

CLASS A VOLUNTEER & UNIFIED PARTNER REGISTRATION



Registration Type (mark one or both): Volunteer/Coach Unified Partner

I am: a volunteer/Unified Partner the parent/guardian of a volunteer/Unified Partner

Are you registering as a Unified Champion School participant? Yes No

Full School Name: _____ Teacher's name: _____

Volunteer / Unified Partner Information			
County:	Area:	Email:	
First Name:	Last:	Middle:	
Date of Birth:	Please Check:	Female	Male Other Gender Identity
Address:	City:		
State:	Zip code:	Phone:	
Race:	Occupation:		
Are you volunteering as part of a company or other group?		Yes	No
If yes, please specify:			
Parent/Guardian Information			
Name:		Relationship:	
Same Contact information above?	YES	NO	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip code:	
Phone:	Email:		
Emergency Contact Information			
Is your emergency contact information the same as the parent information above?		YES	NO
Name:		Relationship:	
Phone:		Email:	
Background Information (required for all ages 16+)			
Do you use illegal drugs?		Yes	No
Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?		Yes	No
Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of neglect, abuse or assault?		Yes	No
Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction?		Yes	No
If you answered 'yes' to any of the question, please explain below:			

Information needed to perform a Background Check (required for participants ages 18 +)	
Social Security Number:	Driver's License Number:

Special Olympics will not keep your Social Security number and driver's license number submitted on this 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. and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics") and Special Olympics partners and sponsors to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, and biographical information to promote Special Olympics, raise funds for Special Olympics, and acknowledge partners' and sponsors' support 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 participate 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 must 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.
5. **Health Programs.** If I take part in a health program as a participant, 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.
6. **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 for communications and marketing purposes, including direct digital marketing through email, text message, and social media.
 - sharing my personal information with (i) researchers, such as universities and public health agencies, 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 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.
 - *Privacy Policy.* Personal information may be used and shared consistent with this form and as further explained in the Special Olympics privacy policy at www.SpecialOlympics.org/Privacy-Policy.aspx.
7. **Background Check Authorization. [APPLIES TO ADULTS ONLY]** I authorize Special Olympics to conduct a background check on me. This background check may be done through a third party. The background check may include an inquiry into my employment, education, driving, and/or criminal history. I understand that Special Olympics may rely on information provided or discovered to determine whether I may participate in Special Olympics activities. By signing below, I authorize investigators to conduct a background check as described in this form. I further authorize any third parties or agencies who may be in possession of the requested information, to disclose such information in connection with this background check.
8. **Mandatory Reporter.** I understand I am a mandated reporter by law and will report any suspected abuse. I also understand the legal consequences for not reporting suspected abuse within 24 hours.
9. **Waiver and Liability Release.** I understand the risks involved with participation in Special Olympics activities. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I may incur as a result of my participation. I hereby release and agree not to sue any Special Olympics organization, its directors, agents, volunteers, and employees, and other participants ("Releasees") related to any liabilities, claims, or losses on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the Releasees. I further agree that if, despite this release, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any such liabilities, claims, or losses
10. **As a volunteer you are expected to:**
 - Set an example for the athlete: refrain from drinking, using illegal substances, or using profanity when acting as a volunteer and avoid any behavior, which may be misunderstood or misinterpreted by the athlete.
 - Demonstrate good sports-like behavior
 - Be continually vigilant and cognizant of the safety of the athlete

ALL APPLICANTS: Volunteer A & Unified Partner forms must be resubmitted every three years per guidelines established by Special Olympics International. By signing below you affirm that you have read the above and the back of this form, and the information given is true and complete.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____

CONCUSSION AWARENESS AND SAFETY RECOGNITION POLICY

Objective

It is Special Olympics' intent to take steps to help ensure the health and safety of all Special Olympics participants. All Special Olympics participants should remember that safety comes first and should take reasonable steps to help minimize the risks for concussion or other serious brain injuries.

Defining a Concussion

A concussion is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head as well as serial, cumulative hits to the head. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth—causing the brain to bounce around or twist within the skull. Although concussions are usually not life-threatening, their effects can be serious and therefore proper attention must be paid to individuals suspected of sustaining a concussion.

Suspected or Confirmed Concussion

A participant who is suspected of sustaining a concussion in a practice, game or competition shall be removed from practice, play or competition at that time. If a qualified medical professional is available on-site to render an evaluation, that person shall have final authority as to the removal or return to play of the participant. If applicable, the participant's parent or guardian should be made aware that the participant is suspected of sustaining a concussion.

Return to Play

A participant who has been removed from practice, play or competition due to a suspected concussion may not participate in Special Olympics sports activities until either of the following occurs (1) at least seven (7) consecutive days have passed since the participant was removed from play and a currently licensed, qualified medical professional provides written clearance for the participant to return to practice, play and competition or (2) a currently licensed, qualified medical professional determines that the participant did not suffer a concussion and provides written clearance for the participant to return to practice play immediately. Written clearance in either of the scenarios above shall become a permanent record.

The Centers for Disease Control website www.cdc.gov/concussion provides additional resources relative to concussions that may be of interest to participants and their families.