ATHLETE REGISTRATION COVER LETTER

Special Olympics South Dakota

Dear Special Olympics Athletes, Parents, and Guardians:

Through the power of sports, our athletes find joy, confidence, and fulfillment — on the playing field and in life. Whether you are new to Special Olympics or have been involved for years, we are excited you are part of the movement!

To register as a Special Olympics athlete, please complete the following forms:

REGISTRATION FORM. This form asks for contact and other information. This is a one-time form.

WAIVERS, RELEASES AND POLICIES FORM. This form is the second part of the registration form and goes over risks, use of likenesses, emergency medical care, consent for health program participation, personal information, and other important details about Special Olympics participation. Waivers, releases, and policies help create a safe and supportive environment, ensuring everyone's health, safety, and dignity are respected.

FORM C: COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT. This form holds financial institutions accountable to help meet the needs of their communities, including low- and moderate-income communities, through loans, investments and services. One of the ways financial institutions can meet these needs is through donations and volunteerism to agencies that provide services to low- and moderate-income individuals. By providing the information requested, Special Olympics South Dakota can qualify for additional funding sources.

If you have any other questions, please contact Special Olympics South Dakota at 605.331.4117 or forms@sosd.org

Please submit all registration forms to forms@sosd.org or:
Data Manager
Special Olympics South Dakota
800 E. I-90 Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

U.S. Athlete Registration Form

Special Olympics

Required for all athletes participating in Special Olympics.

Local Special Olympics Program: Rapid City Flame

Athlete Information - *To be completed by the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver.*

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Middle name: _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____/_____/_____ Gender: ◯ Female ◯ Male ◯ Other

Email: _____ Phone number: _____ ◯ Mobile ◯ Landline

Home address: _____

Optional – ***Check all that apply:***		
Race / Ethnicity	☐ American Indian / Alaskan Native ☐ Black / African American ☐ Middle Eastern / North African ☐ White / Caucasian ☐ Other: _____	☐ Asian American ☐ Hispanic / Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander ☐ Unknown ☐ Prefer not to answer
Language(s) Spoken by Athlete	☐ English ☐ French ☐ Spanish ☐ American Sign Language (ASL) ☐ Other (please list): _____	

Parent/Guardian Information - *Required if minor or otherwise has a legal guardian.*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Relationship to athlete: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____ ◯ Mobile ◯ Landline

Home address: _____

Emergency Contact ☐ *Same as Parent/Guardian*

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Phone number: _____ ◯ Mobile ◯ Landline

Relationship to athlete: ◯ Parent/guardian ◯ Caregiver ◯ Family member ◯ Healthcare provider ◯ Coach ◯ Other

Associated Conditions - *Mandatory*

Associated Conditions ***Check all that apply:***	☐ Autism ☐ Cerebral Palsy ☐ Down Syndrome ☐ Fetal Alcohol Syndrome ☐ Marfan Syndrome ☐ Spina Bifida ☐ Epilepsy ☐ Fragile X Syndrome ☐ Other ☐ Unknown
Please specify other known intellectual disability diagnoses:	

Assistive Devices and Accommodations - *Do you use any of the following? Check all that apply:*

Mobility	☐ Walker ☐ Braces or crutches ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Removable orthotics ☐ Prosthetics ☐ None
Lifestyle Aids	☐ CPAP ☐ Dentures ☐ Glasses, contact lenses, or protective eyewear ☐ None
Communications	☐ Hearing Aid ☐ Communication devices ☐ Sign Language ☐ None
Medical Devices	☐ Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) ☐ Implantable device for seizure management ☐ VP Shunt ☐ Pacemaker ☐ None

Do you have a specific dietary requirement?	◯ Yes ◯ No	If yes, please specify:
Do you use other assistive devices?	◯ Yes ◯ No	If yes, please specify:

General Health Questions

Do you have a heart condition?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have asthma?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have diabetes that requires you to take insulin?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have a vision impairment?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have a hearing impairment?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have a bleeding disorder?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Has a doctor ever limited your participation in sports?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have epilepsy or any type of seizure disorder?	◯ Yes	◯ No
Do you have sickle cell disease?	◯ Yes	◯ No

Have you ever had a concussion?	◯ Yes ◯ No	If yes, please specify how many in your lifetime: _____ Date of last one (mm/yyyy): _____
Do you have behavioral, mental health, and/or sensory conditions?	◯ Yes ◯ No	If yes, please specify:
Do you have severe allergies that requires the use of an EpiPen?	◯ Yes ◯ No	If yes, please specify if it is to any of the following: ☐ Insect stings ☐ Medication/drugs ☐ Food ☐ Latex ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Medication and Treatment - *Please list:*

Are you taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications or treatments? (Including birth control pills, insulin, multivitamins allergy shots or pills, EpiPen, asthma inhalers, epilepsy medication, anti-inflammatory medication, supplements of any kind. etc.)

◯ Yes ◯ No

If yes, please list:

Medication, Vitamin, or Supplement Name	Dosage	Times per day

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Name of person completing the form: _____

Today's date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____/_____/_____

Is this form being completed by someone other than the athlete? ◯ Yes ◯ No

If yes, please select the relationship to athlete:

Relationship to athlete: ◯ Parent/guardian ◯ Caregiver ◯ Family member ◯ Healthcare provider ◯ Coach ◯ Other

Special Olympics encourages all participants to get a yearly physical examination.

WAIVERS, RELEASES, AND POLICIES

Please read the following information and check boxes fully before signing.

I agree to the following:

1. **Ability to Participate.** I am physically able to take part in Special Olympics activities, and will abide by all applicable rules, requirements and codes of conduct.

2. **Likeness Release.** I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games organizing committees, Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics"), as well as official Special Olympics supporters and partners that have authorization from Special Olympics, to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, biographical information and similar or related material (my "likeness") to promote Special Olympics and raise funds for Special Olympics. I understand that my likeness may be used in all forms of media in local or global campaigns – including those by supporters and partners of Special Olympics – but understand that my likeness will not be used to endorse commercial products or services. I understand that I will not be compensated for the use of my likeness.

3. **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.

   ☐ I do not consent to blood transfusions.

   (If either box is marked, an EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM must be completed.)

4. **Overnight Stay.** For some events, overnight accommodations may be required. If I have questions, I will contact my Special Olympics Program.

5. **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 have the right to decline Health programming treatment (which is different from sideline or emergency medical care) 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 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.

SYMPTOMS FOR SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION and ATLANTOAXIAL INSTABILITY
(For athlete with Down syndrome only)

If I (or the athlete) have been diagnosed with or experienced any of the following symptoms that have increased in severity over the past three years – difficulty controlling bowels or bladder; numbness or tingling in legs, arms, hands, or feet; weakness in arms, legs, hands or feet; burner/stinger/pinches nerve, pain in neck, back shoulders, arms, hands, buttocks, legs or feet; spasticity or paralysis – I must obtain a review and permission from a licensed medical practitioner to train and/or participate in Special Olympics activities.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY / ASSUMPTION OF RISK / INDEMNIFICATION

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

1. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of illness (including communicable diseases), injury (including concussion), disability, and death does exist;

2. If I observe 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 Special Olympics representative immediately; and,

3. **I understand the risks involved with participation in Special Olympics activities. I fully accept and assume all risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I may incur as a result of my participation. To the fullest extent of the law, I release and agree not to sue any Special Olympics organization, its directors, agents, volunteers, and employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable owners and lessors of premises on which any Special Olympics activity is occurring ("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 even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees. I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk provision, fully understand its terms, acknowledge that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. 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: _____

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 (dd/mm/yyyy): _____/_____/_____

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 (dd/mm/yyyy): _____/_____/_____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

EVALUATION AND RESEARCH
(Optional)

Special Olympics wants to help our athletes and their families stay healthy and happy. We may take part in research studies and would share information for your potential participation. All studies will be checked by the Special Olympics Chief Health Officer.

Would you or your family be interested in learning about research studies?

◯ Yes ◯ No

FORM C

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

INCOME CERTIFICATION INFORMAITON

Special Olympics South Dakota

The Community Reinvestment Act holds financial institutions accountable to help meet the needs of their communities, including low- and moderate-income communities, through loans, investments and services. One of the ways financial institutions can meet these needs is through donations and volunteerism to agencies that provide services to low- and moderate-income individuals.

The information below is being requested so that Special Olympics South Dakota can qualify as a CRA eligible recipient of donations and volunteer services. By providing this information, Special Olympics South Dakota can qualify for additional funding sources.

Special Olympics South Dakota will treat the information you provide as confidential. The summary of information that is provided to financial institutions by Special Olympics South Dakota will not disclose the details you furnish below.

Do you currently utilize or qualify for any of the following services?

☐ Yes ☐ No Medicaid

☐ Yes ☐ No Rental Assistance (State or Federal Rental Assistance Program)

☐ Yes ☐ No Food Stamps

☐ Yes ☐ No Free or Reduced Lunch Program

Athlete Name: _____ 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.
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Effective January 1, 2015, 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 whether or not a concussion is suspected. 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
(i) 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 (ii) 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.