



**MOVE UNITED
SANCTIONED COMPETITION
NETWORK**

2024 SEASON REPORT

2024 MOVE UNITED SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS

2024 Season by the Numbers

Total Competitions: **34**

8 New Competitions:

- IM ABLE Foundation's Got the Nerve? (Mt. Gretna, PA)
- Sportable River City Slam (Richmond, VA)
- University of Michigan Adaptive Track & Field Meet (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Clemson Wheelchair Tennis Championships (Clemson, SC)
- JTCC College Park Championships (College Park, MD)
- GLASA USTA Tennis Tournament (Lake Forest, IL)
- Angel City Youth Weekend (Los Angeles, CA)
- Razorsharks Invitational Inclusive Swim Meet (Lakewood, OH)

States with Competitions: **24**

Athlete Demographics*:

- Total Unique Athletes Served: **2311**
 - **50%** growth from 1537 in 2023
- Total Athletes Across Events: **3367**
- **674** Youth (Under 18) vs. **1288** Adult (18 & Over) Participants **
- Number of States with Athlete Representation: **46 + DC**
- International Countries Represented: **16**
- Military Athletes (Active Duty + Veteran): **333**
 - **66%** growth from 201 in 2023



Unique Sports Offered: **19**

Ambulatory Tennis, Archery, Blind Judo, Blind Soccer, Boccia, Cycling, Goalball, Para Powerlifting, Paratriathlon, Rowing, Shooting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track & Field, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Football, & Wheelchair Tennis

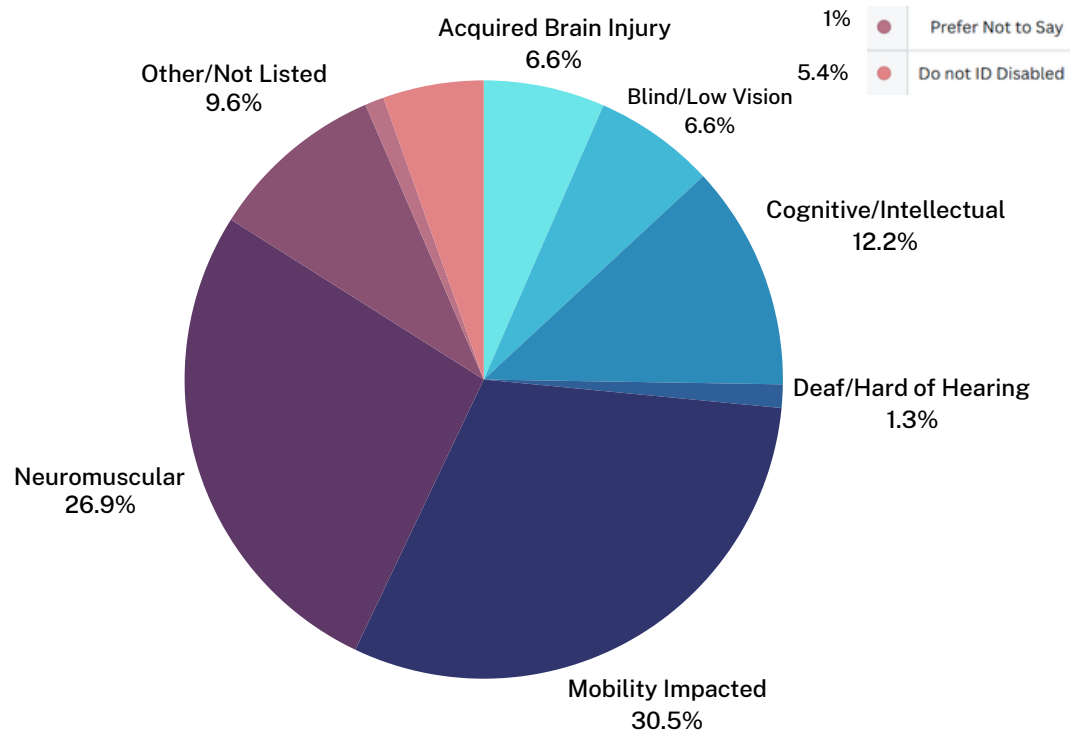
*Does not include data from:

- IM ABLE Foundation's Got the Nerve?
- Sportable River City Slam
- GUMBO State Governor's Games

** (No DOB for 349 participants)

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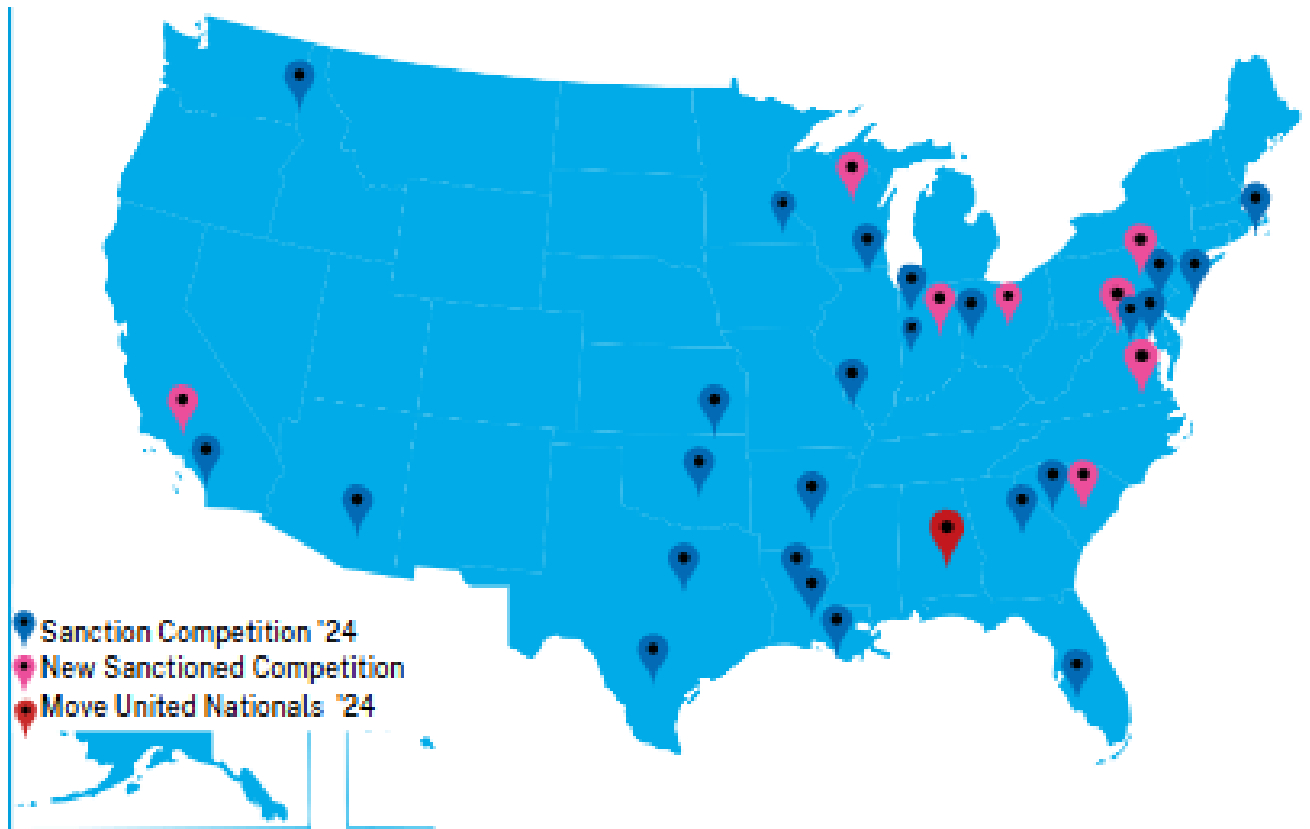


- Total events: Increased from 26 to 34
- Added events in 2 new states: Pennsylvania & Ohio
- Expanded outreach to Warfighters:
 - Increase of 66% from 201 in 2023 to 333 in 2024
- Increased number of Teams attending The Hartford Nationals
 - 42 in 2023 to 55 in 2024

BENEFIT

- New in 2024:
 - Next Generation Mentorship Program
 - Mentorship program where seasoned adaptive sports leaders pass on their knowledge to future leaders
 - Learning Management System (LMS) - Competitive Event Management Courses
 - Informative courses to help LOCs elevate the standards of their events in the Move United Sanctioned Competition Network
 - The Hartford Nationals Registration 101 Video
 - Informative video to encourage & facilitate new participation in The Hartford Nationals

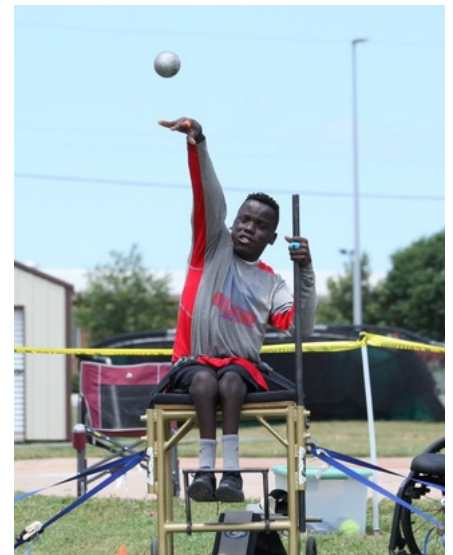
GROWTH



Metric	2022	2023	2024
Total Events	24	26	34
Events in East	7	10	12
Events in Central	12	13	18
Events in West	5	3	4
States with Competitions	20	22	24
Total Athletes	1384	1537	2311
Estimated Budget	849,735	1,245,500	1,386,850

2024 FUNDING

- ~\$500,000 of pass-through funding for Competitions provided via:
 - The Hartford Partnership
 - VA Program & Training Grants
 - 29 Military Nationals Scholarships
 - 65 Tatyana McFadden Competitor Awards
 - 3 Adaptive Shooting Scholarships



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- An overview of dates, locations and competitions can be found in the [2024 Move United Sanctioned Competition Brochure](#) along with [Media Coverage](#) and a [Blog Post](#).
- 25th Event Anniversary for:
 - GLASA Great Lakes Games
 - UCO Endeavor Games
- Razorback Swim Invitational
 - Event Director, Dan Lisy, is a mentee within the Next Generation Mentorship Program
 - Razorback Swim Invitational was created following Dan's mentorship experience at The Hartford Nationals

THE HARTFORD COMPETITION SERIES

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.
- Elevated media engagement
- Onsite presence and programmatic and brand support from The Hartford and Move United staff

Texas Regional Games: San Antonio, TX, 4/25/24-4/28/24
272 athletes, 1151 total reach, 4 Move United Staff Onsite

Gateway Games: St. Louis, MO, 5/18/24-5/19/24
108 athletes, 492 total reach, 2 Move United Staff Onsite

Desert Challenge Games: Mesa, AZ, 5/28/24-6/2/24
230 athletes, 1009 total reach, 2 Move United Staff Onsite

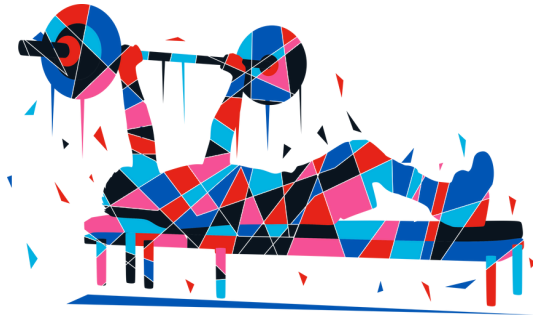
Great Lakes Games: Lake Forest, IL, 6/13/24-6/16/24
227 athletes, 868 total reach, 3 Move United Staff Onsite

The Hartford Nationals: Hoover/Birmingham, AL, 7/12/24-7/18/24
397 athletes, 1625 total reach, 21 Move United Staff Onsite

Unique Athletes: 1233

Total Reach: 5,145

2024 THE HARTFORD NATIONALS



- Local Organizing Committee: Lakeshore Foundation & City of Hoover
- Location: Hoover/Birmingham, AL
- Teams in attendance: 55
- Total states represented: 35
- States not represented in 2024:
 - AK, IA, ID, HI, ME, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, OR, RI, UT, VT, & WY
- States missing from 2021 – 2024: AK, MS, NM, & VT
- Total Athletes: 397
 - Male: 234
 - Female: 157
 - Non-Binary & Transgender Athletes: 3
- First time athletes at The Hartford Nationals: 154
- Number of Coaches: 171
- Contested Sports (7): Archery, Para Powerlifting, Paratriathlon, Shooting, Swimming, Track & Field, and Wheelchair Tennis
- 9 Sport Clinics (9): Adaptive Boxing, Boccia, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming (2), Wheelchair Fencing, Wheelchair Tennis (2)
- Move United staff onsite: 21
- National & Local Organizing Team Members onsite: 80
- Local volunteers: 266

2025 ACTION ITEMS

The Hartford Nationals

- Establish MOU with each National Governing Body with a sport on program
- Engage local and national funders to include long-standing partner, The Hartford
- Develop and provide training and education to the Grand Rapids based Local Organizing Committee led by West Michigan Sports Commission and Mary Free Bed Hospital
- Engage athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials from throughout the state of Michigan at the event
- Continue to focus on creating an accessible, affordable, and diverse environment for attendees
- Manage over 100 Move United staff, local organizing committee members, and national support team members & continue to define roles
- Enhance the behind-the-scenes Competition Management System for timely and accurate results and awards
- Create a schedule that maximizes resources and opportunities for the athletes and the support team
- Create and enhance education and communication tools to provide the most clear and accurate information to the community

Sanctioned Competitions

- Expand outreach to athletes in Alaska, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Wyoming
- Outreach to gap areas on the map to encourage the creation of new event and/or addition of existing event to the network
- Simplify Demographic Reporting Process for Event Directors to facilitate obtaining data
- Cultivate Next Generation Program to bring new faces and energy to the movement

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