

WORLD
WINTER
GAMES
TURIN 2025

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 Winter Games TURIN 2025

The Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025 scheduled from 8 to 15 March 2025, is slated to be the largest international sports and humanitarian event in 2025, with more than 1,500 athletes from 102 nations, 1,000 coaches, 3,000 family members, and more than 500 media and influencers in attendance.

During the 8-day event, athletes will compete in 8 Olympic-type sports including Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Dance port, Figure Skating, Floorball, S Snowboarding, Snowshoeing and Short Track Speed Skating. Special Olympics World Games transcend the boundaries of geography, nationality, gender, age, culture and religion. The Games demonstrate sports excellence which promotes equality, respect and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities around the world.



102 Nations

1,500 Athletes

621

Coaches

8

Sports

9,000

Families

2,000

Volunteers

100,000

Spectators

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

- Special Olympics Athlete's Oath

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



Singapore is participating in the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025. Team Singapore will be represented by 4 DanceSport athletes and 4 officials.

Team Singapore will be striving to do its best to achieve their sporting goals and fly the Singapore flag high at the World Winter Games Turin 2025.

DanceSport became a recognized Special Olympics Winter Sport in March 2019. This sport covers all types of dance styles such as Ballroom, Streetdance (Hip Hop, Breaking, Locking, Electric Boogie etc.) Performing Arts (Modern, Ballet, Jazz Dance, Contemporary etc.) and Specialty (LaBlast, Folk Dance) and offers trainings and competitions for Solos, Duos, Couples and Teams. Team Singapore will be participating in Latin Ballroom DanceSport. We are very proud of the team that has been

training very hard, supported by the coaches and team officials.

Our athlete-dancers have that proven 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. Our athlete-dancers will experience the pride of representing Singapore on a global platform, surrounded by the support and encouragement of peers, family, and supporters.

We believe that every athlete has unique sporting abilities and should be given the opportunity to prove themselves, especially in the area of sports.

Beyond the competition, the World Winter Games is also an opportunity for our athletes to connect and meet with athletes and supporters 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, staff, 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 our Patron in Chief, His Excellency President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Minister Edwin Tong for their support of Special Olympics Singapore athletes and belief in inclusion through sports.

Thank you for believing in our talented 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 Winter Games 2025.

Team Singapore Contingent

4 Athletes

4 Volunteer coaches and Officials



Ms Nur Rasyidah Binte Andi Satria
Head of Delegation



DanceSport
3 Female, 1 Male



Mr Andy Ang Head Coach



Ms Zayden Oh Asst. Coach / Staff



Ms Vivien Koh Physiotherapist





Kweh Jia Xuan
Athlete
Team Category
Couple Category



Seetoh Min Hui

Athlete

Team Category

Couple Category



Oun Zi Le
Athlete
Team Category
Couple Category



Tang Su Ann Megan
Athlete
Team Category
Couple Category

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