their own racket. Volleyball teams may bring their own volleyballs to warm up with. All athletes and Unified partners should be in competition-appropriate attire. **Jeans, cowboy boots, chains, etc. are not appropriate for competition and should not be worn.**

Hospitality, Souvenirs and Concessions

Due to COVID, family hospitality, souvenir sales and concessions will not be offered this year.

Families are invited and encouraged to purchase food and beverages at the Lipscomb Food Court. Options are also available for families in the off-campus community surrounding the Lipscomb campus.



Healthy Athletes

FREE health screenings will be available for all athletes and partners. Even if participants have recently visited the doctor, it is strongly recommended that all go through Healthy Athletes programming at Summer Games in order to stay fit and competing at their optimal level. The following opportunities will be available at the 2022 Summer Games:

Healthy Hearing, 2:00-6:00 pm on Friday, May 20 at Ezell Room 136.

Opening Eyes Vision Screening, 9:00-4:00 on Saturday, May 21 at the McArthur Activities Center near the track.

Healthy Athletes programming is beneficial for both the athletes and the volunteer medical providers who provide screenings as it teaches our local doctors and medical providers how to best work with individuals with intellectual disabilities. Please encourage your athletes to utilize this activity!

Summer Games Theme and Victory Celebration

The theme for the 2022 Summer Games is “Shine As One.”

The Victory Celebration will be held in the George Shinn Center on the Lipscomb University campus. The George Shinn Center is adjacent to the Ezell Building and can be accessed from Ezell. The theme of the Victory Celebration is “Dancing through the Decades.” Athletes and partners can come dressed in the style of their favorite decade!

Lipscomb University Policies

All games and event activities take place on the campus of Lipscomb University and are therefore subject to all University policies. There is no smoking, vaping, chewing or using any tobacco products anywhere on campus. These activities are also banned at all Special Olympics events, so it’s a double ban. Please respect the University and follow this rule – remind family members and spectators of the rule as well.

No vehicles may park in the area directly in front of Allen Arena. This is a fire lane and you will be towed at your own expense. Additionally, cars and buses may not park at the back loading dock area.



Travel

Programs are responsible for all travel arrangements and expenses for their delegations. Please advise all coaches to immediately notify Victoria and/or Sean if the delegation is running late or encounters an incident or emergency on the road.

COVID Precautions

Special Olympics Tennessee is currently operating in the green zone of its Return to Activities protocol. Under the green zone protocols, masks are encouraged but not required when indoors. Social distancing is also encouraged when able.

Questions

Family members should direct any questions to their Area Director or to their athlete's coach.

Area directors and coaches should direct any questions to Victoria Mehren, vmehren@specialolympicstn.org or Sean Stake, ssake@specialolympicstn.org.

Thank you for your help in making this a successful event for all involved!