

Philadelphia

MEDIA ALERT

Special Olympics
Pennsylvania



Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Philadelphia Program Celebrates 40th Annual Philadelphia Spring Games

WHAT – Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Philadelphia (SOPA Philly) program will celebrate the 40th Annual Philadelphia Spring Games on Saturday, April 29th. The Philadelphia Spring Games started in 1977 as a way to hold competition for Philadelphia athletes looking for an opportunity to compete and now has expanded to include not only athletes from Philadelphia, but also surrounding counties. This year, SOPA Philly anticipates 250 athletes to compete in athletics (track and field), basketball, and tennis. As SOPA Philly celebrates the 40th Annual Spring Games, there are many surprises in store and SOPA Philly invites you to celebrate with them!

WHERE – William Penn Charter School, 3000 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144

WHEN – Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES –

- **9:00 am – 9:45 am:** Opening Ceremony featuring Sports Anchor, John Boruk as emcee; Mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenney; professional boxer, Bernard Hopkins; and the Temple University Football Team
- **10:00 am – 3:30 pm:** Competition in athletics (track and field), basketball, and tennis
- **10:30 am – 11:00 am:** Unified Bocce Experience for VIP guests including John Boruk and Bernard Hopkins
- **10:30 am – 2:00 pm:** Olympic Village featuring entertainment and activities
- **11:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Young Athletes open play and showcase
- **3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (Approximate):** Awards on a rolling basis as competition concludes

PARKING – Parking is available onsite at William Penn Charter School

CONTACT – Kristin Craven, Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Philadelphia Special Events & Marketing Manager, at 609.658.6003 or kcraven@specialolympicspa.org for further information or to arrange interviews. Media is welcomed to attend any portion of the event.

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