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City of Albuquerque Partners with Special Olympics

More Facilities Provided for Sport Competitions

(ALBUQUERQUE, NM) - The City of Albuquerque and the office of Mayor Richard J. Berry are pleased to announce a new and improved partnership with Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM).

"As this partnership grows, we hope to bring more Special Olympics events to the Duke City," said Mayor Richard J. Berry.

In 2016, Special Olympics New Mexico athletes will be using more city facilities than ever before. Besides the Convention Center's Indoor Track, which is where the 2016 Mayor's Indoor Invitational Track Meet will take place on February 20th, SONM is using more than fifteen City of Albuquerque facilities throughout the year. From several community centers and baseball fields to the city's swimming pool facilities, golf courses, and the Balloon Fiesta Park, SONM will use these facilities year-round for state competitions as well as weekly team practices.

"One of the most valuable sports partnerships SONM has established is with the City of Albuquerque. Not only do we use their facilities to provide quality training and competition for our athletes locally, but we also host regional and statewide tournaments at their venues, as well. The City of Albuquerque has shown nothing short of full support of our Special Olympics athletes."

SONM provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Today, Special Olympics New Mexico serves over 3,100 athletes, offering training and competition in 12 sports. Across the world, more than 3.5 million children and adults with intellectual disabilities participate in more than 200 programs in 180 countries.

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