

Special Olympics North America Softball Championship



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NORTH AMERICA
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Event Description: Special Olympics North America Softball Championship. More than 400 athletes and Unified partners comprising 28 teams from throughout the United States and Canada will be competing in the sport of softball in Special Olympics traditional team and Unified Sports (people with and without intellectual disabilities playing as teammates) formats.

When: August 17-20, 2017

Where: Clem Kelley Softball Complex, 517 W. Arbor Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Special Events: The four-day event includes additional special events for participants including an Opening Ceremony & Parade of Athletes, Healthy Athlete screenings, and a Victory Dance.

Calendar of Events:

Thursday, August 17th

Teams Arrive
Healthy Athlete Screenings (Ramada Hotel)

Friday, August 18th

Softball Pool Play Rounds (Clem Kelley Softball Complex)
Walk of Champions/Ceremonial First Pitch/Law Enforcement Torch Run
Olympic Town Activities
Opening Ceremony and Parade of Athletes (Municipal Ballpark)
Dance/Entertainment (Municipal Ballpark)
Fireworks (Municipal Ballpark)

Saturday, August 19th

Softball Pool Play Rounds (Clem Kelley Softball Complex)
Olympic Town Activities
Dinner and Entertainment (Mandan Moose Lodge)

Sunday, August 20th

Softball Medal Rounds (Clem Kelley Softball Complex)
Award Ceremonies

Volunteer Opportunities:

Awards Volunteers	Olympic Town Volunteers
Timers/Scorers/Announcers	Hospitality Volunteers
Fans in the Stands	Medical Personnel

To learn more about the Special Olympics North America Softball Championship and volunteer opportunities contact:

- Special Olympics North Dakota at 701-746-0331 or info@specialolympicsnd.org.
- Bismarck Parks and Recreation at 701- 222-6455 or bisparks@bisparks.org.
- Bismarck/Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau at 701-557-7121 or visitnd@bmcvb.com

Register to Volunteer: bit.ly/SpecialOlympicsSoftballVolunteer2017

Official 2017 SONA Softball Championship Website: www.specialolympicsnd.org/softball

For more information on Special Olympics North Dakota:

- Website: www.specialolympicsnd.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/specialolympicsND
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About Special Olympics:

Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. We empower people with intellectual disabilities to become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all. Using sports as the catalyst and programming around health and education, Special Olympics is fighting inactivity, injustice, and intolerance. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown to more than 5.7 million athletes and Unified Partners in 172 countries. With the support of more than 1.1 million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers 32 Olympic-type sports and over 111,000 games and competitions throughout the year, Special Olympics is supported by individuals, foundations, and partners. Visit www.specialolympics.org