

Special Olympics Michigan Outstanding Coach Award

I. Purpose

Special Olympics Michigan recognizes the tremendous amount of time and personal effort that volunteer coaches give to our athletes. To thank them and to make the public more aware of the role that coaches play in our program, one coach from each of the 37 area programs is honored.

II. Method of Nomination

Each Area Director submits a name for the area's Outstanding Coach along with supporting nomination material, to the Special Olympics Michigan state office. The nomination must be postmarked or faxed no later than **April 2, 2010**. Only one name may be nominated from each area. Please fax to 989-774-1222 or email to Belinda at b.laughlin@cmich.edu.

All Area Outstanding Coaches are invited, along with a guest, to attend the Outstanding Volunteer and Coach Banquet held on **June 1** in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Area directors and guests also are invited. At the banquet, all area outstanding coaches and volunteers are recognized.

III. Criteria

The following criteria may be used when naming the Coach of the Year:

1. Years of coaching Special Olympics.
2. Number of sports coached.
3. Number of sports in which coach is certified.
4. Number of athletes coached in a typical year.
5. Other ways the coach is involved (parent/family activities, fund-raising, leadership, etc.)

Nominations must show that the nominee has made a demonstrated and positive impact on the Special Olympics training and competition program in his/her area and on the Special Olympics athletes he/she coaches.



**Outstanding Coach Award
Nomination Form**



Nomination forms must be postmarked or faxed to the Special Olympics Michigan state office **no later than April 1, 2011**. Please fax to 989-774-1222 or email to Belinda at b.laughlin@cmich.edu.

Area _____ Area Director _____

Area Outstanding Coach _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (work) (____) _____ (home) (____) _____

Number of years as a Special Olympics Coach _____

List the sports this person coaches _____

List the sports in which this person is certified _____

Approximately how many athletes does this person coach in a typical year? _____

What do you think makes this person an outstanding Special Olympics coach?
We encourage you to attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Please describe coach's involvement with Special Olympics in addition to coaching (i.e., management team, fund raising, chaperoning, etc.). We encourage you to attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.





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Please describe the coach's relationship with the athletes on his or her team(s).

Is the coach a family member of a Special Olympics athlete? Yes _____ No _____

Is work with Special Olympics part of the coach's full-time job? _____

If so, in what way? _____

Area Director _____ Date _____

*If possible, please also include a letter from another individual from your area in support of your choice for "Outstanding Coach."

