

NATIONAL MATP GAMES



**Specialna
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Slovenije



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SO Austria and **SO Croatia**, we are delighted to invite you to the National MATP Games of Special Olympics Slovenia.

This is a **one-day competition**, and participation is **completely free of charge** for your delegation. All participants will receive a morning snack, a welcome gift, and lunch after the event.

We realize that the arrival time is relatively early, but we hope you will be able to form a team for whom the journey will be manageable.

(location: Sports Hall Zagorje ob Savi <https://maps.app.goo.gl/9L2P98j9eAauavDJ8>)

SO Austria and **SO Croatia** may each bring **up to 9 people** (for example: 6 athletes and 3 coaches/companions).

It is our strong desire to provide MATP athletes with international competition opportunities, and our geographic proximity makes this a fantastic chance to connect. We truly look forward to meeting you, spending time together, and, of course, enjoying a great competition!

Regards,

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Sports director of SO Slovenia
and Employee at VDC Zasavje

ORGANIZER:	Specialna olimpiada Slovenije
HOST ORGANIZER::	VDC Zasavje
COMPETITION DIRECTOR:	Tinkara Kovač
DATE OF EVENT:	Friday, 20 November 2026
LOCATION:	Sports Hall Zagorje ob Savi https://maps.app.goo.gl/9L2P98j9eAauavDJ8
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:	Monday, 2 November 2026 by 12:00
ONLINE REGISTRATION:	
PARTICIPANT LIST:	
GAMES SLOGAN:	Knapovska volja - športno srce - skupna zmaga! ("Miners' Willpower - Sports Heart - Joint Victory!")

PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE (FRIDAY, 20 NOV 2026)

Time Frame	Activity
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival of teams, coffee, and snack
09:00 – 09:20	Team leaders meeting
09:30 – 10:00	Opening ceremony in the sports hall
10:00 – 10:30	Preparation of venues and group warm-up
10:30 – 12:00	Competition across 6 competition stations
12:15 – 14:00	Award ceremony, lunch, and socialising



REGISTRATION FOR SO AUSTRIA AND SO CROATIA

- **Entry Fee:** **FREE** for SO Austria and SO Croatia participants (one-day competition).
- **Contact Person:** Domen Pociecha
(Email: domen.pociecha@vdc-zasavje.si | Phone: +386 40 607 400)
- **Online Application Guidelines:** Please fill out the online application form (Google Forms).
Language translation: You can automatically translate the form in your browser by clicking the three dots in the top-right corner and selecting "Translate".
- **Competitor/Coach Code:** The code field in the form applies only to Slovenian athletes and coaches. International participants should simply enter "X" in this field.
- Please note that although the form mentions that a group application form must also be filled out and sent to the organizer, you do NOT need to complete it! The group form is required only for Special Olympics Slovenia members, as it contains details for issuing an invoice. Since participation is completely free of charge for you, you only need to fill out the Google Form for the individual registration of athletes and coaches.
- When you will register let me know by email.
- **Important Links:**
 - Online Application Link: [HERE](#)
 - List of Registered Athletes & Coaches: [HERE](#)
- **Insurance & Health:** Competitors participate at their own risk or under the responsibility of their parent organization. Only healthy competitors and companions may attend.
- **If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Domen Pociecha!**

RULES AND ASSESSMENT LEVELS

At the 15th Special Olympics National MATP Games, there will be 6 competition stations themed around Zasavje mining heritage. Judges evaluate performance on three levels:

- **Level 1:** Task completed with physical assistance (physical guidance)
- **Level 2:** Task completed with verbal assistance (verbal guidance)
- **Level 3:** Task completed independently

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITION STATIONS

1. WALK THROUGH THE MINE (Sprehod skozi rudnik)

- **Domain:** Mobility | **Activity:** Walking / driving over various surfaces and obstacles
- **Equipment:** Mining helmet, flashlight, cones, tactile curtain, rubber rails, 'diamond'
- **Description:** Start: Mining helmet and flashlight. Race along the main shaft (3m). Slalom between cones. Passing under tactile strips (stalactite tunnel). Crossing over 3 rubber rails. Mining ore ('diamond'). Exit with a 360° turn.
- **Goal:** Time in seconds (suitable for younger and older participants)



2. KICKING A BALL INTO THE GOAL - NZS (Brcanje žoge na gol)

- **Domain:** Kicking | **Activity:** Kicking a ball into the goal
- **Equipment:** 4 different balls (football, rubber ball, therapy ball, foam ball), 1 goal, benches for boundary
- **Description:** Kicking or pushing the ball with a wheelchair towards the goal at a distance of ~3m or from the starting line. The goal is positioned so that it cannot be missed.
- **Goal:** Score a goal using different balls (suitable for younger and older participants)

3. THROWING A BOOT INTO THE MINING CART / 'HUNT' (Metanje škornja v hunt)

- **Domain:** Manual Skills / Dexterity | **Activity:** Hitting crates with various objects
- **Equipment:** Bucket with ore, balls, bean bags, rubber boot, crates ('hunt')
- **Description:** Sitting or standing in front of the line with a bucket of 'ore' and throwing props into the ore crates with a single-arm swing.
- **Goal:** Hit crates with balls, bags, etc. (suitable for younger and older participants)

4. DEFLECTING AND REBOUNDBING PROPS (Odmikanje in odbijanje rekvizitov)

- **Domain:** Striking | **Activity:** Striking suspended objects
- **Equipment:** Rope, balloons, balls, fly swatter, table tennis / badminton / tennis racket
- **Description:** Suspended target props. The competitor hits/deflects props forward or backward with swings and moves to the next one.
- **Goal:** Successfully strike/deflect props (suitable for younger and older participants)

5. BALANCE (Ravnotežje)

- **Domain:** Balance | **Activity:** Walking / driving over balance obstacles
- **Equipment:** Low wooden slats with rubber strips, tipping ramp
- **Description:** Driving/walking along parallel rails (width 80–100 cm), rubber strips, tipping ramp, heel-to-toe pattern along line, 180° turn.
- **Goal:** Complete the given tasks (suitable for younger and older participants)

6. SENSORY STATION / REST AFTER EXITING THE SHAFT (Senzorna postaja / Počitek)

- **Domain:** Sensory | **Activity:** Interaction with robotic animals, supportive communication, sounds and light
- **Equipment:** Robotic therapy animal, sensory tiles/boards, mining tools, salt lamp, small rattle
- **Description:** Petting/combing therapy dog or cat (at least 3 times with picture support). Small box with mine treasures. Sounds of the underground (trickling pebbles). Salt lamp or LED lights.
- **Goal:** Successfully complete all tasks (suitable for younger and older participants)

The VDC Zasavje team wishes you successful preparations for the competition!

GOOD LUCK! (SREČNO!)