



MEDIA ALERT for Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8

Special Olympics PA's 2nd Annual Indoor Winter Games to be Held at Four Venues in York County

WHAT: More than 650 athletes, coaches and volunteers will travel to the 2nd Annual Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) Indoor Winter Games, presented by Explore York, held in York, PA from March 7-8. This statewide competition will feature competitions in floor hockey, speed skating, figure skating and bowling. The complete [Indoor Winter Games event schedule](#) is available via the SOPA website.

WHERE: **York Expo Center (Floor Hockey)**
334 Carlisle Ave., York PA
York Ice Arena (Speed Skating & Figure Skating)
941 Vander Ave. York PA
Colony Lanes (Bowling)
1900 Pennsylvania Ave., York PA
Laser Alleys (Bowling)
3905 East Market Street, York PA

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 7 – SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS, IN ADDITION TO SPORTING COMPETITIONS, INCLUDE:

SATURDAY:

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. – President's Welcome Reception @ York Expo Center**– *This is a reception for SOPA donors, Board Members, athletes and friends with recognition of key partners like Explore York, WellSpan, IVRI, etc.*
- **9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Unified Sports Experience @ York Expo Center** – *The second annual Unified Sports Experience will feature athletes and Unified Partners in a friendly floor hockey competition. The competition will take place prior to Opening Ceremonies.*
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies @ York Expo Center**
Opening Ceremonies will include speakers, a full body cardio "POUND" performance and other entertainment, the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron and more.

GUESTS SLATED TO ATTEND INCLUDE:

- Co-Emcees: ABC 27 Reporter Michella Drapac and Carole Ann Bollinger, a Global Messenger and athlete for SOPA.
- Special Olympics PA's President and CEO, Matthew Aaron
- York County Commissioner Julie Wheeler
- **12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Bowling Competition @ Colony Park and Laser Alley**
- **12:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Floor Hockey Competition @ York Expo Center**
- **1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Figure Skating Competition @ York Ice Arena**

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Speed Skating Competition @ York Ice Arena**
- **1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Olympic Village @ York Expo Center**
Olympic Village will offer athletes a variety of fun activities to keep them busy in between competitions.
- **5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Healthy Athletes, Special Smiles and Fit Feet @ York Expo Center**
Healthy Athletes are non-invasive screenings designed to offer additional support at no cost to our athletes and their families
- **7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Victory Dance@ York Expo Center**
A Victory Dance has become a tradition of the Games and is truly a highlight for the athletes. Athletes will dance, enjoy snacks and take photos!

SUNDAY:

- **8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Floor Hockey Competition @ York Expo Center**
- **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Bowling Competition @ Colony Park and Laser Alley**
- **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Figure Skating Competition @ York Ice Arena**
- **10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Speed Skating Competition @ York Ice Arena**
- **9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Healthy Habits @ York Expo Center**
Healthy Habits teaches athletes the importance of health in fun, interactive ways. Healthy Habits will have games, interactive activities, and healthy snacks for the athletes while still teaching ways to carry out a healthier lifestyle. This year's stations and screenings will be provided by noncompeting athlete leaders.
- **1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Awards for all sports at their respective locations**
- **4:30 p.m. – Tentative Departure**

MEDIA ARE WELCOME: Media are welcomed to attend any portion of the event.

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