Invitation to

Special Olympics Denmark
Handball & Bowling Tournament 2027

Dear National and Sports Directors,

We are delighted to welcome your delegation to participate in the Special Olympics Denmark Handball & Bowling Invitational Tournament 2027 in Kolding, Denmark.

On behalf of Special Olympics Denmark and our local host partners in Kolding, we are pleased to invite your National Program to join us from **9 to 11 April 2027** for an exciting weekend of sport, friendship, and inclusion. Inspired by the values of the Special Olympics movement, the tournament will bring together athletes, coaches, and delegations from across Europe for high-quality competition and memorable international experiences.

The event will feature competitions in Handball and Bowling, providing athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to compete at an international level while building meaningful friendships and strengthening connections across borders. Beyond the competition venues, participants will have the chance to experience Danish culture, hospitality, and the unique spirit of the Special Olympics community.

We look forward to welcoming your delegation to Kolding for a memorable celebration of sport, teamwork, and inclusion.

Sports

The tournament will include:

- Handball
- Bowling

All competitions will be conducted according to the current Special Olympics Sports Rules and applicable sport-specific regulations.

Venue

Sydbank Arena
Ambolten 2-6
DK - 6000 Kolding

Travel and Arrival

Kolding is easily accessible by both air and rail. International delegations may arrive via Billund Airport, which is located approximately 45 km from Kolding and offers

connections to a wide range of European destinations. Participants may also travel by train directly to Kolding Railway Station, which is well connected to the Danish and international rail network.

Transportation will be provided from both Billund Airport and Kolding Railway Station on the official arrival and departure days. Detailed information regarding shuttle schedules and meeting points will be shared closer to the event.

Delegations are also welcome to travel by their own bus or other private transportation.

All travel costs to and from Denmark are the responsibility of the participating National Program.

Accommodation, Meals and Participation Fee

Accommodation will be arranged in hotels and sports host facilities in Kolding.

To support the delivery of a high-quality international event, participating delegations are required to contribute:

€110 per person for the full event period (3 days / 2 nights).

The participation fee includes:

- Accommodation from 9-11 April 2027
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner during the official event period
- Participation in competitions
- Opening Ceremony
- Social activities and Athletes' Party
- Local transportation between official event venues if required

Further details regarding accommodation, payment procedures and transportation will be provided following confirmation of participation.

Delegation Quota

Each participating Program may register:

Handball

- One (1) team – A or B/C-level (see the descriptions)
- Mixed teams (6 women and 6 men)
- Maximum 12 athletes
- Up to 3 coaches/staff members

As we aim to create two balanced divisions (A-level and B-level), we are working towards having an equal number of teams in each division. Therefore, we may contact you after registration if there is a need to consider placing your team in a different

division than originally entered. This will help ensure the best possible competition experience for all teams.

Bowling

- Maximum 4 athletes
- Up to 2 coaches/staff members

Should your Program wish to register additional participants, please contact the Organizing Committee. Additional places may be available depending on overall registration numbers and remaining capacity.

Further details regarding accommodation and transportation arrangements will be provided after registration has been completed.

Registration

Programs interested in participating are kindly requested to complete the online preliminary registration:
https://eu.jotform.com/parasportdanmark/program-registration

Please submit your registration no later than **1 November 2026**.

Following the preliminary registration process, detailed registration information and technical guidance will be distributed.

Preliminary Schedule

Friday, 9 April 2027

- Arrival of delegations
- Accreditation
- Coaches' meeting
- Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Dinner

Saturday, 10 April 2027

- Handball competition
- Bowling competition
- Social activities
- Athletes' party

Sunday, 11 April 2027

- Final competitions
- Award ceremonies
- Departure of delegations

Top partners:

Please note that the final schedule may be adjusted depending on the number of registered delegations and athletes.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the event, please contact:

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We are very much looking forward to welcoming athletes, coaches and delegations to Kolding in April 2027.

Best regards

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Chairman
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