



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SASKATCHEWAN ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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About

Special Olympics is a global grassroots movement, bringing community programs and competition opportunities to more than 4.5 million children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities across 170 countries worldwide.

Our Vision, Mission & Values

Vision

Our vision is that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities all over the world.

Mission

Special Olympics Saskatchewan is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability through sport.

Values

Inclusion: We foster inclusive communities

Diversity: We honour what is unique in each individual

Empowerment: We give everyone the opportunity to pursue their full potential

Respect: We operate in an environment of cooperation, collaboration and dignity

Excellence: We elevate standards and performance.

Our Communities & Districts

Our Special Olympics Communities play a vital role in the development of our athletes and volunteers. Every individual who is involved at the community level is giving our athletes the opportunity to participate and engage in sport.

South East District:

Special Olympics Estevan
Special Olympics Weyburn

Regina Sport District:

Special Olympics Regina

South West District:

Special Olympics Moose Jaw
Special Olympics Swift Current

Parkland Valley District:

Special Olympics Yorkton & District

Prairie Central District:

Special Olympics Humboldt & District

Saskatoon Sport District:

Special Olympics Saskatoon

Rivers West District:

Special Olympics Kindersley
Special Olympics Meadow Lake
Special Olympics Unity & District
Special Olympics Battlefords & District

Lakeland District:

Special Olympics Melfort
Special Olympics Nipawin
Special Olympics Prince Albert

Northern District:

Special Olympics La Ronge & District

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Our Team



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Chief Executive Officer



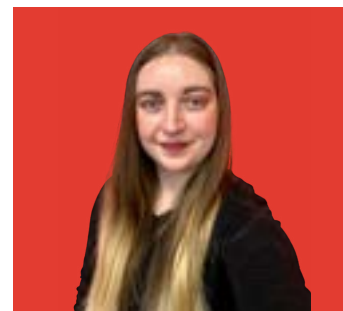
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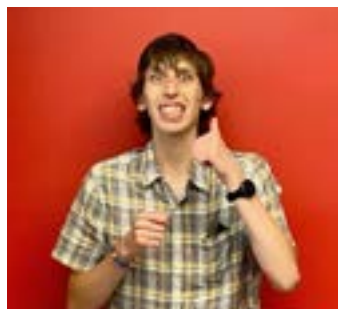
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Address from our CEO - Faye Matt

Sport is thriving in Saskatchewan and Special Olympics is no exception. As you will see in our Annual Report, communities across our province were enhanced by the presence of Special Olympics weekly sport programs, Try-It Camps, and sport competitions. The outcomes of sport participation can be as significant as social inclusion progress and as simple as an athlete feeling a sense of self-pride and belonging.

There were many outstanding sport competitions underway this year with Winter Games qualifying competitions, participation at the Saskatchewan Winter Games, and an incredible contingent of athletes from Saskatchewan representing us on Team Canada. Team Canada had an outstanding run at the World Summer Games in Berlin and we are proud to report that Saskatchewan can now boast several newly minted world champions and medalists.

Our biggest future goal is the same as Special Olympics chapters across North America: to welcome new volunteers and athletes into our programs. We have so many exciting opportunities to coach, and volunteer, with world-class training and networking opportunities. With more volunteers comes more moments of joy in sport and community building.

This past year, we were validated by a unique research project that found that young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who participate in Special Olympics are 49% less likely to develop depression in comparison to non-participants in the same age group. This is groundbreaking research – a first of its kind within the Special Olympics movement and clearly demonstrates our impact on young adults. Dr. Meghann Lloyd and colleagues at Ontario Tech University shared this discovery that so many of us in Special Olympics know very well to be true. Sport is a safe place to carry out risks, develop one's sense of self, and build a social community. For athletes with intellectual disabilities, this is so critical.

In addition to the support of our incredible long-time sponsors whom you will read more about in this report, we are excited to expand our fundraising efforts into individual giving platforms, including direct mail, door-to-door canvassing, and planned giving. With the support of individuals who believe in the power of sport, and want to see people with intellectual disabilities thrive, we are building a community of changemakers through our individual giving platforms.

As we continue to build our sport programs, enhance our volunteer programs, and deliver high-quality sport experiences, I look forward to continuing to work side by side with the amazing members of Special Olympics Saskatchewan and hope to meet many new ones this year!

Faye Matt
Chief Executive Officer



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUES	2023	2022
SASKATCHEWAN LOTTERIES TRUST FUND	347,200	305,900
SELF HELP REVENUE	467,323	390,658
NATIONAL SPORT ORGANIZATION	280,570	257,595
	1,095,093	944,153
EXPENSES	2023	2022
ADMINISTRATION	290,132	271,261
CAPACITY/INTERACTION	238,635	235,132
PARTICIPATION	247,205	216,713
EXCELLENCE	187,291	85,310
CATEGORICAL GRANT	6,000	4,500
MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	63,004	62,800
FUNDRAISING	55,355	21,405
	1,087,622	897,121
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	7,471	47,032

1008 Athletes | 328 Volunteers | 157 Coaches

 Alpine Skiing	 Cross Country Skiing	 Rhythmic Gymnastics
 Athletics	 Curling	 Snowshoeing
 Basketball	 Figure Skating	 Soccer
 Bocce	 Floor Hockey	 Softball
 5-Pin Bowling	 Golf	 Speed Skating
 10-Pin Bowling	 Powerlifting	 Swimming

2021-2022 Award Recipients

Billy Wesley | **Athlete of the Year**

SO Saskatoon Basketball | **Team of the Year**

Eric Lautsch | **Coach of the Year**

Ben Rayner | **Junior Coach of the Year**

Melissa Romanow | **Volunteer of the Year**

Candace Bates | **Shining Star**

Phyllis Madigan | **Unsung Hero**

Malcolm Goebel | **Athlete Lifetime Dedication**

Ted & Janice Hamm | **Honorary Life Member**

Linda Kapasky | **Bob Pedde Memorial**

Rhonda Meakin | **LETR Outstanding Service**

SO Swift Current | **Community Excellence**

Sobeys | **President's Citation Order of Merit**

Dr. Martin Leboldus High School | **Unified Sports Spotlight**





Dr. Frank Hayden Lifetime Achievement Award

Special Olympics Canada's LIMITLESS Gala was a night to remember for our very own athlete - Malcolm Goebel of Special Olympics Swift Current. Each year, SOC recognizes its incredible athletes, coaches, and volunteers from across the country who exemplify the spirit and essence of the movement. This past year, Malcolm received the Dr. Frank Hayden Lifetime Achievement Award from Dr. Frank Hayden himself!

Dr. Frank Hayden's research sparked the Special Olympics movement 50 years ago. As such, this award is presented to an athlete who exemplifies the spirit, philosophy, and goals of the Special Olympics movement. We can't think of a better individual to capture the movement as Malcolm does.

Malcolm has been an athlete for 39 years and has participated in many different sports along the way. His athlete philosophies are: to always do his best and accept the results as is; try to improve; be a good motivator; and be someone others can look up to. Malcolm is a huge promotor of Special Olympics wherever he goes, and we are so proud of him and his accomplishments.

Congratulations Malcolm!



Volunteer of the Year: Tyler Kowalski



This year's Volunteer of the Year is Tyler Kowalski! Tyler has been a volunteer and coach with Special Olympics Prince Albert (SOPA) for 11 years, coaching floor hockey, golf, and bocce. He is a busy individual - not only does he coach, but he also sits on the CEC as the Treasurer, all while managing the Bank of Montreal during the day. As a volunteer, coach, and referee, Tyler ensures equal opportunity to all athletes.



Tyler wears many hats in his volunteering role - whether that be coaching, officiating, driving, or assisting in CEC duties. The athletes, parents, caregivers, and fellow volunteers have utmost respect for him. Tyler has volunteered countless hours to Special Olympics programs in PA, and program numbers have increased because of him.



Next year, Tyler will be heading to the 2024 Canada Winter Games in Calgary as part of the Mission Staff for the Floor Hockey Team! A huge "thank you" goes out to Tyler Kowalski for your continued support, and dedication to Special Olympics.

Athlete of the Year: Tyler Servant

Tyler is a true leader amongst the athletes in Special Olympics - he is an athlete with Special Olympics Swift Current; sits on the Saskatchewan and Canadian Athlete Leadership Council; and holds a full-time job!

Tyler has been involved with SO Swift Current for 10 years and has participated in swimming, bowling, floor hockey, and softball. His true passion is swimming. This year, he represented Team Canada at the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany. At World Games, Tyler placed 6th in both the 50m Backstroke and the 25m Freestyle. Tyler also competed in the 4x50m Medley Relay team event and the team placed 1st, winning them the gold medal! Along with the rest of Team Canada, Tyler came back with stories to last a lifetime - a truly unforgettable experience. Congratulations, Tyler, on all you have accomplished!



Athlete of the Year: Taylor Carter

Taylor is a competitive golfer with Special Olympics Regina. Being a year-round golfer, Taylor spends his summers at the Katepwa Golf Course and his winters at Divots Indoor Golf. In addition to improving his golf game, Taylor trains at Level 10 to work on the sports-specific exercises he needs to maintain his agility. His hard work was rewarded when he was selected to Special Olympics Team Canada to compete at the 2023 Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany. It will come as no surprise that Taylor represented Canada and Saskatchewan with an incredible attitude and hard work, bringing home a Gold Medal from Berlin! - a proud moment for Carter for sure.

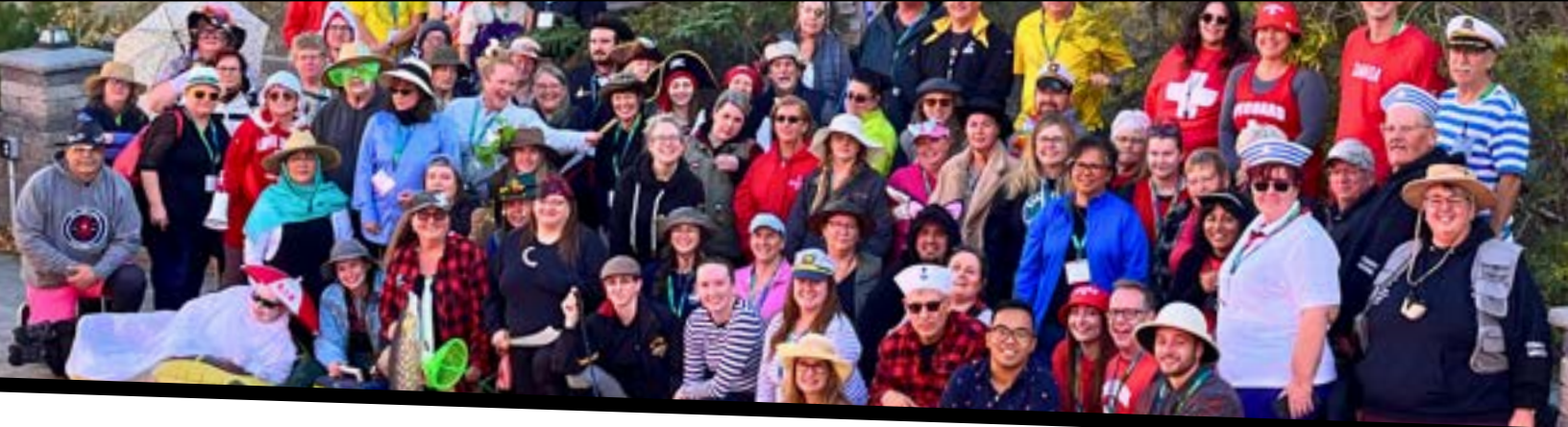
Coached by his brother, Taylor strives for excellence in golf, scoring as low as 77. He has a positive attitude and smiles when he is on the golf course or talking about golf.

Carter is always willing to share his knowledge and talent of the sport with other athletes. Because of his dedication and commitment to Special Olympics and Golf, Taylor has become an incredible advocate for the athletes, the game of golf, and for Special Olympics. Congratulations to Taylor for being this year's award recipient.

**Tyler
Servant**



**Taylor
Carter**



2022 Coaches Symposium

The 2022 Coaches Symposium took place October 14th-16th at Manitou Springs Resort in Watrous Saskatchewan. With over 90 coaches from across Western Canada and the Northwest Territories, the weekend was packed with learning, growth, and fun!

The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with icebreakers, followed by food, awards, and a social. During the social, coaches had the opportunity to connect with other coaches and learn more about programs across Canada. Of course, everyone had the opportunity to take advantage of the natural mineral pool and relax ahead of the busy next couple of days.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with valuable information, discussions, and self-discovery. The sessions included:

- Mark Epp (University of Saskatchewan) with a focus on different challenges in performance and the effects of full investment in sport.
- Allan Kehler (Mental Health Advocate) covered the topic of mental health and enhancing an individual's toolbox to better deal with anxiety and stress.
- Al Bodnarchuk (Sport Medicine & Science Council of Saskatchewan) presented on injury prevention and management.
- Viviane Forest (Paralympic Athlete) shared her experiences in the Paralympics with stories of overcoming adversity, all of which shaped her into who she is today.

It wouldn't be a Coaches Symposium without the famous Scavenger Hunt! Lindsay Randall organized yet another fun-filled competition. Teams worked together to be the best. In the end, the Beach Goers - Sun Worshipers secured the first-place title!

The Coaches Symposium is one way SOS aims to support, facilitate, and encourage coaches to grow personally and professionally. Thank you to all of the coaches for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us for a weekend of learning, and connection. We are confident that your efforts will continue to benefit athletes and communities alike. See you again in Elk Ridge for our 2023 Symposium!



Training and Workshops

SOC Competition Introduction

This year we held 4 SOC Competition Introduction Workshops. We hosted an in-person course in both Swift Current and Regina in December. We held a fully virtual course in January. In May, we offered a combination course (virtual and in-person) in Saskatoon.

We were pleased to see a number of new coaches completing the course this year! Swift Current welcomed 8 coaches, and Regina had 9 coaches. There were 11 individuals who joined virtually, and 10 who had the opportunity to experience the combination course. We are eager to continue seeing numbers grow as we welcome in more new coaches!

Sport Specific Training

For Sport Specific Training, we hosted one course. In October, the Floor Hockey Coaches/Officials Course took place in Saskatoon. There were 7 individuals who attended this training, with perfect timing ahead of the Floor Hockey Provincials that took place earlier in the year.

Sports Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan

We were fortunate to have had a Sport Injury Prevention and Care (SIPaC) Workshop put on by the Sports Medicine & Science Council of Sask. (SMSCS). This workshop took place in Saskatoon in May. While it was a smaller group of 4 people, this allowed for a more individualized and specific approach to the material. Attendees were able to spend extra time learning, practicing, and asking questions. We are hoping to have additional SIPaC Workshops in the future as this course is quite valuable.

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (LETR)



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is a proactive community program that promotes and empowers LETR agencies/officers to help raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics. Over the year, our LETR members carried out several successful fundraising and awareness events. All funds raised stayed in the province and went towards our 1,500+ Special Olympics athletes in a variety of different ways!

Truck Pull 2022

The 2022 Truck Pull was a huge success, bringing in over \$20,000 for Special Olympics athletes across the province!

On Saturday, September 10th, in Regina, registered teams and their families fueled up with a pancake breakfast provided by Safeway and prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Following breakfast, MLA Gary Grewal brought greetings on behalf of Sasktel and then the competition was on.

All teams took two opportunities to pull a 15-tonne truck 15 metres. The quickest time (at just over 11 seconds) went to Team James from Slinkemo, while the most spirited team award went to the SOS/RPS Unified Pull team.

It goes without saying how appreciative we are of every participant, volunteer, and sponsor that supported this event. Thank you to Slinkemo, SGI, Jays, Creek Construction, Hornoii Leasing, and the Knights!

Cops, Pops & Pizza 2023

On Tuesday, March 28th in Saskatoon and Regina, Law Enforcement members and Special Olympic athletes came together with Boston Pizza to raise much-needed funds for Special Olympics Saskatchewan athletes! Our finest put the "serve" in service, combining the delicious food at Boston Pizza with smiles, stories, and laughs to help spread the awareness of Special Olympics.

Throughout the evening, Law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes and volunteers joined together to wait on tables and collect donations. A total of \$2500.00 was raised for our athletes!

A huge thank you goes out to communities for showing your support and attending the fundraiser! Thank you to Boston Pizza for hosting the fantastic evening. Finally, thank you to all the LETR members (Saskatoon Police Service, Regina Police Service, and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol) and the athletes for making the event successful.

Thank you for your continued support for SOS athletes across the province!
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Polar Plunge 2023

The water may have been cold, but the weather for both Saskatoon and Regina LETR Polar Plunge's was perfect! We were warmed by the generosity of all the Plungers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters in both cities. An incredible \$55,000 was raised to support Special Olympics Programs across the province. #FreezinForAReason at its finest!

Polar Plunge - Saskatoon

LETR officers in Saskatoon hosted their Inaugural Polar Plunge on February 4th. With the support of the Saskatoon community, an incredible \$16,000 was raised.

The day featured celebrity plungers Saskatoon Police Service Chief Troy Cooper; Evan Johnson and Brayden Lenius of the Saskatchewan Roughriders; and Ramsey Derbas and John Stoll of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

The day would not have been possible without the support of Cabela's Saskatoon; Chinook Scaffolding; Custom Courier; Loraas Disposal; Mace Electrical; Paradise LeisureScapes Saskatoon; and the Saskatoon Fire Department!

Polar Plunge - Regina

The second Polar Plunge took place in Regina on February 11th. Over 100 participants plunged, raising \$40,000. A huge thank you goes to Regina Downtown BID for hosting us during the Frost Festival.

Our brr-ave celebrity plungers were: SGI Spokesperson, Tyler McMurchy; Sask. Roughriders Logan Ferland and Dan Clark; and U of R Rams Maguire Abell and Noah Pelletier. The Saskatchewan Police College and RCMP Depot Division also brr-aved the cold and took the plunge.

Thank you to Arctic Spas; Cabellas; Icon Scaffolding; Loraas Disposal; Paradise LeisureScapes; Planet Scuba; Prairie Dawg Hydrovac; Regina Downtown BID; Regina Fire Department; SaskWater; and Search and Rescue Regina.

If you would like to get involved with LETR, visit:
<https://www.saskatchewanletr.com>



Truck Pull
(Regina)



Polar Plunge
(Saskatoon)



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National Campaigns and Fundraisers!

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our National Partners. Through their support, we're able to offer more sport and development opportunities for Special Olympics athletes across the province. This year, through our national partnership with Tim Hortons and the Empire Company, we raised a total of 1.8 million across Canada!



Empire Company Campaign

Together we raised \$1.2M in support of Special Olympics athletes!

Special Olympics Saskatchewan extends our gratitude to Empire Company Limited and its participating banners. From June 1st - 8th, 2023, customers were able to donate to Special Olympics Canada at any Sobey's, Safeway, and IGA within Saskatchewan and across Canada. All funds raised through this campaign went towards helping provide athletes with an intellectual disability the opportunity to participate in sport, make friends, learn skills, and stay healthy. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated over the course of the week - we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you for helping to create more inclusive communities across Canada!

Tim Hortons Campaign

This year \$625,000 was raised through the Special Olympics Donut sales at Tim Hortons across Canada!

A big, warm thank you goes to Tim Hortons and Special Olympics supporters for purchasing a Special Olympics donut between February 3rd - 5th, 2023. We know our athletes had a great time working with Tim Hortons and promoting the donut.

100% of the funds raised will support community sport programming for thousands of athletes with an intellectual disability across our country. Together, we're making a more inclusive Canada.

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Unified Sports!



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SO Unified is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through sport and competition. Unified Sports brings individuals with and without intellectual disabilities together on the playing field. Through Unified, athletes gain a direct path toward building lifelong friendships and understanding. This year's competitions included: 3 Bocce, Cornhole, and Basketball events; and 1 Track & Field meet. We can't wait for next year!



Community & School Youth Programs

Our Community and School Youth Programs play a vital role within the communities across the province. Not only do these programs increase opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, and friendships, but they also improve the quality of life for those with intellectual disabilities. The benefit of these programs is that at both a school level and a community level, they can be easily implemented into daily programming. We have two Special Olympics Youth Programs - Active Start and FUNdamentals.

- Active Start (AS) is a family-centered program designed to allow children aged 2-6 to learn basic motor skills such as walking, running, jumping, and throwing. AS helps develop skill acquisition, physical fitness, social skills, and general movements.
- FUNdamentals (FUN) is a continuation of the AS Program for athletes aged 7-12. This program transitions from basic movement skills to basic sport skills. FUN promotes specific sport education, nutrition, social inclusion, and physical literacy skills.

Communities and schools are encouraged to implement the AS/FUN Program as part of the regular programming to help meet the needs of youth with intellectual disabilities. This year, Estevan, Regina, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon operated AS/FUN programming!

If communities or schools are interested in starting up the programs, connect with us at: sos@specialolympics.sk.ca

FUNdamentals Active Start



**Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.**

~ Special Olympics athlete oath

Try-It Camps

Within 2022-2023 were Try-it Camps held in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Swift Current, and Weyburn. During these camps, participants learned some sport-specific rules, warm-ups, and drills, and ended with gameplay!

SO Saskatoon Rhythmic Gymnastics Try-it-Camp

Special Olympics Saskatoon hosted a Try-it-Camp for their brand new Rhythmic Gymnastics Program. The Try-it-Camp proved to be a great kickstarter for a very successful first year for the program. The Program had 9 athletes and 5 volunteers participate throughout the year. Highlights of the year included 3 athletes attending a competition in Saskatoon on Feb 11-12, 2023; as well as 3 athletes competing in the 2023 Rhythmic Gymnastics Provincial Championship on May 12-13, 2023.

School to Community Bridge Try-it-Camps

This year SOS hosted two "School to Community" Bridge pilot projects. The goal of the camps was to introduce students to Community Programs. The days included information sessions on Special Olympics, how to register in Community Programming, and demonstrations of various sports.

Prince Albert: April 26, 2023 - 88 athletes participated

Swift Current: May 3, 2023 - 47 athletes participated

SO Weyburn Bowling Try-it-Camp

New and returning Special Olympics Weyburn 5-Pin Bowling athletes and volunteers gathered at the Bowl n' Play for an afternoon of bowling fun! This Try-It Camp was the perfect kick-off to bringing back Special Olympics Weyburn's 5-Pin Bowling program!

Following the success of a few Weyburn bowlers at the Saskatchewan Winter Games, the 5-Pin Bowling program was able to take full effect. We are looking forward to watching the program continue to grow!



2023 Provincial Winter Games

The 2023 Special Olympics Saskatchewan Winter Games ventured into uncharted territory, where the format of the Games was altered to a series of competitions instead of one full weekend, allowing improved access to the province!

The competition series began January 20-22, 2023. The Curling competition held in Regina had 4 teams from Saskatchewan and 6 teams from Manitoba turning up the heat. Just down the road, 2 SOS figure skaters put on quite the show in Moose Jaw.

January 27-29, 2023, Prince Albert hosted the floor hockey competition, which included 8 teams from around the province. Not only was there great hockey, but it was a substantial economic boom for Prince Albert.

The next round of sports to happen were Snowshoeing, Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, and Speed Skating. Those 4 sports traveled to either SO Manitoba or SO Alberta Provincial games from February 24-26, 2023.

The series finale was none other than the 5-Pin Bowling competition in Regina March 3-5, 2023. This included 12 teams from across the province. It was Thanksgiving in March!

All of the competitions went well. Overall, a total of 200 athletes competed and qualified in 8 winter sports. Thank you to everyone for helping run a successful series!

2023 World Summer Games

The 2023 SOI World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany were a positive growth experience for everyone. To say the Saskatchewan members excelled would be an understatement! A number of athletes and coaches were new to the World Games experience, but that didn't hold them back. Athletes and team staff set magnificent examples of sportsmanship and determination throughout the Games.

Everyone had a few days in Munich to acclimatize and learn about German culture before the competition officially kicked off. While in Munich, the team toured the city, beer gardens, Olympic park, and the Bayern Munich Football Stadium, before heading to Berlin via bullet train. Up first was the incredible Opening Ceremonies to welcome and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the athletes, coaches, and mission staff.

As the competition got underway, athletes displayed their training through exceptional athletic performances and personal bests. The higher level of competition and unfamiliarity with newfound opponents did little to discourage our athletes' drive to succeed. SOS athletes finished the Games with 5 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze medals. Congratulations to the Saskatchewan members of 2023 SO Team Canada!

Athletes - Taylor Carter (Golf), Ian Cushon (10 Pin Bowling), Terra Dagenais (Soccer), Vanessa Gebert (Athletics), Aaron Higgins (Powerlifting), McKenzie Millar (Basketball), Steven Saman (Basketball), and Tyler Servant (Swimming)

Coaches and Caddies - Tyler Carter (Golf), Ben Lozinsky (Basketball), Megan Penno (Basketball), Jackie Powell (Swimming)



2023 Provincial Winter Games!



2023 World Summer Games!



2023 Athlete Leadership Program

Through organized training and practical experiences, the Athlete Leadership Program (ALP) prepares athletes to undertake meaningful positions of influence and leadership throughout the Special Olympics organization, both on and off the playing field. SOS currently offers training in Social Media & Media, Athlete Speaker, and Governance. This Spring, SOS hosted 2 ALP weekends - one in Regina, and another in Saskatoon. Have you ever wondered how to take a great photo for social media? These athletes know what to do! Skills were refined. Creativity sparked. We can't wait to see how the athletes apply what they learned!

ALP (Regina)

Facilitated by Egi Ahmad, athletes in Regina had the opportunity to learn about social media and how to use it safely while representing themselves online. The 1-day course was packed full of conversations and growth!

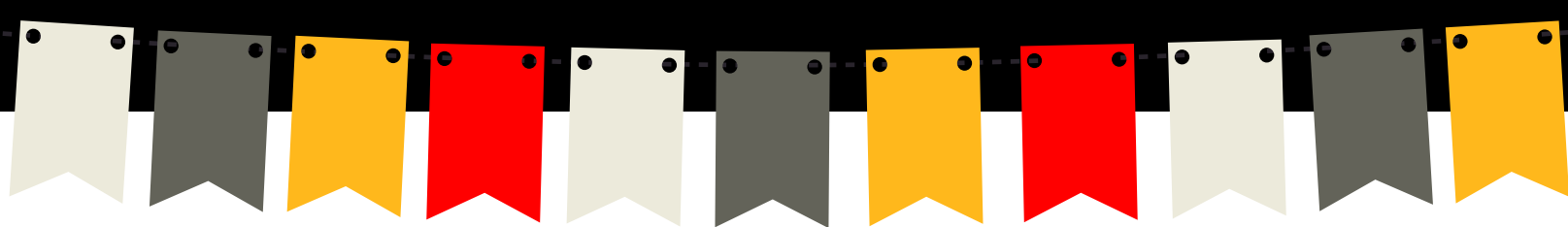


ALP (Saskatoon)

In Saskatoon, we had a fantastic group of 4 athletes join us for a 2-day Athlete Speaker course. Facilitated by Coach Jackie Powell, athletes had the opportunity to develop and practice their speeches. Lots of laughs and memories were shared over the course.



If you are interested in future ALP opportunities, please contact Egi Ahmad at 306-780-9406 or eahmad@specialolympics.sk.ca



Celebration of Champions

It was an incredible afternoon of support and celebration as Special Olympics Saskatchewan hosted its annual Celebration of Champions on June 1st, 2023. The Celebration of Champions event is aimed at showing appreciation for sponsors and supporters of Special Olympics throughout the province.

Our co-emcees of the afternoon were Special Olympics Moose Jaw athlete, Carl Paulhus, and Victoria Lacelle of SOS. Both Carl and Victoria did a fantastic job with helping run our event. It goes without saying that Special Olympics is so much more than just sport. Our athletes are incredibly lucky to have the support of our sponsors. With the World Games just around the corner, athlete Aaron Higgins captured the true meaning of Special Olympics in a heartfelt speech ahead of his send-off to World's in Berlin, Germany.

The true stars of the evening were, of course, our sponsors. Special Olympics Saskatchewan cannot put into words the gratitude and appreciation we have towards those who continue to support Special Olympics and help us grow. If it weren't for the sponsors who filled the chairs and those who couldn't make it, we wouldn't be where we are today.

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