

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NORTH DAKOTA

2023 STATE REACH REPORT



Sport

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
Athletes & Unified Partners
1,837



TOP SPORTS

BOWLING BASKETBALL TRACK

UNIFIED SPORTS

BOCCE SOCCER VOLLEYBALL

Volunteers

DAY OF VOLUNTEERS
2,967

COACHES
297



UNIFIED PARTNERS
257

Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics movement.



LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NORTH DAKOTA



LAW ENFORCEMENT
VOLUNTEERS
189

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- COOL CASH RAFFLE
- POLAR PLUNGE
- TIP-A-COP
- TORCH RUN
- TRUCK CONVOY

Athletes

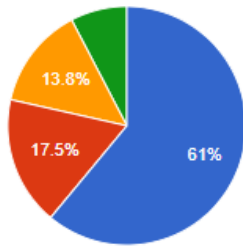
950

Average age of athletes: 32 years old

Unified Champion Schools

Unified Sports Experiences: 1317
Across 20 Schools



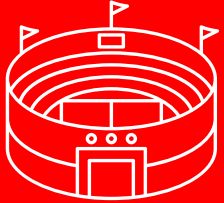
26 schools
across 10
districts

Competitions

69/ Year

STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS
5

SPORTS OFFERED
13



Healthy Athletes

- MED FEST
- STRONG MINDS
- OPENING EYES
- FUN FITNESS
- HEALTH PROMOTION
- HEALTHY HEARING
- FIT FEET

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT: Over 6,100 people reached!



Our 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.

Who Are We?

State Office: Grand Forks

FT Staff: 8

PT Staff: 2

Area Program Directors: 11



Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot, Wahpeton, Valley City

State Level Funding



33

states offer funding to their Special Olympics program.
But, North Dakota is NOT one of them.

Athletes are **NEVER** charged to participate in our program.

Sporting Events

Soccer/Bocce (September)

Unified & Traditional Soccer & Bocce

State Tournament: Grand Forks

Bowling (November)

State Tournament: Fargo, Mandan

Basketball (December)

State Tournament: Minot



Winter Games (February)

Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Unified Volleyball

State Games: Valley City

Summer Games (May/June)

Powerlifting, Swimming, Track & Field

State Tournament: Fargo

Fundraising Events

Giving Hearts Day (February)

Location: Statewide

Capitol Classic (February/March - Every 2 years)

Location: Bismarck State Capitol

LETR Polar Plunge (February-April)

Locations: Bismarck, Grand Forks, West Fargo, Williston

Dancing For Special Stars (April/October)

Locations: Grand Forks, Minot

Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)/Shirt Sales (May/June)

Locations: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Pembina, Williston

Golf Classic (June)

Location: Fargo

LETR Tip-A-Cop (September)

Locations: Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Williston

LETR Truck Convoy (September)

Location: West Fargo

LETR Cool Cash Raffle (November/December)

Location: Statewide

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