Athlete Registration & Participation Kit

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NEW! VERSION

Special Olympics Virginia

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA ATHLETE REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION KIT

The current Special Olympics Virginia Athlete Registration and Participation packet consists of five (5) pages. Athletes must have a valid and complete registration packet on file with SOVA **before** beginning any participation (training, practices or games). **Registration packets must be redone annually in order for an athlete to be eligible**.

ATHLETE REGISTRATION FORM (page 1)

This page asks for general athlete information such as name, address, age, etc. Please fill out as much information as completely as possible.

ATHLETE MEDICAL FORM – HEALTH HISTORY (pages 2 and 3)

These pages are to be completed by the athlete, parent or guardian who has accurate knowledge of the athlete's medical history.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (page 4)

A signature is required by the athlete or parent/guardian on this page. This is a lifetime release form and only needs to be completed when the athlete first begins participation.

ATHLETE RELEASE FORM (page 5)

- This page is to be signed at the bottom by the adult athlete or parent/guardian.
- There are two (2) checkboxes on the form that should only be marked if there is "a religious or other objection to receiving medical treatment" or they "do not consent to blood transfusions". Both of these are not common requests. However, if this is the request of the family an Emergency Medical Care Refusal Form will need to be completed. *This also means a family member will be required to be in attendance with the athletes at all times (practices and competitions).*
- The general release form, with the other registration forms, needs to be completed annually.

A physician's exam and signature are no longer required for athletes to participate as of August 2024.

ONCE ALL OF THESE PAGES ARE COMPLETED, PLEASE SUBMIT IN-PERSON, VIA EMAIL OR VIA US MAIL USING ONE OF THE FOUR METHODS LISTED BELOW. WE WILL THEN REVIEW FOR FINAL APPROVAL

1. Your **Coach**
2. The Special Olympics **Office in your Region**
3. Your **Region Director**
4. **Mail** to our Richmond Office: Special Olympics Virginia, ATTN: Application for Participation, 3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100, Henrico, Virginia 23294
5. **Email: medicals@specialolympicsva.org**

Athlete Registration forms can be digitally signed and submitted. Please use one of the methods above to make sure your registration form is received in the Special Olympics Virginia office.

Send completed forms to Special Olympics VA, 3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100, Henrico, VA 23294

ATHLETE REGISTRATION FORM

Special Olympics

State Special Olympics Program:_____ **Local Area/Delegation:**_____

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	

Race/Ethnicity:

☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ More than one race

☐ 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:**	**Zip 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:**	**Zip 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 Medical Form – **HEALTH HISTORY**

(To be completed by the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

Special Olympics

Athlete First & Last Name:_____ **Preferred Name:**_____

Athlete Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):_____ ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Other _____

STATE 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)

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

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

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA

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 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: _____

ATHLETE RELEASE FORM

Special Olympics

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, words, and biographical information 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.
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 contact information for communicating with me about Special Olympics.
     - sharing my personal information confidentially 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.

Athlete Name:	
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:**