



2024 SUMMER GAMES OPENING CEREMONIES

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

TIME: Doors open @ 6:30 p.m. / Opening Ceremonies begin @ 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Gallagher-Iba Arena

Parade of Athletes Staging begins @ 6:30 p.m. on the SE door outside Gallagher-Iba

PARADE OF ATHLETES

Athletes will represent the 14 Special Olympics Areas in Oklahoma. Each team registered for the Games will select **1 athlete** from their team who will represent their team in the Parade of Athletes.

PARADE STAGING

Parade athletes (*1 athlete per team only and 1 Coach*) need to report to the North Portico off Hall of Fame beginning @ 6:30pm (*no earlier please*) where they'll be taken to be staged with their Area.

*** NO Team banners or signs are allowed for the Parade.**

The Area Programs of Special Olympics Oklahoma:

1 - Boomer Sooner (Norman & Shawnee
Mid-Del)

2 - Fun Country (Ardmore, Ada & Pauls Valley)

3 - Cherokee Country (Muskogee & Okmulgee
Bow, Poteau)

4 - Great Plains (Lawton)
Yukon)

5 - Cowboy Country (Stillwater)

6 - Cherokee Strip (Enid)

7 - Green Country (Tulsa & Broken Arrow)

8 - The Capitol (Oklahoma City &

9 - Little Sahara (Woodward)

10 - Kiamichi (McAlester, Broken

11 - Route 66 (Weatherford &

12 - Grand (Bartlesville & Miami)

13 - Red River (Durant)

14 - Panhandle (Guymon)

ATHLETE PARADE

Coach &/or chaperone must accompany their athlete in the Parade, then take the athlete to join the rest of the team in the bleacher seats after the Parade is finished.

ATHLETES in WHEELCHAIRS

Athletes in WC not in the Parade will enter & leave the arena via SE & east doors. Volunteers will direct athletes to their seating on the floor of the arena.

ONLY athletes in wheelchairs & their chaperone (1-2 only) may sit on the arena floor.

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