

Athlete Registration Guidelines

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To register or re-register as a Special Olympics athletes complete the following:

- **Registration Form:** listing contact and other information, including health history completed by athlete and or guardian. Supplemental health and release forms available should additional specialized clearance be required. These may include Emergency Medical Care refusal and Medial Referral forms. Additional athlete registration forms include:
 - Young Athletes Registration and Release Forms
 - Young Athletes School Registration Forms
- **Release Form:** use of likenesses, emergency medical care, consent for health program participation, personal information, and other important details, completed by athlete and or guardian. If guardianship is amended, adult athletes and guardians have responsibility to notify Special Olympics and renew their release forms.
- **Optional Likeness Release for Sponsors:** Optionally allow Special Olympics sponsors to use photos, videos, and stories, completed by athlete and or guardian.
- **Communicable Disease Waiver:** Acknowledgement of the risk of exposure to contagious illness.

Records and Maintenance:

Training Club Head Coaches must collect, review and maintain completed registration documents and consent forms before athletes are allowed to begin participation in Special Olympics activities, training or competition. A copy of these forms must accompany the athletes to all practices and competitions. In the event of an injury these records may be requested by EMS Personnel.

SOI has modified our General Rules, and we no longer require a physical exam or physician's medical release to participate. We will transition to a new registration policy and procedure in the coming months. Until that transition, we will continue to use our current Athlete Registration forms, including the medical history and omit the physician's medical release signature.

Prior to this transition, new athletes will utilize the existing (old) athlete registration, including medical history, omit the physician's signature, and including all consent pages. Current athletes will not expire until they are invited to complete the new athlete registration form.