

## Special Olympics World Unified Volleyball Cup, Poland 2025

Vision:



Through the common language of sports, cup aim is to encourage people with and without intellectual disabilities to break barriers and forge new friendships to help build a more welcoming and inclusive society.

Date & Place

**4-9 October 2025, Katowice, POLAND**



Combines players with (called Athletes) and without (called partners) intellectual disability on the same sports teams for training and competition. The goal is to break down barriers in the community and to build awareness and tolerance on and off the playing court

Teams:

**8 men's teams & 8 woman's teams**

Each Unified Sports Volley team (Competitive Model Team) must consist of: 6 athletes with ID, 6 unified partners, 3 coaches, 1 team's volleyball ambassador

Age group:

Over 15 years old

Participants

**192 Players + 48 Coaches + 16 Team's Volleyball Ambassadors**  
70 Staff & Officials, Volunteers

Other participants:

School-age children (500), Family members (100), Guests (100), Media (30)

Program:

4 Oct: arrivals, trainings, head coaches meeting;  
5 Oct : qualification matches, Opening Ceremony  
6 Oct: group matches, Young Athletes, Workshop,  
7 Oct: group matches, social event  
8 Oct: finals, awards and closing ceremonies;  
9 Oct: departures

Partners:

Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Polish Volleyball Federation (PZPS) , FIVB, PFRON, City of Katowice, sponsors (Toyota)

Organizer:

Special Olympics Poland, [www.olimpiadyspecjalne.pl](http://www.olimpiadyspecjalne.pl)

## ORGANIZER

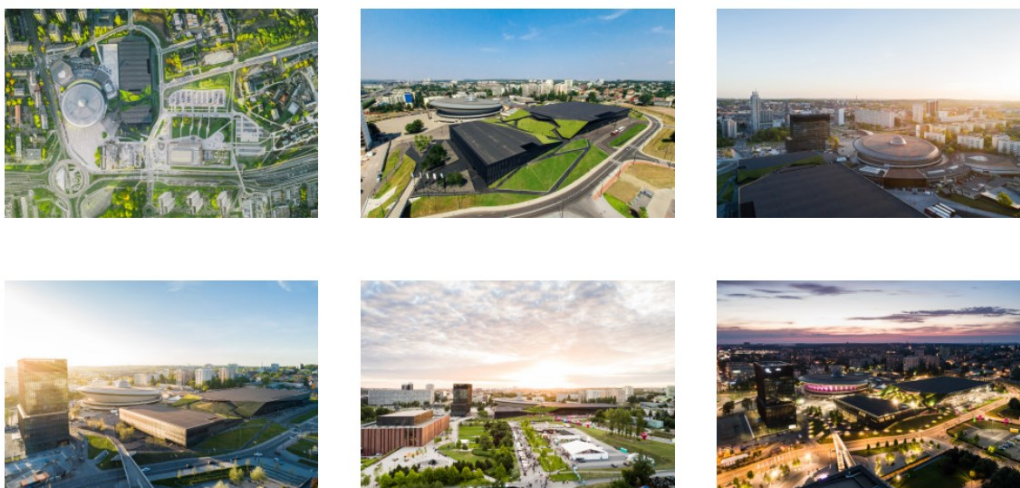
Special Olympics Poland, in collaboration with Polish Volleyball Federation

- Joanna Styczen - Lasocka – National Director, Special Olympics Poland
- Małgorzata Strzałkowska – Sports Director, Special Olympics Poland
- Ewa Grzegorzczuk – Director (PZPS) Polish Volleyball Federation
- Krzysztof Krukowski – SOEE Sr. Director

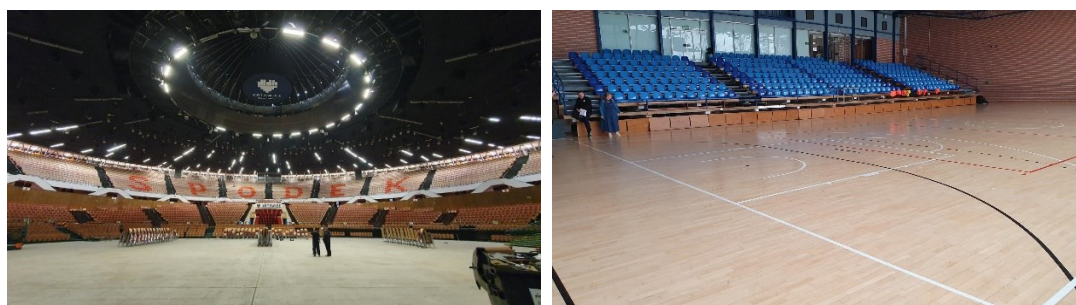
is responsible for

- Organization of 4-days volleyball competitions at 2 courts – 1 venue;
- Accommodation and meals for delegations from lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> till breakfast on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025;
- Transfers from airports in Katowice or in Krakow;
- Local transportation between hotel and sports venues;

VENUE - Spodek – Sports Hall in Katowice <https://www.spodekkatowice.pl/en/>



Main hall – COURT 1 and [small Hall](#) - COURT 2



## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies,
- Young Athletes demonstration
- Celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Special Olympics Poland
- Local touristic attraction & sightseeing of Katowice
- All-Star / Volleyball Ambassadors match (after Opening Ceremony)

## TRANSPORTATION

- Arrivals & Departures to/from Poland by plane or train: Katowice ([Katowice Airport](#) or Railway Station) preferred or Krakow ([Krakow Airport](#)) – 1,5h driving by bus to Katowice
- Travel by own buses – free parking will be provided

## HOUSING ad MEALS

- Hotels: accommodation for teams in Novotel Hotel (\*\*\*) in Katowice, double or triple rooms; 10 min walking distance from sport venue;
- Meals: breakfast and dinners at the hotels, lunches at the sport venues;

## VOLUNTEERS

- 40 local volunteers from Śląskie Region and PEU with Special Olympics practice and on-site training before competition and volunteers from all Poland, who registered their interest by application.