



Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025 Organizing Committee Piazza Piemonte, 1, PO 10127 - Turin, TO, Italy

Per E-Mail

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23 January 2025 Confirmation of the Invitation to the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025 for Visa Purpose

Dear Yong Yuan,

It is my great honor to confirm your invitation and participation in the **Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025**. The event will take place from **8 to 15 March 2025 in Italy**, featuring competitions in various locations across the Piedmont Region, including Turin, Bardonecchia, Sestriere, and Pragelato.

The Special Olympics World Winter Games represent a remarkable celebration of inclusivity in sports, highlighting the achievements of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

More than 1,500 athletes and Unified Partners will participate in eight sports: Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, DanceSport, Figure Skating, Floorball, Short Track Speed Skating, Snowboarding, and Snowshoeing.

Sport Technical Officials (i.e., referees, judges, umpires) are critical for safe, fair, dignified, and high-quality competition. Sport Technical Officials are provided with infrastructure and support that will allow them to be accurate, consistent, and impartial throughout all competitions. There are three categories of Sport Technical Officials: National (from the host country) Sport Technical Officials (up to 300); International (from outside the host country) Sport Technical Officials (up to 60); Sport Technical Officials with ID and their Chaperones (15 officials with ID and 15 chaperones for a total of 30).

All Sport Technical Officials must be certified by the respective sport federation (nationally or internationally) and submit proof of certification to the LOC and SOI for verification. If SOI is the governing body for the sport, then SOI has final approval.



They are required to be active in the sport and possess comprehensive knowledge of sport specific rules, procedures, and mechanics, thereby demonstrating and exemplifying the highest standard of officiating.

Please note that Local Organizing Committee will cover your on-site expenses during the Games, including accommodation at the Albergo Guido Reni (Via Tempio Pausania, 43, 10137 Torino TO, Italy), meals, local transportation, and Schengen Insurance. Special Olympics, Inc. will arrange and cover the costs of your travel to and from Italy.

The official points of entry for the event will be Milano Airport (MPX), Turin Airport (TRN), and Torino Porta Susa railway station.

- 7 March: Delegation Arrivals
- 8 March: Opening Ceremony in Turin
- 9 15 March: Training, Competitions & Awards
- 15 March: Closing Ceremony
- **16 March:** Delegation Departures

The final deadline to start a Visa Application for Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025 is 3rd February 2025.

This letter serves as confirmation of your participation and role during the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025 and can be presented to authorities for visa application purposes.

In accordance with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the applicable visa fees may be waived when the visa application is submitted directly to the responsible Italian Embassy or a mandatory external service provider (Service fee requests by external service providers still apply). Please consult the respective checklist regarding a Schengen visa type C application on the official website of the Italian Embassy or Consulate to ensure you have all necessary documents here: <u>Visa for Italy</u>

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at visa@turin2025.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Turin for this exceptional event!

Sincerely, Mauco

Mauro Di Gennaro General Director Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025