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## Welcome to Berlin

Berlin, capital of Germany and city where walls come down. Here, tolerance and versatility are writ large.

A good prerequisite for the biggest inclusive sports event of the year.

At the National Games Berlin 2022, athletes will gain valuable experience with their Families and learn to take on new challenges again and again. Families are one of the central pillars of the Special Olympics movement and stand especially for our motto: **#UnbeatableTogether**.

In this guide, we have tried to gather all the information you need to enjoy every moment and every aspect of these Games. One more hint: Please bring your earphones to the Family Reception.

Please refer to our corona regulations in chapter 6.3, on the last page.



## 1. Family Program Schedule

Saturday,	18. June:	Family Day at the SO Festival	12:00 am	Neptunbrunnen, Berlin
Sunday,	19. June:	Opening Ceremony	7:30 pm	Stadion An der Alten Försterei, Berlin
Tuesday,	21. June:	Family Reception	6:30 pm	Elefantentor, Budapesterstr. Zoo Berlin
Wednesday,	22. June:	Athletes Party	8:00 pm	Brandenburg Gate (Straße des 17. Juni), Berlin
Friday,	24. June:	Closing Ceremony	6:00 pm	Brandenburg Gate (Straße des 17. Juni), Berlin

### 1.1. Family Hotline

During the games, the Family Hotline will be at your disposal.

Our volunteers are always there for you if you need anything. If you don't see one in your area, you are welcome to get information on the Family Hotline.

Phone number: +49 30-629 336 083 (local line)

### 1.2. Language Hotline

If you encounter challenges in communicating with others, our Language Hotline will be happy to assist you.

Phone number: +49 30 629 336 090 (local line)

### 1.3. Games App and Website

On the Special Olympics Family Website you will find all the latest information about the games.

[www.berlin2022.org/en/visit-the-games/families](http://www.berlin2022.org/en/visit-the-games/families)

We have developed an app! You can download it [here](#) from the Google Play Store or [here](#) from the AppStore. **The app is called: National Games Berlin 2022.**

You can see the schedule for the competitions and award ceremonies, as well as results. You can find out what's happening around the SO Festival and the Family program, shop for merchandise, and customize the app to your preferences in terms of colors, text size, layout, etc.

## 2. Honored Guest and Family Accreditation

### 2.1. Address and Opening Hours

The Honored Guest and Family Accreditation is located at the Hilton Berlin Hotel (Mohrenstraße 30 · 10117 Berlin).

The Honored Guest and Family Accreditation serves as the first point of contact. Here the Credentials, Welcome Bags and all other documents will be distributed to all registered Family Members.

Please remember your identity card and proof of vaccination.

**If you are picking up Credentials for another person, bring their copy of ID and a copy or photo of their vaccination certificate.**



#### Opening Hours:

17. June	12:00 am – 7:00 pm
18. June	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
19. Juni	9:00 am – <b>12:00 pm*</b>
20. Juni	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
21. Juni	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
22. Juni	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
23. Juni	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
24. Juni	9:00 am – 7:00 pm

\*On June 19, the day of the Opening Ceremony, the Accreditation for Honored Guests and Families will close at 12:00 p.m. If you arrive on Sunday afternoon, you can pick up your Credentials at the Opening Ceremony at the Alte Försterei.

You should only use this option to pick up your ticket if it is not possible to come to the Honored Guest and Family Accreditation before 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 19.

Please note that no changes to Credentials are possible on site at the Alte Försterei. Likewise, no welcome bags will be issued at the Alte Försterei. However, these can be picked up retroactively starting Monday at the Hilton or in the Guest of Honor and Family Lounge.

## 2.2. Collection of Credentials

This must be brought to the credential pickup:

- Photo identification (ID card or passport). Children under 15 years are exempt
- **A valid vaccination certificate (the 2G regulation after EU-regulations applies) or a correspondingly valid exemption**
- **Please refer to our corona regulations in chapter 6.3, on the last page.** !

Only if the documents are shown, the Credentials may be handed out. Please also carry the documents with you if you are collecting Credentials on behalf of others.

The following will be handed over to you at the Credentials handout:

- Family Credential (accreditation badge)
- Ticket for the Opening Ceremony
- Ticket for the public transport system
- Welcome Bag

## 2.3. Access with Credentials

Your Family Credential gives you access to:

- Reserved seats in sports venues (if available)
- Honored Guest and Family Lounge (Maifeld)
- Family Reception
- Discounts for tourist activities
- Athletes Party
- Closing Ceremony

## 2.4. Restricted Areas

**Field of Play.** Family members are not allowed on the field for any reason. This is for the safety of our athletes and staff.

## 2.5. Loss of Credential

If a credential is lost or damaged, notify a Family Volunteer and proceed to the Honored Guest and Family Credentials desk at the Hilton Hotel as soon as possible.



## 3. The Family Program

### 3.1. Family Reception

The Family Reception will be held on Tuesday evening, June 21. We would like to spend a nice evening together with you in a cozy atmosphere.

The reception will take place at Zoo Berlin. Food will be provided, and a variety of animals are also eager to meet us. We are really looking forward to this great evening and hope that you will all come in large numbers.

**Please bring your earphones with you. there will be a translation into English via an free application.** !

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

07:00-10:00 p.m.

Admission: 06:30 p.m.

Zoo Berlin, **Entrance: Elefantentor**

Budapester Straße, 10787 Berlin



This is an outdoor event. Therefore, please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

### 3.2. Opening Ceremony

Each Family member will receive a ticket for the Opening Ceremony at Stadion An der Alten Försterei on June 19. For more information, see chapter 5.1.

### 3.3. Catering & Lunch

In the Welcome Bag, all Families will receive a reusable beverage bottle. With this they can get water and apple juice at the catering areas of the competition sites.

Those Families who have registered for lunch will receive it **at their Athlete's competition site** between 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. As soon as the competition is over, these Families receive the meal with their Athletes at the Maifeld.

### 3.4. Honored Guest and Family Lounge

Family members can use the Honored Guest & Family Lounge on the Maifeld of the Olympic Park during the competition days. It serves as a place to inform, rest, exchange ideas and get together. Snacks and drinks will also be available.

**Opening hours:** Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 25: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

### 3.5. Designated spectator areas for Families

On the stands of the competition venues, where possible, designated areas are provided for Honored Guests and Families to come together to cheer on the athletes.

### 3.6. Special Olympics Festival: Family Day

The Special Olympics Festival will also be a place for Families during the National Games. **Especially on Saturday, June 18, 2022, the Special Olympics Festival will be held under the motto "Family".** Therefore, we invite you to participate in the cultural program already on Saturday, June 18 and to come by the Special Olympics Festival.



Family Day: June 18, 2022

Location: Neptune Fountain

For more information also check chapter 7.3

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### 3.7. Cultural Program

You will have the opportunity to experience diverse and rousing theater performances, pick up thought-provoking and head-spinning poetry slams, take part in exciting, guided tours or enjoy informative museum visits. You can find the entire program here:

<https://www.berlin2022.org/en/visit-the-games/cultural-programm>





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We also have a very special offer for you: through our cooperation with visitBerlin you will get up to 25% discount for the fascinating main attractions of Berlin if you visit them and show your Credentials. You can find all the information here: <https://www.visitberlin.de/en/nationalgamesberlin2022-tickets-attractions>

### **3.8. Public transportation in Berlin**

In the spirit of sustainability and the "Green Games" concept, there will be no shuttle service, but a ticket for public transport for all attendees of the games.

There will be no parking for private cars at the Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony or at the venues.

Please consider arriving by train and leaving your car at home.



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## 4. Sports and Competitions

### 4.1. Venues

Here you can find all information about the sports venues:

<https://www.berlin2022.org/en/sports/venues>

### 4.2. Our Sports

You can find all the schedules of the competitions under the respective sport:

<https://www.berlin2022.org/en/sports>

### 4.3. Field of Play

In the interest of the safety of all participants, access to the playing field is severely restricted. Family members are not allowed on the field for any reason, at any time.



## 5. All Events

### 5.1. Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics National Games will provide many goosebump moments. We can all look forward to spectacular show elements with well-known artists, official Olympic elements and of course the highly anticipated entry of the delegations.

**When:** June 19; 7:30 - 10:00 pm

**Admission:** 6:00 pm

**Where:** Stadion An der Alten Försterei, Berlin

**Program:**

- Big musical highlight: [the performance of the Berlin band MiA.](#)
- Parade of the athletes\* as a ceremonial entry of the delegations.
- Official elements: Lighting of the Special Olympic Flame, Special Olympic Oath, hoisting of the Special
- Olympic Flag and the official Opening of the Games
- Spectacular show elements

### 5.2. Athlete Party

The big highlight that is not to be missed is the Athlete Party. On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, you can join the great party with the athletes, volunteers and all those who make the Games possible! During the stage program you can look forward to great DJ sets.

Be there and let's dance together in front of the impressive backdrop of the Brandenburg Gate to end the day with a special evening. Your Credentials serves as your ticket. We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Admission:** 07:30 pm

**Welcome:** 08:00 pm

**End:** 09:30 pm

### 5.3. Special Olympics Festival

The Special Olympics Festival (previously "Olympic Town") will also be a place for Families during the National Games. **Especially on Saturday, June 18, 2022, the Special Olympics Festival will be held under the motto "Family".**



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The Special Olympics Festival offers you a place to make first acquaintances or to meet with friends during the whole National Games. In addition, you can find the Family services and visit other partners of Special Olympics at their information and action booths. In addition to a diverse stage program, workshops, street food, hands-on activities and sports activities await you. An all-round inclusive festival in the heart of the city.

**Date:** June 18 - 24, 2022

**Family Day:** June 18, 2022

**Location:** Neptunbrunnen, 10178 Berlin (right next to Alexanderplatz and across from the Rotes Rathaus).

Admission to the festival area is free of charge

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## 5.4. Healthy Athletes®

Healthy Athletes® is the world's largest health program specializing in the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. The German program was launched in 2004 and will also take place during the National Games.

**When:** June 19-24, 2022, daily from 9 am to 5 pm

**Where:** Maifeld, Olympic Park

## 5.5. Closing Ceremony

With your Credentials you automatically get access to the Closing Ceremony. The Closing Ceremony is the official and festive end of the National Games Berlin 2022. Together we will transform the area in front of the Brandenburg Gate into a big party mile.

**When:** June 24, 2022, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Admission:** 6 pm

**Where:** Brandenburg Gate (Straße des 17. Juni), Berlin

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**Program:**

- Supporting program by an inclusive DJ collective
- Official program elements
- Live music, performances and fireworks

## 6. Practical Information

### 6.1. General advice

- Summer temperatures in Berlin can be very hot! Please have your own sunscreen, hat and other sun protection ready. Be sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially if you are participating in outdoor sporting events.
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Plan a little more time than you think to reach your destination. Traffic conditions in - Berlin are unpredictable and can cause delays
- Always carry your Family Program Credentials with you
- Have fun and celebrate all that your athlete and Family accomplish.
- The best way to travel through Berlin is by public transportation. The BVG app will help you find your way

### 6.2. Do not bring the following items

Some items may not be taken to the opening and closing ceremonies.

Please refer to the instructions under: [www.berlin2022.org/en/faq](http://www.berlin2022.org/en/faq) → Spectator Services

#### **Please also note the restrictions on bags and backpacks:**

Bags may not exceed a size of 50 x 35 x 20cm.

The security service may carry out bag and backpack checks at their own discretion.

#### **The following additional rules apply at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies:**

Items and bags may have a maximum size of 210 x 290 mm

Helmets are not allowed

Metal bottles of any size are prohibited

### 6.3. Corona Measures

As already communicated, Special Olympics Germany (SOD) and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), together with Special Olympics International (SOI) have decided that **"2G", according to EU specifications**, is the minimum standard for credentialed groups of people for the National Games.

**Credentialed Families will only be allowed access to sports and event venues if they have provided proof of recovery (no more than three months old) or full proof of vaccination (two vaccinations and proof of infection or three vaccinations) when picking up their accreditation.**



There will be no inspection at the sports and event venues, as possession of the personalized Credentials constitutes COVID proof. More information about the collection of Credentials can be found in chapter 2. There is no general, overriding mask requirement. We recommend wearing a medical mask whenever clearances cannot be maintained. Also, when there are crowds, you are indoors, and especially when ventilation options are limited.

Please note: The information is subject to possible adjustments that may result from the development of the pandemic event or by higher-level rules by Berlin / Germany. Changes will be communicated immediately as soon as they come into force.



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