Special Olympics West Virginia

Welcome to Special Olympics West Virginia!

Special Olympics West Virginia (SOWV) is a non-profit organization which provides sports training and competition for nearly 4,400 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In West Virginia, 18 sports are offered on a year-round basis; sport offerings vary by local county program.

Special Olympics was created by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. Special Olympics West Virginia is authorized and accredited by Special Olympics Inc. and is licensed by the West Virginia Secretary of State's office, 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, or our office.

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. Please check with the Local Program Director on the availability of this program.

Questions?
www.sowv.org
304.345.9310

Application to Participate Procedures

To become a new athlete or to renew every three years, *the following forms must be completed in full:*

- ☐ **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. Please note: *the exam form can only be completed and signed by a physician/ doctor, registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant; a registered nurse or LPN are not eligible to complete and sign this form.*
- ☐ **Communicable Diseases Waiver (1 page):** This form is required by Special Olympics insurance carrier for all participation.
- ☐ **Please submit your completed registration forms to your local program county director**

ATHLETE REGISTRATION FORM

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School/Agency Name:_____

Local SOWV County 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 ☐ Other Gender	
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

Special Olympics West Virginia

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. I agree to release Special Olympics, their employees, volunteers and sponsors, et al, from any and all claims, demands or liabilities of any kind that may arise during any participation and/or event.
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.
8. **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 as the result of such claim. I agree that if any part of this form is held to be invalid, the other parts shall continue in full force and effect.

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

☐ No Known Allergies
☐ Latex
☐ Medications: _____
☐ Insect Bites or Stings: _____
☐ Food: _____

ASSISTIVE DEVICES - Does the athlete use *(check any that apply)*:

☐ Brace ☐ Colostomy ☐ Communication Device
☐ C-PAP Machine ☐ Crutches or Walker ☐ Dentures
☐ Glasses or Contacts ☐ G-Tube or J-Tube ☐ Hearing Aid
☐ Implanted Device ☐ Inhaler ☐ Pacemaker
☐ 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
Aggressive behavior during the past year ☐ No ☐ Yes
Depression *(diagnosed)* ☐ 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	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Numbness or tingling in legs, arms, hands or feet	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Weakness in legs, arms, hands or feet	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Burner, stinger, pinched nerve or pain in the neck, back, shoulders, arms, hands, buttocks, legs or feet	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Head Tilt	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Spasticity	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ No ☐ Yes
Paralysis	☐ No ☐ Yes	*If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years?*	☐ 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

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Name of Person Completing this Form | **Relationship to Athlete** | **Phone** | **Email**

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_2Sat	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	
Left Hearing (Finger Rub)	☐ Responds	☐ No Response	☐ Can't Evaluate	
Right Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body	
Left Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body	
Right Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA
Left Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA
Oral Hygiene	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor	
Thyroid Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes		
Lymph Node Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes		
Heart Murmur (supine)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater	
Heart Murmur (upright)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater	
Heart Rhythm	☐ Regular	☐ Irregular		
Lungs	☐ Clear	☐ Not clear		
Right Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+ ☐ 2+	☐ 3+ ☐ 4+	
Left Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+ ☐ 2+	☐ 3+ ☐ 4+	
Radial Pulse Symmetry	☐ Yes	☐ R>L	☐ L>R	
Cyanosis	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe		
Clubbing	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe		

Bowel Sounds	☐ Yes	☐ No			
Hepatomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Splenomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Abdominal Tenderness	☐ No	☐ RUQ	☐ RLQ	☐ LUQ	☐ LLQ
Kidney Tenderness	☐ No	☐ Right	☐ Left		
Right upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Left upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Right lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Left lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Abnormal Gait	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Spasticity	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Tremor	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Neck & Back Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Upper Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Lower Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Upper Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Lower Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
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:**

- ☐ Concerning Cardiac Exam
- ☐ Concerning Neurological Exam
- ☐ Other, please describe:
- ☐ Acute Infection
- ☐ Stage II Hypertension or Greater
- ☐ O_2 Saturation Less than 90% on Room Air
- ☐ Hepatomegaly or Splenomegaly

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

- ☐ Follow up with a cardiologist
- ☐ Follow up with a vision specialist
- ☐ Follow up with a podiatrist
- ☐ Follow up with a neurologist
- ☐ Follow up with a hearing specialist
- ☐ Follow up with a physical therapist
- ☐ Follow up with a primary care physician
- ☐ Follow up with a dentist or dental hygienist
- ☐ Follow up with a nutritionist
- ☐ Other/Exam Notes:

***This form is required to be signed AND dated by a Licensed Medical Examiner**

		*Name:	
		*Address:	
***Signature of Licensed Medical Examiner (DR/PA/RNP)**	*Exam Date	*Phone:	*License #:

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
("Agreement") for
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Special Olympics sports training, competition or fundraising activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious and/or communicable diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Special Olympics, Inc, Special Olympics West Virginia their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of Participant: _____

Participant Signature:_____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent guardian/signature:_____

Date signed: _____