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Special Olympics Nevada hosts regional football competition with Raiders as sponsor

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Passing, running and getting into the goal line.

"It gives everybody a chance to do something with themselves," said Kelvin Rainey. He's one of nearly 60 athletes hitting the gridiron.

They're competing in the annual Special Olympics Nevada regional football competition.

"My coaches always say, put a smile on your face, have a good time, bring everybody together, be teammates and work hard," said Rainey.

Fitted in the black and silver, the Las Vegas Raiders alongside the Penta Building Group are sponsors of this year's competition.

"I love it! I can't wait to start working with the Raiders" said Paul Brooks, who plays cornerback

"These athletes are the nicest, most caring people you will ever meet," he said.

More than 3,000 athletes across the state participate in more than 60 competitions for 10 different sports every single year.

"They've worked hard to get to this point," said executive director Terrence Thornton.

The organization's games and tournaments are free.

"It gives them a sense of pride when they push themselves and meet their own personal goals, and it helps people to understand that, even though they have intellectual disabilities, they are not limited in their capacities," he added.

The goal of these games is to bring inclusiveness. Athletes working together as teammates and friends.



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