



ESPN Coverage

ESPN’s global coverage of the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria will begin March 18 with a live three-hour special capturing the inspiration, pageantry, performances and special guests of the World Winter Games Opening Ceremony.

As an official broadcaster of the Special Olympics World Winter Games, ESPN’s coverage will be carried across the ABC and ESPN family of networks in the U.S. (ABC, ESPN2) as well as streamed on the ESPN app and WatchESPN (full schedule below).

ESPN’s coverage will also be carried in 190 countries and territories around the world, including on ESPN television and streaming channels in Latin America, Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, TSN in Canada, SONY ESPN in India, ESPN on BT Sport in the UK and Ireland, Tencent digital platforms in China (through ESPN’s long-term collaboration with Tencent) and the ESPN Player streaming service in Europe. Additionally, through syndication, ESPN coverage will appear in dozens of countries and territories.

From Sunday, March 19 through Friday, March 24 a nightly program – Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 – will bring viewers the stories, competition showcase, interviews and more from Austria. The nightly show - Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 - will be produced from on site in Schladming-Rohrmoos, Austria with direct connectivity to ESPN’s Bristol headquarters. Each night, it will also include interviews, features, special guests, a daily “competition showcase” segment, reporting from ESPN’s Jen Lada, Victoria Arlen and Smith.

Throughout both the Opening Ceremony coverage and its nightly show ESPN will tell the remarkable and inspiring individual stories of athletes, coaches and families from around the world in “Up Close and Personal” features. “Up Close and Personal” segments were first made famous by the legendary Roone Arledge at ABC Sports and returned to television (for the first time since 1988) with ESPN’s coverage of the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

U.S. TV Schedule: ESPN’s Coverage of Special Olympics World Winter Games Austria

Day/Date	Program	Time (ET)	Network
March, 18 th	LIVE: Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 Opening Ceremony	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	ABC
March, 19 th	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	ABC
March, 20 th	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	ESPN2
March, 21 st	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
March, 22 nd	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
March, 23 rd	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
March, 24 th	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
March, 26 th	Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017 – Best of the Games	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	ABC

NOTE: All shows will also be simulcast on the ESPN App and WatchESPN





International Access:

Europe, Middle East and Africa:

- The Opening Ceremony will be live and available via 'ESPN Player' streaming service across dozens of countries in the region. This is the correct link: <https://www.espnplayer.com/espnplayer/console>
- Highlight programs, Video News Releases and vignettes are available via www.ESPN.com/espn.co.uk

Asia:

- The local versions of ESPN.com
- ESPN's coverage will be carried in India on SONY ESPN / SONY ESPN HD

Australia/New Zealand:

- ESPN2 in Australia and New Zealand
- WatchESPN/broadband player <http://espni.go.com/player/welcome/australia/index.htm>

Caribbean:

- ESPN networks
- ESPNPlay/broadband player <http://espni.go.com/player/welcome/carib/index.htm>

Latin America (Spanish language):

- ESPN networks
- ESPNPlay/broadband player <http://espni.go.com/player/welcome/latam/index.htm>

Brazil (Portuguese language):

- ESPN networks
- WatchESPN/broadband player <http://espn.uol.com.br/watch>

Additional coverage items to note:

- After clicking on the broadband player links, ESPN subscribers would need to authenticate (using passwords provided by their local affiliate such as DirecTV), and then they would have full access to the broadband player.
- Editions of the ESPN app are free to download to smartphones/PDA's on iOS and Android
- ESPN's broadband players in Australia/NZ, Caribbean, Latin America and Brazil are affiliate models, so if you are a subscriber to ESPN through a pay TV provider, this service is free
- ESPN's Co-branded platforms in various regions will also be carrying coverage of the Winter Games. For example, ESPN on BT Sport in the UK/Ireland, Tencent digital platforms in China, ESPN on Kwese Sports in Sub-Saharan Africa, SONY ESPN in India and TSN in Canada will all be providing coverage. Viewers will need to check their local listings for coverage details.