

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IDAHO



Eligibility

Special Olympics training and competition is open to every person with intellectual disabilities who is at least eight years of age and who registers to participate in Special Olympics

Identifying Persons with Intellectual disabilities

A person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:

The person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability as determined by their localities; or

The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures which are generally accepted within the professional community in that Accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or

The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care). However, persons whose functional limitations are based solely on a physical, behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as Special Olympics athletes, but may be eligible to volunteer for Special Olympics.

Before an athlete can begin Special Olympics sports training, the athlete's parent/legal guardian and a medical professional must complete an application for participation. The medical portion of this form needs to be completed only once every three years, unless the athlete has a current health situation or develops a health situation. In this case, the medical portion must be completed annually by a medical professional. If no health situation exists that requires an annual medical review, the basic information portion of the form must be updated every three years.

Submit the completed athlete participation form to the Special Olympics Idaho Chapter office. You can also go to our website at www.idso.org, or contact the Special Olympics Idaho Chapter office at 800-915-6510