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Special Olympics and Gallagher Announce Partnership Expansion into Regional Markets, including Australia

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES – Nov. 18, 2020 – Special Olympics, the global inclusion movement dedicated to empowering people with intellectual disabilities through sport, and Gallagher, a global insurance brokerage, risk management and consulting services firm, are expanding their partnership to include five regional markets across the globe to help scale Special Olympics sport and coach development programming at the community level. The regional markets include Illinois, New York and Southern California in the United States, Ontario, Canada and Australia.

Launched in March 2020, the four-year global partnership is dedicated to improving and delivering highest quality of coach training and sports experiences that empower Special Olympics athletes with and without intellectual disabilities to face their future with confidence.

“On behalf of all Special Olympics Australia athletes, I thank Gallagher for the support which will help all the athletes greatly with training and participating in competitions,” said Chris Bunton, Special Olympic Australia athlete.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, Special Olympics Australia and the Gallagher team have been collaborating on the local partnership launch, sharing information via the Special Olympics Australia website and supporting the learning platform for coaches. Globally, Gallagher and Special Olympics are launching a content series that features Special Olympics athletes and Gallagher employees (former pro and semi-pro athletes) sharing valuable lessons learned in their sport that translate to leadership skills off the field of play.

“We are delighted to help build on the global Gallagher-Special Olympics partnership in Australia,” said Sarah Lyons, Gallagher Chief Executive, Australia. “Special Olympics offers people with intellectual disabilities opportunities to enjoy teamwork, improve fitness, and develop confidence. This aligns closely with Gallagher values and we are very proud to contribute to help empower Special Olympics athletes and coaches in the communities where we live and work.”



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Gallagher is the Official Sponsor of Special Olympics International Sport and Coach Programming, focused on the movement's mission to deliver the highest quality of coach training and sport experience to nearly six million Special Olympics athletes with and without intellectual disabilities across the globe. Special Olympics Australia is proud to recognize Gallagher as a Major Partner Sponsor and as the Official Insurance Partner of Special Olympics Australia Sport and Coaching.

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About Special Olympics

Founded in 1968, Special Olympics is a global movement to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities. We foster acceptance of all people through the power of sport and programming in education, health, and leadership. With more than six million athletes and Unified Sports partners in over 190 countries and territories and more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics delivers more than 30 Olympic-type sports and over 100,000 games and competitions every year. Engage with us on: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [our blog on Medium](#). Learn more at www.SpecialOlympics.org.

About Special Olympics Australia

Special Olympics Australia is part of a global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs every day around the world to end discrimination against and empower people with intellectual disabilities. Our volunteers create accessible sports training, coaching and competition opportunities which are offered week-in and week-out in local communities throughout Australia. www.specialolympics.com.au

About Gallagher

Gallagher (NYSE: AJG), a global insurance brokerage, risk management and consulting services firm, is headquartered in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. The company has operations in 49 countries and offers client service capabilities in more than 150 countries around the world through a network of correspondent brokers and consultants.

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