

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be 1 July, 12:30-15:00, in Husky Stadium at the University of Washington.

Tickets

All media will require a ticket to enter Husky Stadium for the ceremony. Tickets can be requested by emailing media@specialolympicsusagames.org or contacting the Main Media Center.

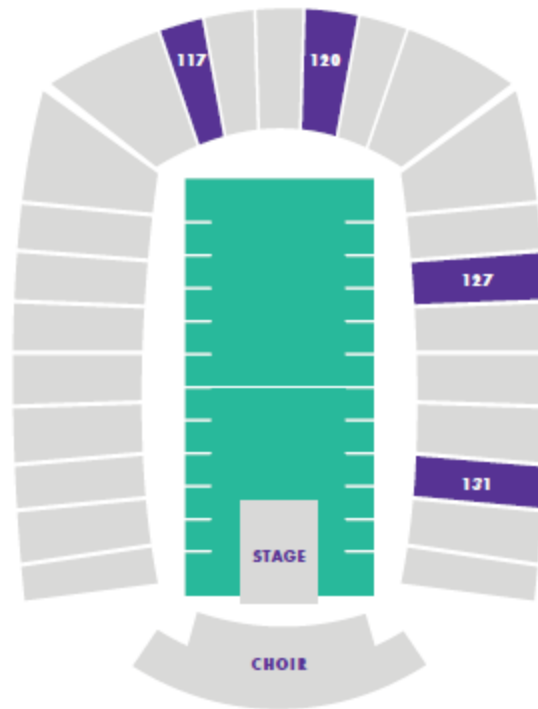
- **Media:** Print and online media will have reserved seating in section 127.
- **Photo:** Photographers will have three reserved areas from which to work. Photographers can also shoot from anywhere on the public concourses behind the seating areas.
 - Section 117, 16-32 positions
 - Section 120, 20 positions
 - Section 131, 16-32 positions

Priority for tickets will be given to working media over the communications staff from corporate partners or Special Olympics Programs. Broadcasters and videographers can request a seat but cannot bring recording equipment into the stadium.

Tickets will be distributed from the Main Media Center beginning at 08:00 on 1 July. Unclaimed tickets will be redistributed beginning at 11:30.

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HUSKY STADIUM



SEATING

SECTION 117 - Photographers

SECTION 120 - Photographers

SECTION 127 - Print/Online Media

SECTION 131 - Photographers

Broadcasters and Videographers

ESPN has the exclusive rights to film the Opening Ceremony and will be broadcasting the show live. As a result, absolutely no recording equipment will be allowed into the stadium and broadcasters and videographers will not be allowed into Photo Positions.

Stadium Access

Access for media will be at the loading dock entrance; media should not enter the stadium using spectator gates. Maps will be provided when you collect your ticket. It is expected that the media entrance will open at 10:00.

The clear bag policy does not apply to media; laptop bags and camera bags will be allowed through the media entrance but all bags will be searched.

Opening Ceremony Press Conference

The Opening Ceremony press conference is 30 June at 11:00 at the Washington Athletic Club in downtown Seattle. PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME

No post-ceremony press conference is scheduled and it is not expected that any of the performers or producers will be available for post-ceremony interviews.

Opening Ceremony Media Guide

The Opening Ceremony Media Guide will be available online only; no hard copies will be printed.