



Welcome to Special Olympics North Carolina!

Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) is a non-profit organization which provides sports training and competition for nearly 40,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In North Carolina, 19 sports are offered on a year-round basis; sport offerings vary by local program (primarily county).

Special Olympics was created by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. Special Olympics North Carolina is authorized and accredited by Special Olympics Inc. and is licensed by the Secretary of State's office with the State of North Carolina and is a 501(c)3 organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Special Olympics athletes get 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.

To become a Special Olympics athlete, contact the local program in your county. A full list of contact information is available on the Web site at www.sonc.net.

Athlete Eligibility

Special Olympics training and competition is open to every person with an intellectual disability who is at least eight years of age. There is no maximum age limit. Eligible individuals must be identified by a medical agency or professional as having an [intellectual disability](#). Some Special Olympics athletes may also have a physical disability, but it is their **developmental** disability that qualifies them to participate in Special Olympics.

Children who are ages two through seven may participate in the Young Athletes Program (there is a different registration form available on the SONC Web site for this program).

Application to Participate Procedures

To become a new athlete or to renew every three years, the following forms need to be completed:

- Information Form (1 page):** This form asks for basic information about the athlete.
- Release Form (1 page):** This form goes over some important details about Special Olympics participation and requires a signature.
- Health History Forms (2 pages):** This section captures health history in order to identify health concerns. This section must be completed by a parent/guardian or an adult athlete who is his/her own guardian. If you do not understand any parts of the form, leave them blank to discuss with a physician during the exam. The person completing the form needs to fill in their contact information on the bottom of the second page.
- Physical Exam Form (1 page):** This form should be filled out by a licensed medical professional (physician/doctor, registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant).

The Release Form and the Medical Form instruct you to complete other forms in certain situations. Those will be sent out to be completed on a case by case basis.

Please submit registration forms to your local program coordinator – contact information can be found at www.sonc.net.

Questions?

www.sonc.net

800-843-6276 ext. 122

ATHLETE INFORMATION FORM



School/Agency Name: _____

Local Special Olympics Program: _____

Are you a new athlete to Special Olympics or Re-Registering? New Athlete Re-Registering

ATHLETE INFORMATION		
First Name:	Middle Name:	
Last Name:	Preferred Name:	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Female	Male Non-binary
Race/Ethnicity:		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian	Two or More Races
Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
White	Hispanic or Latino (specific origin group: _____)	
Language(s) Spoken in Athlete's Home (Optional): Check all that apply		
English	Spanish	Other (please list):
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Postal Code:
Phone:	E-mail:	
Sports/Activities:		
Athlete Employer, if any (Optional):		
Does the athlete have the capacity to consent to medical treatment on his or her own behalf? Yes No		
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (required if minor or otherwise has a legal guardian)		
Name:		
Relationship:		
Same Contact Info as Athlete		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Postal Code:
Phone:	E-mail:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
Same as Parent/Guardian		
Name:		
Phone:	Relationship:	
PHYSICIAN & INSURANCE INFORMATION		
Physician Name:		
Physician Phone:		
Insurance Company:	Insurance Policy Number:	
Insurance Group Number:		

ATHLETE RELEASE FORM



I agree to the following:

1. **Ability to Participate.** I am physically able to take part in Special Olympics activities.
2. **Likeness Release.** I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games organizing committees, and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics") to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, and words to promote Special Olympics and raise funds for Special Olympics.
3. **Risk of Concussion and Other Injury.** I know there is a risk of injury. I understand the risk of continuing to play sports with or after a concussion or other injury. I may have to get medical care if I have a suspected concussion or other injury. I also may have to wait 7 days or more and get permission from a doctor before I start playing sports again.
4. **Emergency Care.** If I am unable, or my guardian is unavailable, to consent or make medical decisions in an emergency, I authorize Special Olympics to seek medical care on my behalf, unless I mark one of these boxes:
 - I have a religious or other objection to receiving medical treatment. (Not common.)
 - I do not consent to blood transfusions. (Not common.)
 (If either box is marked, an EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM must be completed.)
5. **Overnight Stay.** For some events, I may stay in a hotel or someone's home. If I have questions, I will ask.
6. **Health Programs.** If I take part in a health program, I consent to health activities, screenings, and treatment. This should not replace regular health care. I can say no to treatment or anything else at any time.
7. **Personal Information.** I understand that Special Olympics will be collecting my personal information as part of my participation, including my name, image, address, telephone number, health information, and other personally identifying and health related information I provide to Special Olympics ("personal information").
 - I agree and consent to Special Olympics:
 - using my personal information in order to: make sure I am eligible and can participate safely; run trainings and events; share competition results (including on the Web and in news media); provide health treatment if I participate in a health program; analyze data for the purposes of improving programming and identifying and responding to the needs of Special Olympics participants; perform computer operations, quality assurance, testing, and other related activities; and provide event-related services.
 - using my personal information and creating a profile of me for communications and marketing purposes, including direct digital marketing through email, SMS, social media, and other channels.
 - sharing my personal information with (i) researchers, business partners, public health agencies, and other organizations that are studying intellectual disabilities and the impact of Special Olympics activities, (ii) medical professionals in an emergency, and (iii) government authorities for the purpose of assisting me with any visas required for international travel to Special Olympics events and for any other purpose necessary to protect public safety, respond to government requests, and report information as required by law.
 - I understand Special Olympics is a global organization with headquarters in the United States of America. I acknowledge that my personal information may be stored and processed in countries outside my country of residence, including the United States. Such countries may not have the same level of personal data protection as my country of residence, and I agree that the laws of the United States will govern your processing of my personal information as provided in this consent.
 - I have the right to ask to see my personal information or to be informed about the personal information that is processed about me. I have the right to ask to correct and delete my personal information, and to restrict the processing of my personal information if it is inconsistent with this consent.
 - *Sharing of Personal Information.* Personal information may be shared consistent with this form and as further explained in the Special Olympics privacy policy at www.SpecialOlympics.org/Privacy_Policy.aspx.

Athlete Name:	E-mail:
ATHLETE SIGNATURE (required for adult athlete with capacity to sign legal documents)	
I have read and understand this form. If I have questions, I will ask. By signing, I agree to this form.	
Athlete Signature:	Date:
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (required for athlete who is a minor or lacks capacity to sign legal documents)	
I am a parent or guardian of the athlete. I have read and understand this form and have explained the contents to the athlete as appropriate. By signing, I agree to this form on my own behalf and on behalf of the athlete.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	Relationship:

Athlete Medical Form – HEALTH HISTORY

(To be completed by the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver and brought to exam)



Athlete First & Last Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Athlete Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Female Male

LOCAL PROGRAM: _____ E-mail: _____

ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS - Does the athlete have (check any that apply):		
Autism	Down Syndrome	Fragile X Syndrome
Cerebral Palsy	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	
Other Syndrome, please specify: _____		

ALLERGIES & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS	ASSISTIVE DEVICES - Does the athlete use (check any that apply):		
No Known Allergies	Brace	Colostomy	Communication Device
Latex	C-PAP Machine	Crutches or Walker	Dentures
Medications: _____	Glasses or Contacts	G-Tube or J-Tube	Hearing Aid
Insect Bites or Stings: _____	Implanted Device	Inhaler	Pacemaker
Food: _____	Removable Prosthetics	Splint	Wheel Chair

List any special dietary needs: _____

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

List all Special Olympics sports the athlete wishes to play: _____

Has a doctor ever limited the athlete's participation in sports?
 No Yes *If yes, please describe:* _____

SURGERIES, INFECTIONS, VACCINES

List all past surgeries: _____

Does the athlete currently have any chronic or acute infection?
 No Yes *If yes, please describe:* _____

Has the athlete ever had an abnormal Electrocardiogram (EKG) or Echocardiogram (Echo)? *If yes, describe date and results*
 Yes, had abnormal EKG
 Yes, had abnormal Echo

Has the athlete had a Tetanus vaccine in the past 7 years? No Yes

EPILEPSY AND/OR SEIZURE HISTORY

Epilepsy or any type of seizure disorder No Yes
If yes, list seizure type: _____
If yes, had seizure during the past year? No Yes

MENTAL HEALTH

Self-injurious behavior during the past year	No	Yes	Depression (diagnosed)	No	Yes
Aggressive behavior during the past year	No	Yes	Anxiety (diagnosed)	No	Yes

Describe any additional mental health concerns: _____

FAMILY HISTORY

Has any relative died of a heart problem before age 50? No Yes
 Has any family member or relative died while exercising? No Yes

List all medical conditions that run in the athlete's family: _____

Athlete Medical Form – HEALTH HISTORY

(To be completed by the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver and brought to Exam)



Athlete's First and Last Name: _____

HAS THE ATHLETE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

Loss of Consciousness	No	Yes	High Blood Pressure	No	Yes	Stroke/TIA	No	Yes
Dizziness during or after exercise	No	Yes	High Cholesterol	No	Yes	Concussions	No	Yes
Headache during or after exercise	No	Yes	Vision Impairment	No	Yes	Asthma	No	Yes
Chest pain during or after exercise	No	Yes	Hearing Impairment	No	Yes	Diabetes	No	Yes
Shortness of breath during or after exercise	No	Yes	Enlarged Spleen	No	Yes	Hepatitis	No	Yes
Irregular, racing or skipped heart beats	No	Yes	Single Kidney	No	Yes	Urinary Discomfort	No	Yes
Congenital Heart Defect	No	Yes	Osteoporosis	No	Yes	Spina Bifida	No	Yes
Heart Attack	No	Yes	Osteopenia	No	Yes	Arthritis	No	Yes
Cardiomyopathy	No	Yes	Sickle Cell Disease	No	Yes	Heat Illness	No	Yes
Heart Valve Disease	No	Yes	Sickle Cell Trait	No	Yes	Broken Bones	No	Yes
Heart Murmur	No	Yes	Easy Bleeding	No	Yes	Dislocated Joints	No	Yes
Endocarditis	No	Yes	If female athlete, list date of last menstrual period: _____					

Describe any past broken bones or dislocated joints

(if yes is checked for either of those fields above):

List any other ongoing or past medical conditions:

Neurological Symptoms for Spinal Cord Compression and Atlanto-axial Instability

Difficulty controlling bowels or bladder	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Numbness or tingling in legs, arms, hands or feet	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Weakness in legs, arms, hands or feet	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Burner, stinger, pinched nerve or pain in the neck, back, shoulders, arms, hands, buttocks, legs or feet	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Head Tilt	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Spasticity	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes
Paralysis	No	Yes	<i>If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?</i>	No	Yes

PLEASE LIST ANY MEDICATION, VITAMINS OR DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS BELOW

(includes inhalers, birth control or hormone therapy)

Medication, Vitamin or Supplement Name	Dosage	Times per Day	Medication, Vitamin or Supplement Name	Dosage	Times per Day	Medication, Vitamin or Supplement Name	Dosage	Times per Day

Is the athlete able to administer his or her own medications? No Yes



Name of Person Completing this Form	Relationship to Athlete	Phone	Email
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Athlete Medical Form – PHYSICAL EXAM

(To be completed by a Licensed Medical Professional qualified to conduct exams & prescribe medications)



Athlete's First and Last Name: _____

MEDICAL PHYSICAL INFORMATION

(To be completed by a Licensed Medical Professional qualified to conduct physical exams and prescribe medications)

Height	Weight	BMI (optional)	Temperature	Pulse	O ₂ Sat	Blood Pressure (in mmHg)		Vision				
cm	kg	BMI	C			BP Right:	BP Left:	Right Vision 20/40 or better	No	Yes	N/A	
in	lbs	Body Fat %	F					Left Vision 20/40 or better	No	Yes	N/A	
Right Hearing (Finger Rub)	Responds	No Response	Can't Evaluate			Bowel Sounds	Yes	No				
Left Hearing (Finger Rub)	Responds	No Response	Can't Evaluate			Hepatomegaly	No	Yes				
Right Ear Canal	Clear	Cerumen	Foreign Body			Splenomegaly	No	Yes				
Left Ear Canal	Clear	Cerumen	Foreign Body			Abdominal Tenderness	No	RUQ	RLQ	LUQ	LLQ	
Right Tympanic Membrane	Clear	Perforation	Infection	NA		Kidney Tenderness	No	Right	Left			
Left Tympanic Membrane	Clear	Perforation	Infection	NA		Right upper extremity reflex	Normal	Diminished	Hyperreflexia			
Oral Hygiene	Good	Fair	Poor			Left upper extremity reflex	Normal	Diminished	Hyperreflexia			
Thyroid Enlargement	No	Yes				Right lower extremity reflex	Normal	Diminished	Hyperreflexia			
Lymph Node Enlargement	No	Yes				Left lower extremity reflex	Normal	Diminished	Hyperreflexia			
Heart Murmur (supine)	No	1/6 or 2/6	3/6 or greater			Abnormal Gait	No	Yes, describe below				
Heart Murmur (upright)	No	1/6 or 2/6	3/6 or greater			Spasticity	No	Yes, describe below				
Heart Rhythm	Regular	Irregular				Tremor	No	Yes, describe below				
Lungs	Clear	Not clear				Neck & Back Mobility	Full	Not full, describe below				
Right Leg Edema	No	1+ 2+ 3+ 4+				Upper Extremity Mobility	Full	Not full, describe below				
Left Leg Edema	No	1+ 2+ 3+ 4+				Lower Extremity Mobility	Full	Not full, describe below				
Radial Pulse Symmetry	Yes	R>L	L>R			Upper Extremity Strength	Full	Not full, describe below				
Cyanosis	No	Yes, describe				Lower Extremity Strength	Full	Not full, describe below				
Clubbing	No	Yes, describe				Loss of Sensitivity	No	Yes, describe below				

SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION & ATLANTO-AXIAL INSTABILITY (AAI) (Select one)

Athlete shows **NO EVIDENCE** of neurological symptoms or physical findings associated with spinal cord compression or atlanto-axial instability. **OR**

Athlete has neurological symptoms or physical findings that could be associated with spinal cord compression or atlanto-axial instability and **must receive an additional neurological evaluation** to rule out additional risk of spinal cord injury prior to clearance for sports participation.

ATHLETE CLEARANCE TO PARTICIPATE (TO BE COMPLETED BY EXAMINER ONLY)

Licensed Medical Examiners: It is recommended that the examiner review items on the medical history with the athlete or their guardian, prior to performing the physical exam. If an athlete needs further medical evaluation please make a referral below and second physician for referral should complete page 4.

This athlete is **ABLE** to participate in Special Olympics sports without restrictions.

This athlete is **ABLE** to participate in Special Olympics sports **WITH** restrictions. Describe → _____

This athlete **MAY NOT participate** in Special Olympics sports at this time & **MUST** be further evaluated by a physician for the following concerns:

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| Concerning Cardiac Exam | Acute Infection | O ₂ Saturation Less than 90% on Room Air |
| Concerning Neurological Exam | Stage II Hypertension or Greater | Hepatomegaly or Splenomegaly |
| Other, please describe: | | |

Additional Licensed Examiner's Notes and Recommended (but not required) Follow-up:

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| Follow up with a cardiologist | Follow up with a neurologist | Follow up with a primary care physician |
| Follow up with a vision specialist | Follow up with a hearing specialist | Follow up with a dentist or dental hygienist |
| Follow up with a podiatrist | Follow up with a physical therapist | Follow up with a nutritionist |

Other/Exam Notes:

	Name:
	E-mail:
Signature of Licensed Medical Examiner	Phone:
Exam Date	License #: