



OUR MISSION

To provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendships with their families, other Special Olympic athletes, and the community.

OUR GOAL

To help persons with intellectual disabilities *participate* as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

THE BENEFITS

Athletes who participate in Special Olympics improve physical fitness and motor skills, develop self-esteem and confidence, make friends and increase family support. Special Olympic athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom and on the job. Families become stronger as they learn a greater appreciation of their athlete's abilities and community volunteers find out what a good friend the athletes can be.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Special Olympics training and competition is open to every person with intellectual disabilities who is at least eight years of age and who registers to participate in Special Olympics as required by the Special Olympics General Rules.

VOLUNTEERS

Area 11 relies on the dedicated support of more than 300 volunteers who offer their time and talents in a number of ways, including coaching, chaperoning athletes at events, assisting with fund raising and helping run local events.

FUNDING

Special Olympics Michigan is a non-profit organization supported entirely by private funding. The generosity of Michigan organizations, individuals, and statewide businesses enable the program to continue. Donations to Special Olympics Michigan Area 11 can be made via phone or by mail.

AREA 11 OFFERS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

WINTER

Alpine Skiing
Speed Skating
Snowshoeing
Snowboarding
Basketball
Unified Basketball
Basketball Skills
Bowling

SUMMER

Unified Golf
Golf
Softball
Softball Skills

SPRING

Aquatics (Swimming)
Athletics (Track)
Bocce
Bowling
Gymnastics
Horseshoes
Volleyball

FALL

Cycling
Flag Football
Kayaking
Soccer
Poly Hockey

AREA 11 AT A GLANCE

1,100 Athletes
300 Volunteers

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