



# 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

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