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The world's largest sports event this year, the Special Olympics World Games, ended Sunday in New Haven, Conn., with tributes to the courage of some 7,000 athletes.

Timothy Shriver, the president of the organizing committee, closed the games at the Yale Bowl. Then the Flame of Hope, which burned all week in New Haven, was extinguished.

The flame will shine next for the 1997 winter games to be held in Toronto and Collingwood, Ont.

The games drew athletes from more than 140 countries for nine days of competition. They received an estimated 15,000 medals in such events as gymnastics, softball, soccer, swimming and sailing.