

MOVE UNITED NATIONALS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sports make us more – more determined, more powerful, more ourselves. Sports have the power to change the world, pushing people further and bringing people closer. And sports shift the narrative from disabled to this abled.

The following information is for the annual Move United Nationals. The information within this document should be used as a guide for organizations and cities interested in bidding to host the Move United Nationals. Move United will evaluate bids with consideration for the following:

- Accessible venues and hotel properties
- Experience in sport event management
- Support of the local community
- A strong local organizing committee (LOC) with the ability to generate local event sponsorships and resources
- Sophisticated venues and hotel properties
- Affordability of the event for participants

NATIONALS CYCLES & BID DEADLINES

The Move United Nationals have moved to a 2-year cycle for the host city and LOC. It is the intention of the organization to move the event around the country every 2 years.

Bids for 2025-2026 and 2027-2028 will be accepted until September 15, 2023. If Move United receives a strong bid prior to the deadline, we reserve the right to move forward awarding the bid at an earlier date.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

Dear Prospective Bid Organizations and Cities,

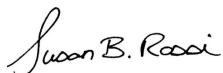
On behalf of Move United and our member network nationwide, we would like to thank you for your interest in hosting the Move United Nationals. The Move United Nationals date back to 1957 and our junior portion of the championship is now the largest annual multi-sport event for young athletes with physical, visual, and/or intellectual impairments in the United States. An anticipated 450+ plus athletes, 100+ coaches, 500+ volunteers, and families, friends, and spectators will bring the event to life in 2023.

Move United seeks progressive sport cities and local organizations with experience in event management to host Nationals which occurs annually in July. Nationals is an avenue for youth, adult, and masters athletes to showcase their abilities through sport and to promote physical activity and socialization. Additionally, the event serves as an opportunity for individuals to advance along the athlete pipeline that may one day lead them to the Paralympic Games.

Please read through this document to learn about Move United, the Move United Nationals and its history, and the Move United Nationals bid process, next steps, and quick facts for your consideration. Additionally, we invite you to explore the Move United Nationals Planning Blueprint to dive deeper into the logistics involved in running the event.

Please feel free to contact us with questions about the bid process for the upcoming years or explore the possibility of hosting the event in the future. Thank you again for your interest in partnering with Move United on one of our signature events.

Sincerely,



Susan B. Rossi, MNpS, CTRS

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ABOUT MOVE UNITED

Move United is the national leader in community adaptive sports, empowering 100,000 youth and adults with disabilities each year to live to their fullest potential. Move United's 200 member organizations in 43 states are united by a single mission: ensuring everyone, regardless of ability, experiences the life-changing power of sport and is fully included in their community.

Move United, an Affiliate of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become physically and emotionally stronger through participation in more than 70 adaptive sports. Established in 1956, Move United offers community-based sports recreation, education and competition that push people further, bring people closer and leave no one on the sidelines.

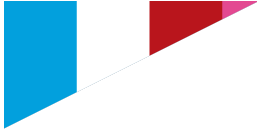
MOVE UNITED NATIONALS OVERVIEW

Beginning in 2023, Move United will bring together two championship events from its past. Celebrating the end of the summer sport season, the Move United Nationals will encompass both an adult and youth component. The weeklong event is for youth, adult, and masters athletes with a physical, visual, and/or intellectual impairment. Athletes must be classifiable under the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC) classification code and must meet qualifying standards according to classification and age divisions in order to be eligible to compete. The sports contested at the event include archery, paratriathlon, para powerlifting, shooting, swimming, and track and field. International athletes and/or teams are welcome with a dual medal system utilized.

The event serves as a platform to promote physical activity and independence for individuals with a disability and provides a national showcase for their abilities through sport. Athletes often experience heightened socialization, self-esteem, and confidence and develop self-discipline and focus while training for and participating in the event. Additionally, Nationals serves as a pipeline to international competition and the Paralympic Games.

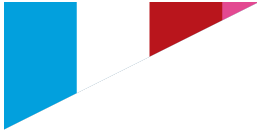
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QUICK FACTS



SPORT COMPETITIONS

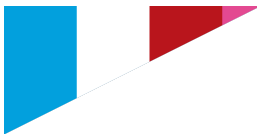
- Archery
- Paratriathlon
- Para powerlifting
- Shooting
- Swimming
- Track and Field
- Wheelchair Tennis



EVENT STRUCTURE

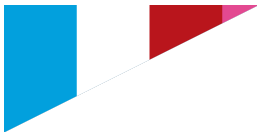
- Set-up and preparation Thursday and Friday
- Classification Friday to Tuesday
- Competition Saturday through Friday
- Welcome Ceremony on Tuesday and Closing Celebration on Friday

***Event structure may change with growth of event*



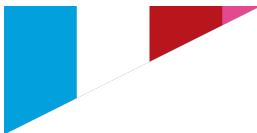
ATTENDANCE

- 2022 included 309 athletes, 115 coaches as well as family members and fans
- Anticipate 50% growth in 2023 with transition to Nationals



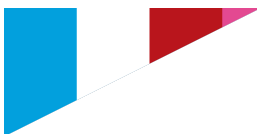
ROOM NIGHTS / HOTEL NEEDS

- Host hotel room nights exceeds 900
- 200 rooms per night minimum on peak nights
- Hotel utilized for participant check-in, classification, competition, clinics, coach meetings, and nerve center
- Hotel needs include meeting room space up to or exceeding 2000 square feet



VENUES

- Accessible, sophisticated venues desired
- Venue specifics outlined in the Planning Blueprint



LOCAL INVESTMENT

- Nationals budget exceeds \$300,000 annually with typically \$150,000 supported by the local host
- Much of the local budget can be secured through in-kind contributions

LOC AND HOST SITE BENEFITS

- Economic impact and national and local media exposure
- A unique opportunity for the location to highlight their commitment to inclusion for youth and adults with disabilities
- Over 500 volunteer opportunities for community engagement in serving a diverse population
- Legacy of training and education around adaptive sport
- Greater public awareness of the Paralympic movement as our country prepares to host the 2028 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in L.A.
- Local, regional, and national media exposure
- Full page ad in the event program
- Logo on event collateral materials
- Public address announcements during event
- Exposition booth
- Premium insert into registrant goody bags

DEADLINE AND CONTACT INFO

If your organization is interested in hosting the Move United Nationals between 2025 and 2028, please submit your bid application by September 15, 2023.

Supplemental Documents:

- Move United Junior Nationals Bid Application
- Move United Junior Nationals Planning Blueprint

Questions?

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