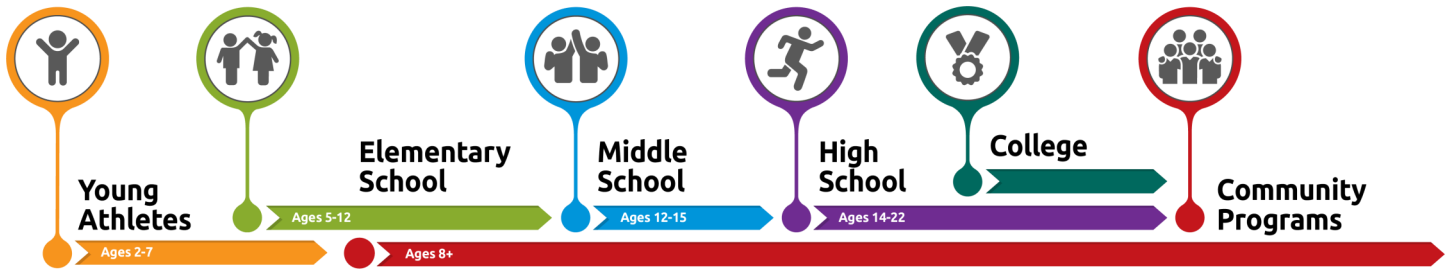




**Special Olympics**  
New York

# STATEWIDE OVERVIEW



*~ Programs that support inclusion for all ages and abilities ~*

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK

- More than 67,000 athletes and unified partners
- 36,000 volunteers
- 5,700 coaches
- Largest program in North America
- 6th largest program in the world
- 5,900 competitions each year – approximately 16 per day
- 22 Olympic-style sports

**“As a mother of a child with special needs, there are no words to express the love & gratitude one feels when strangers dedicate their careers and lives to our children.”**

**~Lisa Dimond  
Athlete Mom, Long Island**

Special Olympics New York does not charge its athletes or their families to participate.

We are a privately funded not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds mainly through the support and generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations.

Special Olympics New York is proud to be part of a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, we are changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and working to reduce global injustice, isolation, intolerance and inactivity they often face.

**OUR MISSION:** Provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them 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.

**REAL SPORTS:** High-quality training and competition for athletes 8 years or older in an inclusive culture that stresses athletic excellence, rewards determination, emphasizes health and celebrates personal achievement. Athletes advance from local events to regional, state, national, and even international competitions.

**ATHLETE HEALTH:** We are committed to promoting the health and well-being of people with intellectual disabilities via programs that ensure ongoing access to quality, community-based healthcare services, highlighted by free health screenings at Special Olympics New York competitions, games and other venues.

**TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION:** We provide effective tools and training to create sports, classroom and community programs that produce friendships and acceptance, driving positive attitude and behavioral change.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING:** We provide resources, implement diverse programming and act as a convening power for stakeholders to drive positive change for people with intellectual disabilities in communities worldwide, strengthening the fabric of society.

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