



2026

Season Report

About Move United Sanctioned Competitions

Move United's competition season follows one path: compete, qualify, rise.

At the base are the Move United Sanctioned Competitions: over 20 sports, hosted by Move United member organizations nationwide, open to athletes of every age and ability. In 2026, nearly 2,500 athletes competed across 35 sanctioned events, and everyone served as a qualifier for The Hartford Nationals.

Within the Sanctioned Competition program sits The Hartford Competition Series: five of the larger events on the calendar — Texas Parasport Games, Gateway Games, Desert Challenge Games, GLASA Great Lakes Games, and The Hartford Nationals. Through Move United's partnership with The Hartford, selected athletes at each event earn the Human Achievement Award and an Athlete Equipment Grant.

The entire season culminates at The Hartford Nationals — the pinnacle event that closes the competition year. As the largest, longest-running national championship for athletes with a physical disability, visual impairment, or intellectual disability, Nationals brings the year's qualifiers together across eight sports for the season's ultimate competition.

From Sanctioned Competitions to The Hartford Competition Series to The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United — one path, one season. Push what's possible.

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*The 2026 Move United Sanctioned Competition Season began on July 19, 2025 and closed on July 16, 2026. This is a change from previous years which considered events on a calendar year basis. This change is designed to highlight The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United as the pinnacle event of the Move United Sanctioned Competition Season.

Season by the Numbers

35 Competitions in 18 States

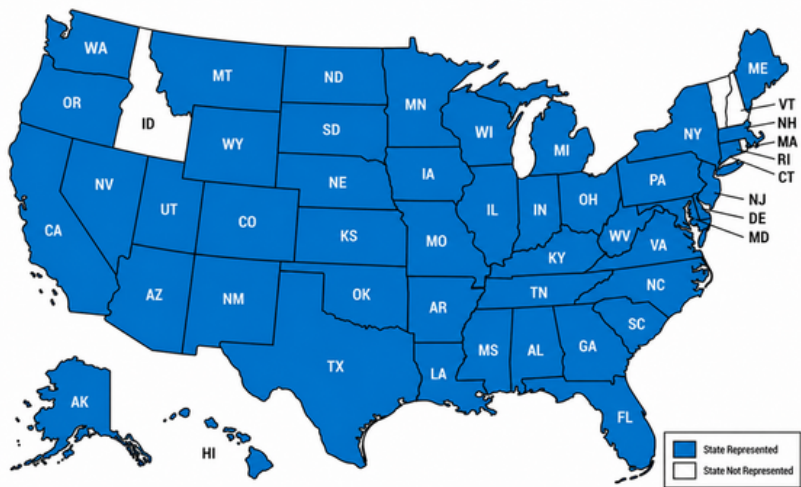
Arizona (2)	• Arizona Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament • Desert Challenge Games
California (2)	• Western Regional Boccia Tournament • Angel City Games
Florida (1)	• Russ Harvey Memorial Archery Tournament
Georgia (1)	• Peachtree Paragames
Illinois (4)	• Chicago Para-Archery World Ranking Event (2025) • GLASA USTA Tennis Tournament (2025) • GLASA Great Lakes Games • GLASA Para Swim Meet
Louisiana (4)	• GUMBO Delta • GUMBO North • GUMBO State Governor's Games (2025) • GUMBO Boccia State Tournament (2025)
Maryland (2)	• Baltimore Para Classic • Bennett Blazers Invitational
Massachusetts (1)	• Adaptive Sports New England Track Meet
Michigan (4)	• Michigan Victory Games • Miller Family Open • Midwest Wheelchair Tennis Championships • The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United

Minnesota (1)	Gopher State Games
Missouri (2)	• Mighty Mississippi Match-Up Boccia Tournament • Gateway Games
New Jersey (3)	• Tri-State Regional Swim Meet • CSH Annual Invitational Track & Field Meet • Tri-State Games
Ohio (2)	• USA Powerlifting Adaptive Nationals at the Arnold • Cincinnati Wheelchair Tennis Open (2025)
Oklahoma (1)	• UCO Endeavor Games
South Carolina (1)	• Palmetto Games
Texas (2)	• Lone Star Para Invitational • Texas Parasport Games
Washington (1)	• Pine Cone Classic Track & Field Meet
Wisconsin (1)	• Dairyland Games

2026 Overview

Overall	2026	Change from 2025
Total Events	35	▼ 2 Events

Athletes Present at Move United Sanctioned Competitions



Total Unique Athletes Served	2,479
Change from 2025	+4.2%
Total Athletes Across Events	3,541
Change from 2025	+7.7%
States Represented	46 States + DC
International Countries Represented	16
Military Athletes (Active Duty + Veteran)	333
Change from 2025 Military Athletes	▲ 27%
New Events added to Move United Sanctioned Competitions	6 • Arizona Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament • USA Powerlifting Adaptive Nationals at the Arnold • Mighty Mississippi Match-Up Boccia Tournament • Western Regional Boccia Tournament • GLASA USTA Tennis Tournament • GUMBO Boccia State Tournament

2026 Overview

22 Competition Sports & 7 Additional Clinic Only Sports
Offered across 35 Events

Sport (# of Events)	Sport (# of Events)
Adaptive Dance (1)	Shooting (7)
Adaptive Golf (1)	Sitting Volleyball (2)
Adaptive Judo & Self Defense (1 -Clinic)	Slalom (1)
Adaptive Pickleball (3)	Soccer (Blind + Amputee) (3)
Adaptive Yoga & Stretching (1)	Swimming (15)
Archery (12)	Table Tennis (2)
Boccia (8)	Tennis (8)
Bowling (1)	Track & Field (20)
Cycling (1)	Wheelchair Basketball (2)
Field Hockey (1 -	Wheelchair Fencing (2)
Goalball (2)	Wheelchair Football (1)
Para Climbing (1)	Wheelchair Rugby (1)
Para Powerlifting (8)	Wheelchair Softball (1)
Paratriathlon & Aquathlon (4)	
Rowing (3)	

2026 Overview

Disability Category	%
Mobility Impairment / Limb Loss or Deficiency	45.9%
Neuromuscular	12.2%
Cognitive / Intellectual Disability	9.4%
Acquired Brain Injury	10.7%
Blind / Low Vision	3.8%
Deaf / Hard of Hearing	1.9%
Dwarfism / Small Stature	1.9%
Not Listed / Other	8.2%
Do Not Identify as Disabled	6.9%
Prefer Not to Say	2.2%
No Disability Response	17.7%

Age Group	# of Athletes
U-11	152
11-13	188
14-16	248
17-19	298
20-23	171
24+	876
Total with DOB	1,933
Missing DOB	445
Total Unique Athletes	2479

2026 Highlights

Pass-Through Competition Funding	Over \$500,000 provided through The Hartford Partnership and VA Program & Training Grants	Expanded financial support for competitions and equipment and financial support for athletes
Warfighter Nationals Scholarships	26 scholarships × \$500	Supported Warfighters attending The Hartford Nationals
Warfighter Competition Team Scholarships	3 scholarships × \$1,000	Supported Warfighters participating as members of the Competition Team
Warfighter Mentor/Mentee Grants	Grants supported attendance at Texas ParaSport Games, Gateway Games, Desert Challenge Games, Angel City Games, UCO Endeavor Games, and The Hartford Nationals	Increased access to competition and mentorship opportunities
Tatyana McFadden Competitor Awards	68 awards — \$34,000 total	Provided travel support to athletes
Challenged Athlete Foundation (CAF) Grants	20 grants — \$10,000 total	Provided travel support to athletes
Next Generation Mentees	Each Mentee stepped into leadership roles at 2 Move United Sanctioned Competitions	Created hands-on leadership and event-management opportunities and operational support

2026 Highlights

Competition Committee	17 experts in sports and logistics served on the Competition Committee and were present at over 80% of the sanctioned competitions as well on virtual meetings.	Provided subject-matter expertise and operational support across competitions
Move United Sanctioned Competitions Social Media Campaign	Increased visibility of Sanctioned Competitions, encouraged registration, and provided athletes and supporters with essential competition information.	Increased awareness and engagement with Sanctioned Competitions
The Hartford Nationals Registration 101 Video	Promoted through the Move United Sanctioned Competitions Social Media Campaign to encourage athletes to compete at The Hartford Nationals Video	Helped athletes understand the registration process and encouraged participation at The Hartford Nationals

2026 Growth

Metric	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Events	26	34	37	35
States with Competitions	22	24	25	18
Total Unique Athletes	1,537	2,311	2,378	2,479
Estimated Budget	\$1,245,500	\$1,386,850	\$1,365,239	\$2,059,142

The Hartford Competition Series

Consists of **5** elevated adaptive sports events across the country.

- The Hartford Human Achievement Award winners at each event with each awardee granted \$2,500
- Surprise Equipment gifting from The Hartford at each event
- The Hartford Brand Ambassadors (Paralympians) onsite
- A Brand in the Box for elevated marketing presence
- Elevated media engagement
- Onsite presence and programmatic and brand support from The Hartford and Move United staff
- **1,186** unique athletes
- **46** states represented (Missing ID, NH, RI, & VT)
- **8** countries represented
 - Canada
 - Cuba
 - Ghana
 - Grenada
 - Guatemala
 - Mexico
 - Puerto Rico
 - United States
- **767** adult & **419** youth athletes
- **261** Warfighter athletes
 - **Increase of 39% (188 in 2025)**
- **Texas Parasport Games**
 - San Antonio, Texas 4/23 - 4/26
 - Total Reach: 1461
- **Gateway Games**
 - St. Louis, MO 5/15 - 5/17
 - Total Reach: 650
- **Desert Challenge Games**
 - Mesa, AZ 5/27 - 5/31
 - Total Reach: 732
- **GLASA Great Lakes Games**
 - Lake Forest, IL 6/3 - 6/7
 - Total Reach: 982
- **The Hartford Nationals**
 - Grand Rapids, MI 7/10 - 7/17
 - Total Reach: 1775

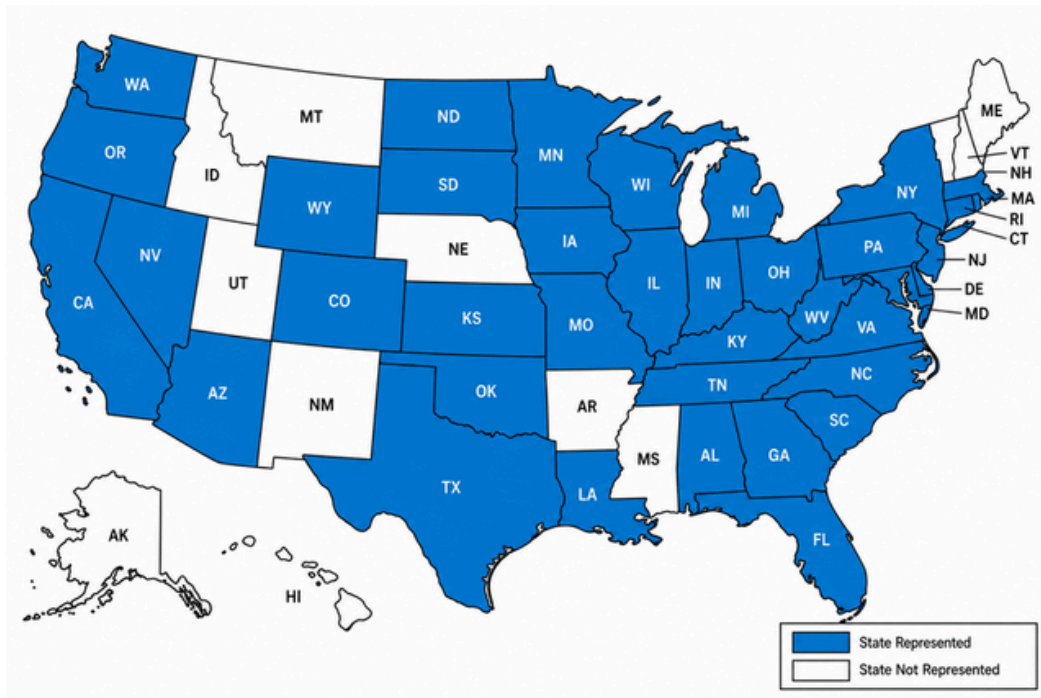


*Reach = Participants
(Athletes+Coaches+Instructors+Classifiers+
Officials+Volunteers+Additional Event Support Staff) +
Spectators

2026 The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United

Teams Represented	64
Member Organizations Represented	31
States Represented	38
Missing States	AK, AR, HI, ID, ME, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, UT, VT
Total Athletes	428
Total Coaches	182
Warfighters	32

States Present in 2026 at The Hartford Nationals



2026 The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United

- First-time athletes at The Hartford Nationals: 161
- Number of coaches: 182
- Contested Sports (7): Archery, Boccia, Para Powerlifting, Paratriathlon & Aquathlon, Shooting, Swimming, and Track & Field
- Sport Clinics (10): Adaptive Judo & Self Defense, Boccia, Field Hockey, Para Swimming, Tennis (2), Track (3), Wheelchair Softball
- Move United staff onsite: 21
- National & Local Organizing Team Members onsite: 145
- Local volunteers: 177
- Spectators: 846
- 51 Instances of Media Coverage between 1/30/26 & 8/14/26
- 2026 Nationals featured the Inaugural Move United College Cup
- Social Media Coverage:

	Post Count	Total Views	Total Reactions	Total Comments	Total Shares
Facebook	45	237,104	8,970	868	746
Instagram	174	193,520	4,912	54	597



2026 Events

#	Date	Event Name	Member Organization	Athletes
1	7/19/2025	Cincinnati Wheelchair Tennis Open	<u>Cincinnati Tennis Foundation</u>	53
2	8/28/2025	Chicago Para Archery Championship	<u>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association</u>	48
3	9/12/2025	GLASA USTA Tennis Tournament	<u>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association</u>	28
4	10/5/2025	2025 GUMBO State Governor's Games	<u>Louisiana GUMBO Inc.</u>	66
5	11/15/2025	GUMBO Boccia State Tournament	<u>Louisiana GUMBO Inc.</u>	15
6	12/7/2025	GLASA Para Swim Meet	<u>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association</u>	24
7	3/6/2026	USA Powerlifting Adaptive Nationals at The Arnold	<u>USA Powerlifting</u>	9
8	3/6/2026	AZ Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament	<u>Southern Arizona Adaptive Sports</u>	35
9	3/7/2026	32nd Annual Tri-State Regional Swim Meet	<u>Tri-State Wheelchair & Ambulatory Athletics</u>	34
10	3/20/2026	GUMBO Delta	<u>Louisiana GUMBO Inc.</u>	68
11	3/27/2026	GUMBO North	<u>Louisiana GUMBO Inc.</u>	75
12	3/28/2026	Baltimore Para Classic	<u>Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports of Kennedy Krieger</u>	63

2026 Events

#	Date	Event Name	Member Organization	Athletes
13	3/28/2026	Mighty Mississippi Match-Up Boccia Tournament	<u>Disabled Athlete Sports Association</u>	33
14	4/4/2026	Lone Star Para Invitational	<u>Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association</u>	63
15	4/11/2026	Western Regional Boccia Tournament	<u>SoCal Adaptive Sports / USA Boccia</u>	17
16	4/17/2026	Palmetto Games	<u>Clemson Adaptive Sports</u>	38
17	4/23/2026	Texas Parasport Games	<u>Texas Parasport</u>	382
18	5/1/2026	Dairyland Games	<u>Dairyland Sports</u>	70
19	5/2/2026	CSH Annual Invitational Track & Field Meet	<u>Children's Lightning Wheels</u>	50
20	5/14/2026	Michigan Victory Games	<u>Michigan Disability Sports Alliance</u>	77
21	5/15/2026	Gateway Games	<u>Disabled Athlete Sports Association</u>	174
22	5/16/2026	Russ Harvey Memorial Archery Tournament	<u>Hillsborough County Adaptive Sports</u>	11
23	5/17/2026	Bennett Blazers Invitational	<u>Bennett Institute Physically Challenged Sports of Kennedy Krieger</u>	42
24	5/23/2026	Tri-State Games	<u>Navigators Adaptive Sports Club</u>	86

2026 Events

#	Date	Event Name	Member Organization	Athletes
25	5/27/2026	Desert Challenge Games	Arizona Disabled Sports	188
26	6/3/2026	GLASA Great Lakes Games	Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association	239
27	6/11/2026	UCO Endeavor Games	University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games	227
28	6/12/2026	Peachtree Paragames	BlazeSports America	70
29	6/13/2026	Gopher State Games	Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute	20
30	6/14/2026	Pine Cone Track and Field Classic	ParaSport Spokane	49
31	6/20/2026	Adaptive Sports New England Track Meet	Adaptive Sports New England	25
32	6/26/2026	Angel City Games	Angel City Sports	274
33	6/26/2026	Miller Family Open	University of Michigan Adaptive Sports & Fitness	123
34	7/10/2026	Midwest Wheelchair Tennis Championships	Mary Free Bed Wheelchair and Adaptive Sports	44
35	7/10/2026	The Hartford Nationals conducted by Move United	Move United	428

The Hartford **NATIONALS** Champions Compete Here

July 9-15, 2027

Grand Rapids, Michigan

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