



2010 Special Olympics IX National Games - Fact Sheet

Special Olympics, the global leader in providing sporting competition for athletes with an intellectual disability will undertake the Special Olympics Australia IX National Games in Adelaide, South Australia in April 2010.

- Participants:** Over 850 athletes from all Australian States and Territories
- When:** 19 - 24 April, 2010
- How:** This unique national sporting event will be conducted almost entirely by volunteers including the official Games Organising Committee.
- Where:** Athletes of all ability levels will compete in 12 Olympic style sports in a variety of quality sporting venues across the city of Adelaide.

Aquatics	State Aquatic Centre, North Adelaide
Athletics	Santos Stadium, Mile End
Basketball	Wayville Stadium, Wayville
Bocce	Veneto Club, Beverley
Bowling (Tenpin)	AMF Woodville Bowl, Woodville
Equestrian (Demonstration)	Adelaide Shores
Football (Soccer)	Adelaide Shores, West Beach
Golf	Adelaide Shores, West Beach
Gymnastics	Marion Leisure Centre, Morphettville
Sailing	Adelaide Shores, West Beach
Softball	Adelaide Shores, West Beach
Tennis	Memorial Drive, Adelaide

Ceremonies: Special Olympics' ceremonies and philosophies are steeped in the Olympic tradition and this is reflected in the fact it is the only organization sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to use the term 'Olympics' in its title.

The 2010 National Games spectacular *Opening Ceremony* will include the Law Enforcement Torch Run, lighting of the Olympic Cauldron, Official Welcome & Speeches, and Athletes march past plus a myriad of entertainment at the Distinctive Homes Dome on Monday 19th April 2010.

The week of companionship, excitement and competition will culminate on Friday 23 April 2010 when athletes, coaches, official, families and volunteers and stakeholders will assemble for an emotional and celebratory *Closing Ceremony* which will be undertaken with famous South Australian festive flair.

Event Patron: The Premier of South Australian, The Hon. Mike Rann MP has shown his support of the 2010 National Games by enthusiastically embracing his role of Official Event Patron and is looking forward to welcoming all athletes, officials and supporters to Adelaide in April 2010.



Ambassadors: Ambassadors to date include, Renae Camino (Basketball), Rachael Sporn (Former Olympic Basketball, and 2008 Olympics Commentator), Katrina Webb (Former Gold Medal Paralympian) Ali Carle (Radio TripleM) and Ashley Walsh (ABC Radio).

Special Events: Healthy Athletes Program
Families Social
Law Enforcement Torch Run
Equestrian Demonstration by Riding for the Disabled Australia
Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Key Dates: 1st September 2009 – Closing date for Team Registration
1st March 2010 – Closing date for updating entry times and scores
19th April 2010 – Team Arrival in Adelaide
19th April 2010 – Opening Ceremony (Distinctive Homes Dome)
23rd April 2010 – Closing Ceremony (Distinctive Homes Dome)
24th April 2010 – Team Departures from Adelaide

Icons of the 2010 Special Olympics National Games:



Event Logo

The event logo incorporates a burning flame inset with SA's Floral emblem the Sturt Desert Pea, representing the athletes burning desire to achieve.

SO, My Time To Shine!

Event Slogan

The slogan reflects that the 2010 Games is a the opportunity for us all to shine; athletes, coaches, carers, family and volunteers alike. 'SO' is short for Special Olympics.



Event Mascot

The event mascot is a specially created cartoon version of a SA's official Fauna emblem, the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat.

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