Area 5 – Mecosta, Osceola, Oceana and Newaygo Counties

Special Olympics Michigan Facts
22,777 athletes
24 sports offered
6 state-level competitions, 4 district basketball tournaments and more than 600 local and regional competitions statewide
Year-round sports training and competitions
Program provided at no cost to athletes or their families

Area 5 Facts
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Basketball
Bocce
Bowling
Cycling
Flag Football
Golf
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Horseshoes
MATP
Poly Hockey
Powerlifting
Snowshoes
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Volleyball
(All sports dependent on Certified Coach availability)

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 friendship with their families, other Special Olympics 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 Olympics 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 athletes can be.

FUNDING
Special Olympics Michigan is a non-profit organization supported almost entirely by private funding. The generosity of organizations, individuals, and businesses enable the program to continue. Area 5 has an annual budget of $64,000 that funds year-round programs for the athletes.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
Special Olympic programs are offered in all 83 counties in Michigan. Area 5 encompasses all of Mecosta, Osceola, Oceana, and Newaygo Counties.

VOLUNTEERS
Thousands of volunteers contribute their time, energy and expertise to make the Special Olympics program a reality in Michigan. Area 5 relies on the dedicated support of their 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 and games.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Special Olympics Michigan training and competition is open to every person with intellectual disabilities who registers to participate in Special Olympics as required by the Special Olympics General Rules.

AREA 5 MANAGEMENT TEAM
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Kim Chapman - Assistant Area Director
Nicholas Boyd – Athlete Representative
Tyler Lawton – Athlete Representative
Amanda Weller – Athlete Representative
Kim Chapman – Competition Representative
Bryan Holm – Fundraising Representative
Terry Lawton, Fundraising Representative
Susan Maliszewski – Medical Representative
Terry Lawton – Health & Wellness Representative
Michelle Chisholm – Outreach Representative
Mark Lawton – Parent & Family Representative
Ryan O’Shaughnessy – Public Relations Representative
Terry Lawton – Training Representative
Bryan Holm – Volunteer Representative
Susan Reum – Young Athletes Program Coordinator
Micheal Maxwell and Colleen Hines – Newaygo & Oceana Counties Local Coordinators
Savanna Stout & Jared Ozella – Ferris State University Unified Sports and SO College Club and Sports Careers RSO Coordinators

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