



Special Olympics

Ohio

Upper Arlington

New Athlete Registration/Information Packet

What is Special Olympics?

Special Olympics is a year-round program of athletic training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Upper Arlington Special Olympics currently offers competition opportunities in Basketball/ Basketball Skills (January thru March), Soccer (August thru October), Swimming (September thru December), Track and Field, Bocce (April thru June), Softball (June thru August), and Bowling (January thru April).s

History

The concept of Special Olympics began in the early 1960's when Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The first national meet was held at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1968 for 1,000 athletes from the United States and Canada. Today, there are Special Olympics programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 150 different countries around the world

What are the Benefits of Special Olympics?

Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social, and psychological development of the athletes. Through successful experiences in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image which carries over into the classroom, home, job and community.

Who is eligible to participate in Special Olympics?

Any person eight years of age or older who is identified as having an intellectual disability by an agency or a professional in any given local area is considered eligible for Special Olympics (persons ages five through seven are eligible for Special Olympics training). Children who are six and seven years of age may take part in training but cannot compete until they are eight years old.

What is the cost to participate?

Special Olympics athletes and their families are never assessed fees to participate in Special Olympics. Upper Arlington Special Olympics is a non-profit organization. Funds are raised at the local level to cover the costs in providing uniforms as well as training and competition opportunities for the athletes. We do ask parents to donate whatever they can for gifts for coaches and volunteers.

How do I volunteer for Upper Arlington Special Olympics?

Lots of volunteer opportunities exist. We depend on **all** of our parents to lend a hand with fundraising activities, assist with "tail gate" parties during the track and soccer seasons, organize our annual awards' banquet, purchase uniforms, and work with the athletes on the float for the 4th of July parade. We also need parents to serve as officers.

UPPER ARLINGTON SPECIAL OLYMPICS REGISTRATION FORM

If your child is interested in becoming involved in the Upper Arlington Special Olympics program, please complete the following forms:

- Registration Form
- Medical Form
- Release Form
- Questionnaire

Return the forms to: Stori Rex
2600 Johnston Rd.
Columbus, OH 43220

Athlete Name: _____

Birth date: _____ School: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Uniform Size (check one – Y=Youth; A=Adult):

YS___ YM___ YL___ AS___ AM___ AL___ AXL___ AXXL___

UA SPECIAL OLYMPICS QUESTIONNAIRE

What are the athlete's likes/dislikes?

What are the athlete's strengths/weaknesses? _____

What experiences has the athlete had in the past? (None is necessary)

How can the athlete be best successful? What can the volunteers do to make the athlete's experience successful?

What was tried in the past and was not successful? _____

Does the athlete have any specific areas of concerns (ex. afraid of dogs, allergies?)

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

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