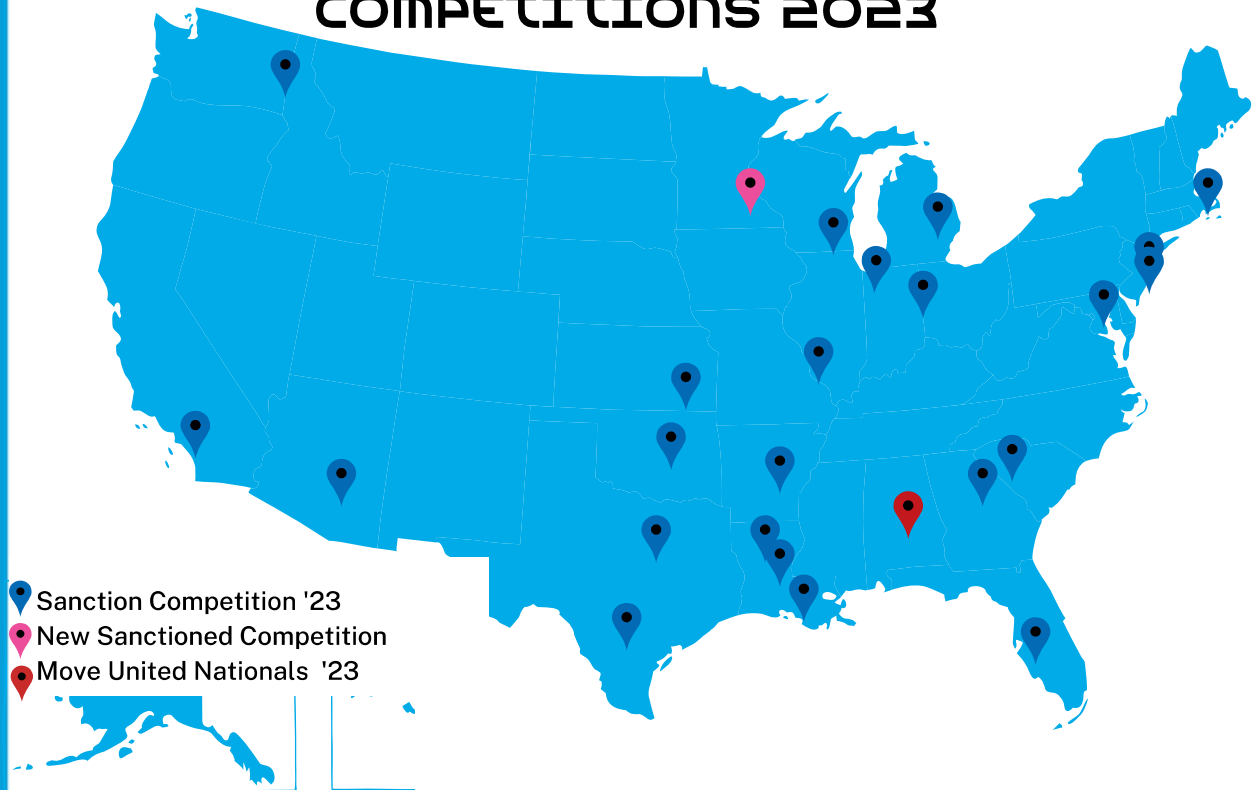


**MOVE UNITED  
SANCTIONED COMPETITION  
NETWORK**

**2023 SEASON REPORT**

# MOVE UNITED SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS 2023



## 2023 Season by the Numbers

Total Competitions: 26

Competitions by Region: East- 10 Central- 13 West- 3

New Competitions: 1

- Gopher State Games in Minnesota

States with Competitions: 22

Athlete Demographics\*:

- Total Individual Athletes Served: 1537
- Total Athletes Across Events: 2432
- Youth vs. Adult Participants: 1,159 youth, 378 adults\*
- Number of States with Athlete Representation- 46
- Military Veterans- 201

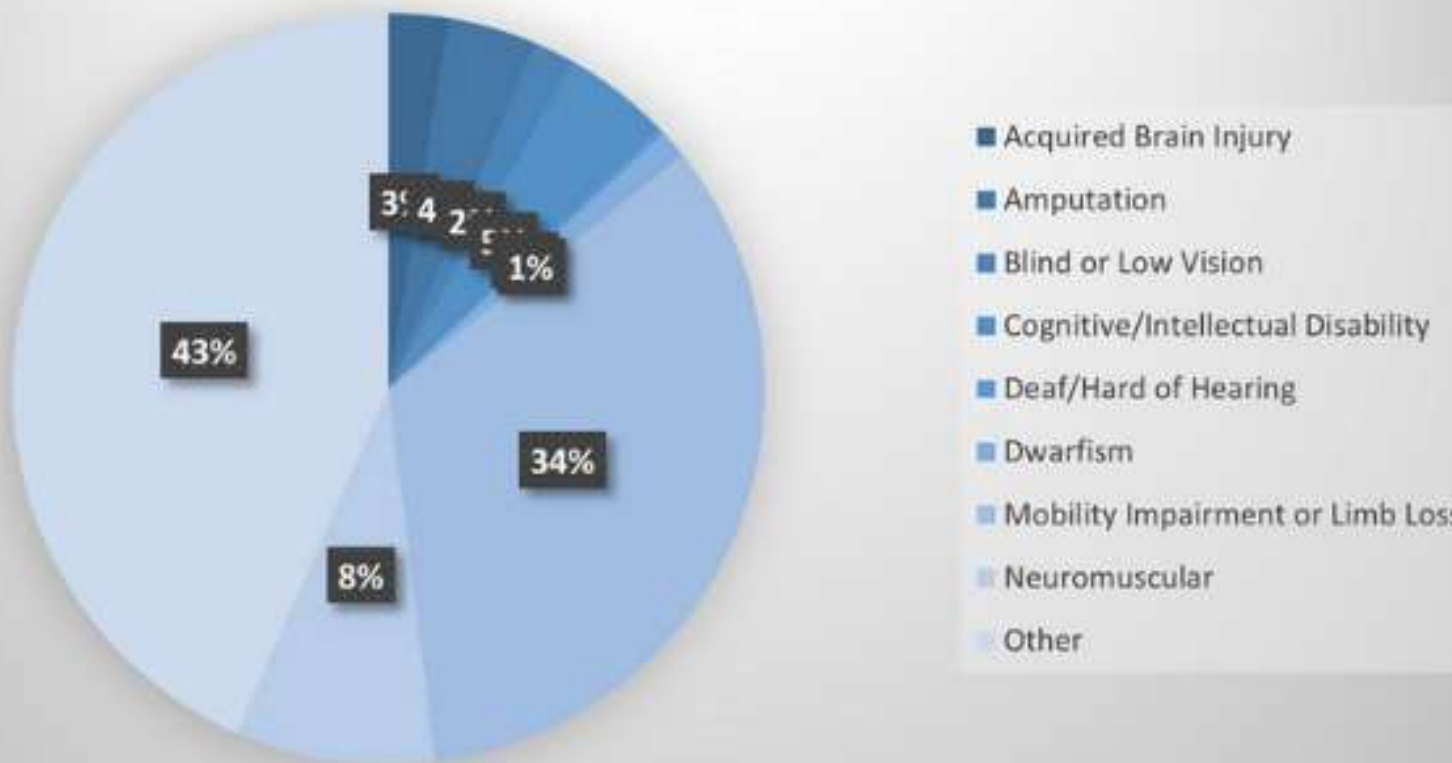
Unique Sports Offered: 15

Total Reach: 10,552 individuals\*\*

\*25 and older

\*\*Includes all event staff, officials, classifiers, volunteers, & spectators

# Disability Breakdown of Athletes 2023



- **Total Final Budget of all Sanctioned Competitions \$1,040,286.48 (includes The Hartford Nationals 2023)**
- **Over 350k invested in the Sanctioned Competitions by Move United through pass through funding & sponsorship.**

## Growth of Sanctioned Competitions

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Events	5	17	24	26
Events in the East	Virtual	4	7	10
Events in Central	Virtual	9	12	13
Events in West	Virtual	4	5	3
States with Competitions	5	12	20	22
Total Athletes	1,152	1,146	1,384	1,537
Estimated Budget		\$667,488.24	\$849,735.00	\$1,245,500.00

## Athletes Represented in 2023 Sanctioned Competitions



- 2023 Sanctioned Competition Athletes by Zip Code
- 2023 Nationals Athletes by Zip Code

## WINS

- Inclusion of adults to transition from Junior Nationals to Nationals
- Successful first year with new host city -- Hoover/Birmingham
- 46 States Represented in 2023 Move United Sanctioned Events

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Audit sanctioning process - streamline vetting, promotion, & data collection
- Reach out to Move United member organizations without Sanctioned events which offer sanction sports
- Revamp Event Management System at Nationals
- Target SD, VT, WV & WY for future Sanctioned Competitions
- Build out a mentorship program & brainstorm recruitment sources for the next generation of leads (Event Directors, officials, sports leads)
- Encourage more Warfighter participation

# EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

2/25/2023

### Tristate Regional Swim Meet

Piscataway, NJ

#### Swimming

Children's Specialized Hospital

Number of Athletes: 35

Total Reach: 134

## MARCH

3/31/2023

### GUMBO North

Shreveport, LA

#### Track & field

La. GUMBO Inc.

Number of Athletes: 108

Total Reach: 445

## APRIL

4/1/2023

### Baltimore Para Classic presented by EY

Baltimore, MD

#### Swimming

Loyola University & Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports of Kennedy Krieger

Number of Athletes: 67

Total Reach: 307

4/1/2023

### Russ Harvey Memorial Archery Tournament

Tampa, FL

#### Archery

Hillsborough County Adaptive Sports

Number of Athletes: 11

Total Reach: 58

4/22/2023

### Lone Star Para Invitational

Arlington, TX

#### Track & field

Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association

Number of Athletes: 60

Total Reach: 241

4/29/2023

### GUMBO Delta

Pineville, LA

#### Track & field

Louisiana GUMBO Inc.

Number of Athletes: 67

Total Reach: 266

4/28/23-4/29/2023

### Palmetto Games

Clemson, SC

#### Shooting, swimming, and track & field

Clemson Adaptive Sports and Recreation

Number of Athletes: 82

Total Reach: 164

## MAY

5/04/2023-5/07/2023

### Texas Regional Games In Partnership With The Hartford



San Antonio, TX

#### Archery, bocchia, cycling, para powerlifting, rowing shooting, swimming, track & field and wheelchair tennis/tennis

Lone Star Paralysis Foundation

Number of Athletes: 261

Total Reach: 1,037

5/10/2023-5/14/2023

### Great Lakes Games In Partnership With The Hartford



Lake Forest, IL

#### Archery, bocchia, para powerlifting, shooting, swimming, and track & field

Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association

Number of Athletes: 175

Total Reach: 865



5/20/2023-5/21/2023

### Gateway Games

St. Louis, MO

#### Archery, bocchia, para powerlifting, paratriathlon, shooting, swimming, and track & field

Disabled Athlete Sports Association

Number of Athletes: 96

Total Reach: 345

# EVENTS

5/24/2023-5/28/2023

## Desert Challenge Games In Partnership With The Hartford Mesa, AZ

**Archery, shooting, swimming, and track & field**

Arizona Disabled Sports  
Number of Athletes: 176  
Total Reach: 696



5/26/2023-5/28/2023

## Tri-State Regional Games Union, NJ

**Archery, para powerlifting, and track & field**

Navigators Adaptive Sports Club and Tri-State Wheelchair & Ambulatory Athletic Association  
Number of Athletes: 85  
Total Reach: 246

## JUNE

6/01/2023-6/04/2023

## Thunder in the Valley Games

Saginaw, MI

**Para powerlifting, shooting, and track & field**

Michigan Sports Unlimited, Inc  
Number of Athletes: 23  
Total Reach: 83

6/03/2023

## Challenge Games

Derby, KS

**Boccia and track & field**

Challenge Foundation  
Number of Athletes: 56  
Total Reach: 396

6/03/2023

## Meet in the Middle

Conway, AR

**Track & field**

Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association  
Number of Athletes: 32  
Total Reach: 130

6/04/2023

## Bennett Blazers Invitational

Baltimore, MD

**Track & field**

Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports of Kennedy Krieger  
Number of Athletes: 30  
Total Reach: 158

6/08/2023-6/11/2023

## UCO Endeavor Games In Partnership With The Hartford Edmond, OK

**Archery, cycling, goalball para powerlifting, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, table tennis, track & field, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair softball, and wheelchair tennis**

University of Central Oklahoma  
Number of Athletes: 290  
Total Reach: 1232



6/16/2023-6/17/2023

## Gopher State Games \*New\* Lakeville, MN

**Track & field**

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Center  
Number of Athletes: 30  
Total Reach: 197

6/16/2023-6/18/2023

## Dairyland Games

Madison, WI

**Para powerlifting, swimming and track & field**

Dairyland Sports  
Number of Athletes: 59  
Total Reach: 467

6/17/2023

## Pine Cone Classic

Spokane, WA

**Track & field**

ParaSport Spokane  
Number of Athletes: 40  
Total Reach: 120



6/17/2023

## Adaptive Sports New England Track and Field Meet Braintree, MA

**Track & field**

Adaptive Sports New England  
Number of Athletes: 18  
Total Reach: 68



# EVENTS

6/17/2023

## Peachtree Paragames

Atlanta, GA

**Archery, swimming, and track & field**

BlazeSports America

Number of Athletes: 76

Total Reach: 228

6/23/2023-6/25/2023

## Turnstone Endeavor Games

Fort Wayne, IN

**Archery, boccia, shooting, swimming, track & field, and wheelchair basketball**

Turnstone

Number of Athletes: 107

Total Reach: 358

6/29/2023-7/2/2023

## Angel City Games presented by The Hartford

Los Angeles, CA

**Archery, goalball, swimming, and track & field**

Angel City Sports

Number of Athletes: 61

Total Reach: 420



## JULY

7/08/23-7/14/2023

## 2023 The Hartford Nationals

Hoover/Birmingham, AL

**Archery, para powerlifting, paratriathlon, shooting, swimming, track & field, and wheelchair tennis**

Move United

Number of Athletes: 399

Total Reach: 1725



# THE HARTFORD NATIONALS 2023

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- Location: Hoover/Birmingham, AL
- Total states represented: 36
- Member Organizations: 35
- States not Represented in 2023:
  - Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.
- States not Represented in 2019, 2021, 2022 & 2023: Alaska, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico and Vermont.
- Total Athletes: 396
  - Male: 228
  - Female: 168
  - First time at The Hartford Nationals: 154
  - Number of Coaches: 134
- 7 Contested Sports: Archery, Para Powerlifting, Paratriathlon, Shooting, Swimming, Track & Field, and Wheelchair Tennis
- 10 Sports Clinics: Blind Soccer, Boccia, Field, Para Powerlifting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming (2), Wheelchair Rugby, and Wheelchair Tennis (2)
- Move United Staff Onsite: 21
- National & Local Organizing Team: 52
- Local Volunteers: 306
- Nationals App:
  - 744 Unique users and 82,404 total page views.
- Social Media During Event: 10 days of posting and 43 total posts





# THE HARTFORD COMPETITION SERIES

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Consists of 5 elevated adaptive sports events across the country.

- 5 Human Achievement Award Winners at each event with each awardee granted \$2,500.
- Surprise Equipment gifting from The Hartford at each event.
- The Hartford athletes (Paralympians) onsite.
- Brand in the Box elevated marketing presence.

Texas Regional Games: San Antonio, 5/04/23-5/07/23  
261 athletes, 1,037 total reach, 4 Move United Staff Onsite

Great Lakes Games: Lake Forest, IL, 5/10/23-5/14/23  
175 athletes, 865 total reach, 3 Move United Staff Onsite

Desert Challenge Games: Mesa, AZ, 5/24/23-5/28/23  
176 athletes, 696 total reach, 3 Move United Staff Onsite

UCO Endeavor Games : Edmond, OK, 6/08/23-6/11/23  
290 athletes, 1232 total reach, 3 Move United Staff Onsite

The Hartford Nationals: Hoover/Birmingham, AL 7/08/23-7/14/23  
399 athletes, 1725 total reach, 21 Move United Staff Onsite

Unique Athletes: 1298  
Total Reach: 5,721

# EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

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## Event Directors Meetings

- 09/22/2022
  - 2022 Challenges
  - 2022 Funding Opportunities
  - 2022 Event Calendar
- 10/27/2022
  - Sanctioning and Reporting Process for 2023
- 11/17/2022
  - Marketing and Communication Best Practices

Nationals 101: Introduction to qualifying and registering for The Hartford Nationals

Nationals 102: Detailed webinar on travel and competition at The Hartford Nationals

The Hartford Nationals Track & Field

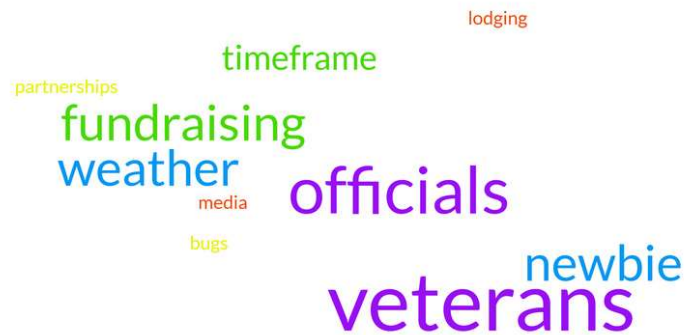
The Hartford Nationals Paratriathlon

The Hartford Nationals Shooting

The Hartford Nationals Swimming

The Hartford Nationals Wheelchair Tennis

# MOVING FORWARD



## Suggestions for 2024 Enhancement Based on Local Challenges

- Increase number of officials
- Prepare staff & athletes in advance for weather
- Take event staff turnover into account when planning
- Focus on fundraising
- Improve event scheduling; avoid event overlap
- Improve media coverage
- Improve collaboration with partners
- Improve procurement timelines on venues
- Improve management of event growth & staff bandwidth

# OUTCOMES

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"This event **means a lot to me** as Russ Harvey was a coach of mine for many years. I hope I made him **proud** today, especially because I shot a PR!"

"This has been an **amazing experience** for my daughter, she has learned so much from others that have **similar abilities** as her."

"Thanks to the gifting moment, three athletes will have **access to equipment** to continue their sports pursuits with wheelchair tennis and field."

"I loved **being able to compete** with athletes all with different challenges! **It was amazing** to not be the only one doing things differently!"

"It was just **amazing** not only the competition but the **respect and camaraderie** the athletes displayed **regardless of team affiliation.**"

"Everyone at the games was there to **better themselves**, someone else, or a combination of the two. Everyone cheered, clapped, helped, coached, or just showed up and watched. **All were equally important.**"

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