

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

### **WORLD GAMES**

**BERLIN 2023** 



#### **History of Special Olympics**

Special Olympics began in the early 1960s when Mrs Eunice Kennedy Shriver organised a summer camp for people with intellectual disabilities to explore their capabilities in a variety of sports and physical activities.

Since the first International Special Olympics Summer Games held at Soldier Field, Chicago, Illinois, USA, millions of children and adults with intellectual disabilities around the world have benefited from the movement.

## Special Olympics World Games BERLIN 2023

Special Olympics World Games is the biggest inclusive sport events in the world for persons with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 will be the biggest multi-sport event in Germany since the Olympics Games Munich 1972.

Over 7000 athletes and Unified Partners from 190 nations will be competing over 28 sports during the Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023 from 17 - 25 June 2023. Join us and be #UnbeatableTogether



## Special Olympics World Games

## **BERLIN 2023**

190

**Nations** 

7,000

**Athletes** 

3,000

Coaches

28

**Sports** 

9,000

**Families** 

20,000

Volunteers

300,000

**Spectators** 

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt"

- Athlete's Oath



# Promoting Social Inclusion Through Sport

Special Olympics is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences. Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability. That makes practices more fun and games more challenging and exciting for all. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away.

# Welcome Message

This year marks the 11th consecutive time that Singapore will be participating in the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

The 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games is the largest inclusive global sporting event that celebrates the achievements of athletes with intellectual disabilities, and a platform to inspire hope for greater acceptance of persons who are abled differently.

I am heartened to see the continuation of the Special Olympics Unified Sports, a signature programme to promote inclusion through sports as athletes with and without intellectual disabilities train and compete together on the same team.

It is a powerful way to reinforce the core philosophy of Special Olympics, which is to change attitudes and build a more inclusive community.

This is also an aspiration that we share as a people. As we strive towards creating a more inclusive nation, let us ensure that everyone has a role and place in Singapore.

This means giving persons with disabilities every opportunity to demonstrate their talents and lead fulfilling lives. Our Special Olympics athletes have shown determination, endeavour and passion, and are an inspiration to all of us.



To the "team behind the team" – the family members, caregivers, coaches, volunteers, supporters, staff and Board of Special Olympics Singapore, thank you for your strong support for our athletes.

I wish Team Singapore an enjoyable and successful 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games!

#### Halimah Yacob

President of the Republic of Singapore Patron-in-Chief, Special Olympics Singapore



### Minister Edwin Tong

Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law

Our Singapore contingent of 30 athletes at the Special Olympics World Games 2023 has been training very hard leading up to the games in Berlin.

Together with the support of 16 officials, family and friends travelling with them, and countless Singaporeans back home, I am confident that you will do yourselves and all of us proud!

Your enthusiasm and can-do spirit continues to inspire us to push through perceived limitations to scale greater heights. And reminds us that we can all rise above to achieve our dreams – be it sports or in other areas.

A big thank you to our volunteer officials travelling with our athletes for helping the contingent as they mentally and physically prepare for their competitions. As well as the many volunteers and caregivers who form the strongest pillar of support for our athletes.

You have served in various capacities - officials, coaches and medical team - to create Special Olympics Singapore, where individuals with intellectual impairment can live better through sport.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation for corporate supporters such as Micron Singapore, Nike and JCCI Singapore, for their sponsorship and for standing behind the spirit of inclusion at Special Olympics Singapore.

To our athletes and officials headed to Berlin – all of us will be cheering you on. Do your best, make friends and have a great competition! Go Team Singapore!

## Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang President, Special Olympics Singapore



Team Singapore's 30 athletes, including 6 unified partners, will be striving to do their best to achieve their sporting goals as they represent Singapore during the Special Olympics World Summer Games Berlin 2023.

We are very proud of the team that has been training very hard, supported by the team officials and coaches.

Our athletes have proven that individuals with intellectual disabilities have the determination, perseverance, and tenacity to train in the sport of their choosing and prove that through sports, they can work towards their aspiration to be the best that they can be.

We believe that every individual, regardless of their abilities, should be given the opportunity to prove themselves, especially in the area of sports, where everyone has limitless potential.

Special Olympics Singapore is committed to promote inclusion and provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to showcase what they are truly capable of. Our athletes will experience the pride of representing Singapore on a global platform, surrounded by the support and encouragement of peers, family, and supporters.

Beyond the competition, the World Summer Games is also an opportunity for our athletes to connect and meet with athletes from around the world.

The team's preparation for the World Games would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our volunteer coaches, officials and supporters. They are the team behind the team supporting our athletes and their sporting aspirations.

On behalf of Special Olympics Singapore, I would like to thank all our wonderful donors and supporters for believing in our athletes and supporting the team's participation at the Games. A special appreciation and thank you also to Her Excellency President Halimah Yacob and Minister Edwin Tong for their support of Special Olympics Singapore athletes over the years.

Thank you for believing in our special athletes and for ensuring the athletes with different abilities and needs will always have a place in the national sporting narrative.

I wish all our athletes and officials the very best at the Special Olympics World Summer Games Berlin 2023.

## Team Singapore Contingent

30 Athletes and Unified Partners
15 Volunteer coaches and Support staff



Mrs Linda Prebhash

Head of Delegation



Mr John Soh **Assistant Head of Delegation** 



Athletics
3 Females, 3 Males



Badminton
1 Female, 1 Male



Bocce 1 Female, 1 Male



Bowling
4 Female, 2 Male
+ 1 Unified partner



Football - Unified
6 Males
+ 5 Unified partner



Swimming
1 Female, 1 Male

#### Team Singapore Athletics Team





Carol Ho Siew Fong Athlete

Female: 400m Female: Mini Javelin



Mohammad Zulkhairi Lutfi Bin Mohd Azam Athlete

Male: 200m Male: 400m 4x400m Relay



Tan Ming Shih Irving Paul Athlete

Male: 800m Male: 1500m 4x400m Relay



Muhammad Hazrul Danial Bin Muhammad Alif Athlete

Male: 400m Male: Mini Javelin





Rozana Binte
Abdullah
Athlete
Female: 200m
Female: Mini Javelin
4x400m Relay



**Coach** Sheree Lim



Hamzah Athlete Female: 800m Female: 1500m 4x400m Relay



**Coach** Vanessa Denise Foo





Jerica Tan Hui Min Athlete Women's Singles Mixed Doubles



Muhammad Rohaizat Bin Razid Athlete Men's Singles Mixed Doubles



**Coach** Faith Toh Jia Xuan





Gawridevi D/O
Magenthiran
Athlete
Women's Singles
Mixed Doubles



**Coach** Cheng Lynn



Tham Kar Soon
Athlete
Men's Singles
Mixed Doubles



**Coach** Tiffany Lim Siew Luan





Abbas Ahmad Athlete Men's Singles Mixed Doubles



Hui Xuan Lin Florence Athlete Women's Singles Women's Doubles



Jocelyn Sng Athlete Women's Singles



Lin Zhao Yong Athlete Men's Singles Mixed Doubles



Tan Bao Ling Athlete Women's Singles Women's Doubles





Michelle Joseph
Athlete
Women's Singles
Unified Sports Doubles



Stefanie Ang
Unified Partner
Unified Sports Doubles



**Coach**Derrick Sebastian Sim



**Coach** Ng Helin Rachel





Ahmad Mifdhal Bin Lateb Unified Partner Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Lim Wei Leong
Athlete
Men's Unified Sports
Football (7-a-side)



Muhammad Andy Bin Izzwanshah Amanshah Athlete Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Lau Chang Wei Lionel Unified Partner Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)





Muhammad Ashraf Bin Muhammad Azwan Athlete Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Muhammad Firdaus

Bin Saad

Athlete

Men's Unified Sports

Football (7-a-side)



Muhammad Aqmal Amsyar Bin Anuar Unified Partner Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Muhammad Haziq
Bin Ibrahim
Athlete
Men's Unified Sports
Football (7-a-side)





Muhammad Raziq Bin Azran Athlete Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Tan Xian Li Unified Partner Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



Wee Jun Kai Darrell Unified Partner Men's Unified Sports Football (7-a-side)



**Coach** Ardi Bin Ramli



**Coach** Lionel Teo





Nicholas Hee

Athlete

Male: 50m Freestyle Male: 50m Breaststroke



Vanette Lim Li Ying
Athlete

Female: 50m Freestyle Female: 50m Breaststroke



**Coach** Shona Lim Liyi





Football Coach/ Physiotherapist Ahmad Iqbal Bin Kamari



Swimming Coach/ Physiotherapist Emily Lim



**Team Doctor**Dr. Ethan Lim Yii Hong

#### **Special Olympics Singapore**

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