Special Olympics New Jersey

PARTICIPATION PACKET REQUIRED ITEMS CHECKLIST

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PLEASE NOTE: All required boxes must be checked on this checklist in order for an athlete to be cleared for participation.

PAGE 1: Release Form

- ☐ Athlete name
- ☐ Athlete signature (IF OWN GUARDIAN)
- ☐ Date
- ☐ Parent/guardian signature (IF ATHLETE NOT OWN GUARDIAN)

PAGE 2: Emergency Medical Care Refusal Form (Athlete Completion) OR PAGE 3: Emergency Medical Care Refusal Form (Parent/Guardian Completion)

- ☐ *Required **ONLY IF** the athlete or the parent/guardian of the athlete checks either box in item 4 on the Release Form.

PAGE 4: Athlete Medical Form - Health History (Completed by athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

- ☐ Athlete first and last name
- ☐ Address
- ☐ Date of birth
- ☐ Gender

PAGE 5: Athlete Medical Form - Health History (Completed by athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

- ☐ Diagnosed with any listed conditions OR list of current medications
- ☐ Relationship to athlete of person completing form
- ☐ Phone OR email of person completing form
- ☐ Name of person completing form

PAGE 6: Athlete Medical Form - Physical Exam (Completed by a medical professional ONLY)

- ☐ Examiner has entered ANY medical physical information
- ☐ Date of exam
- ☐ Recommendations*
- ☐ Examiner clears athlete for participation
- ☐ Examiner signature/stamp
- ☐ Phone, email, AND/OR license #

PAGE 7: Athlete Medical Form - Medical Referral Form (Completed by a medical professional ONLY)

- ☐ * Required **ONLY IF** the athlete is not cleared as per the recommendations section on the Athlete Medical Form - Physical Exam page.

PAGE 8: Communicable Diseases Waiver

- ☐ Athlete name
- ☐ Athlete signature (IF OWN GUARDIAN)
- ☐ Date
- ☐ Parent/guardian signature (IF ATHLETE NOT OWN GUARDIAN)

Please make a copy of each page to keep for yourself before submission. Please submit the original copy. Thank you for your interest in Special Olympics New Jersey!

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RELEASE FORM

Special Olympics New Jersey

I want to take part in Special Olympics and agree to the following:

1. **Able to Participate.** I am able to take part in Special Olympics. I know there is a risk of injury.

2. **Photo Release.** Special Olympics organizations may use my picture, video, name, voice, and words to promote Special Olympics.

3. **Overnight Stay.** For some events, I may stay in a hotel or someone's home. If I have questions, I will ask.

4. **Emergency Care.** If I am unable, or my guardian is unavailable, to make medical decisions in an emergency, I authorize Special Olympics to seek medical care on my behalf, unless I check 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 checked, an EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM must be completed.)

5. **Health Programs.** If I take part in a health program, I consent to health activities, exams, and treatment. This should not replace regular health care. I can say no to treatment or anything else any time.

6. **Personal Information.** I understand my information may be used and shared by Special Olympics to:
   - Make sure I am eligible and can participate safely;
   - Run trainings and events and share results;
   - Put my information in a computer system;
   - Provide health treatment, make referrals, consult doctors, and remind me about follow-up services;
   - Research, share, and respond to needs of Special Olympics athletes (identifying information removed if shared publically); and
   - Protect health and safety, respond to government requests, and report information required by law.

   I can ask to see and change my information.

7. **Concussions.** I understand the risk of concussions and continuing to play sports with a concussion. I may have to get medical care if I have a suspected concussion. I also may have to wait 7 days or more and get permission from a doctor before I start playing sports again.

ATHLETE NAME: _____

ATHLETE SIGNATURE (required for athlete over 18 years old **with capacity to sign legal documents**)

I have read and understand this release. If I have questions, I will ask. By signing, I agree to this form.

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (required for **athlete under 18 years old or lacking 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: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

ATHLETE COMPLETION

(To be completed by athlete signing on own behalf)

If an athlete is not his/her own guardian, please complete Page 3 instead.

Instructions: Only complete this form if you **do not consent to emergency medical care** on religious or other grounds and have checked a box under the Emergency Care provision on the Release Form.

I, _____, am a Special Olympics Athlete with capacity to sign documents on my own behalf and agree to the following:

1. **No Consent to Emergency Medical Care.** I understand that Special Olympics' standard registration form requires athletes or their parents or guardians to consent to emergency medical care for the athlete if needed in an emergency. Based on religious beliefs or other reasons I am not consenting to emergency medical care.

YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX AND WRITE YOUR INITIALS NEXT TO ONE STATEMENT TO CONFIRM YOUR INTENT:

☐ **I DO NOT CONSENT TO ANY KIND OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. INITIALS: _____**

☐ **I DO NOT CONSENT TO BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. I CONSENT TO ALL OTHER KINDS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. INITIALS: _____**

2. **Printed Instructions.** I agree to carry printed instructions that describe my religious or other objections to medical treatment and how I wish Special Olympics to respond if I get sick or hurt and cannot speak for myself. I agree to carry these printed instructions with me at all times during my participation in any Special Olympics activity, including during meal times, in overnight accommodations, at training sessions and competitions, and during travel to and from Special Olympics activities.

3. **Friend or Family Accompaniment.** I understand that I must be accompanied by an adult friend or family member in order for that person can take personal responsibility for me during a medical emergency where I am unable to speak for myself.

4. **Emergency Medical Care If Athlete Is Not Accompanied.** I understand that, if I am not carrying the printed instructions **or** the accompanying adult is not present and actively taking personal responsibility for me during a medical emergency where I am unable to speak for myself, Special Olympics may seek emergency medical care for me as recommended by medical professionals responding to the emergency.

5. **Liability Release.** I release Special Olympics, its employees, and its volunteers from all claims that may arise out of taking or failing to take measures to provide me with emergency medical care. I am agreeing to this release because I have refused, knowingly and voluntarily, to give Special Olympics permission to take emergency measures, and I am expressly withholding consent to emergency medical care on religious or other grounds.

I have read and understand this release. By signing, I agree to this release.

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, I agree to accompany the Athlete during Special Olympics activities and take personal responsibility for the Athlete during an emergency. I understand the extent to which the Athlete does not consent to emergency medical care and agree to act in accordance with the Athlete's wishes as I understand them.

Signature of Accompanying Adult: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN COMPLETION

(To be completed by parent or guardian of athlete who is under 18 years old or otherwise has a legal guardian)

Instructions: Only complete this form if you **do not consent to emergency medical care** on religious or other grounds and have checked a box under the Emergency Care provision on the Release Form.

I am the parent/guardian of _____ (the "Athlete") and agree to the following:

1. **No Consent to Emergency Medical Care.** I understand that Special Olympics' standard registration form requires athletes or their parents or guardians to consent to emergency medical care for the athlete if needed in an emergency. Based on religious beliefs or other reasons I am not consenting to emergency medical care as follows.

YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX AND WRITE YOUR INITIALS NEXT TO ONE STATEMENT TO CONFIRM YOUR INTENT:

☐ **I DO NOT CONSENT TO ANY KIND OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. INITIALS: _____**

☐ **I DO NOT CONSENT TO BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS, EVEN IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. I CONSENT TO ALL OTHER KINDS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. INITIALS: _____**

2. **Accompaniment of Athlete.** I understand that I must be present in order to take personal responsibility for the Athlete if any medical treatment is to be refused on the athlete's behalf in a medical emergency arises. This includes during meal times, in overnight accommodations, at training sessions and competitions, and during travel to and from Special Olympics activities.

3. **Emergency Medical Care If Athlete Is Not Accompanied.** I understand that, if I am not present and actively taking personal responsibility for the Athlete during a medical emergency, Special Olympics will seek emergency medical care for the athlete as recommended by medical professionals responding to the emergency.

4. **Liability Release.** On behalf of myself and the Athlete, I release Special Olympics, its employees, and its volunteers from all claims that may arise out of taking or failing to take measures to provide the Athlete with emergency medical care. I am agreeing to this release because I have refused, knowingly and voluntarily, to give Special Olympics permission to take emergency measures, and I am expressly withholding consent to emergency medical care on religious or other grounds.

I am authorized to enter into this Release on the Athlete's behalf. I have read and understand this release and have explained the contents to the Athlete as appropriate. By signing, I agree that this Release shall be binding upon me, the Athlete, and our respective heirs and legal representatives.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Athlete Medical Form – **HEALTH HISTORY**

(to be completed by athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

Special Olympics New Jersey

AREA:

LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM:

ATHLETE INFORMATION

First Name: Middle Name:

Last Name:

Date Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* : Female: ☐ Male: ☐

Address (Street):

Address (City, State, Zip):

Phone: Cell:

E-mail:

Eye color: Ethnicity: *(optional)*

Athlete Employer, if any:

I am my own guardian. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the athlete have *(check any that apply)*:

☐ Autism ☐ Down syndrome ☐ Fragile X Syndrome

☐ Cerebral Palsy ☐ Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

☐ Other syndrome, please specify:

Is the athlete allergic to any of the following *(please list)*:

☐ Latex ☐ No Known Allergies

☐ Medications:

☐ Insect Bites or Stings:

☐ Food:

List any special dietary needs:

List all past surgeries:

Does the athlete currently have any chronic or acute infection?

☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, please describe:*

Has the athlete ever had an abnormal Electrocardiogram (EKG) or Echocardiogram (Echo)? *If yes, select below and describe*

☐ Yes, had abnormal EKG ☐ Yes, had abnormal Echo

☐ PARENT ☐ GUARDIAN INFORMATION *(if not own guardian)*

Name:

Phone: Cell:

E-mail:

Emergency Contact Name: Same as Above: ☐

Emergency Contact Phone (cell):

Emergency Contact Relationship:

Does the athlete have a primary care physician? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If yes, list.*

Physician Name: Physician Phone:

Insurance Policy (Company and Number):

Does the athlete have any objections to emergency medical care?

☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, contact your local Program to get the Emergency Care Refusal Form.*

List any sports the athlete wishes to play:

Has a doctor ever limited the athlete's participation in sports?

☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, please describe:*

Does the athlete use *(check any that apply)*:

☐ Brace	☐ Colostomy	☐ Communication Device
☐ C-PAP Machine	☐ Crutches or Walker	☐ Dentures
☐ Glasses or Contacts	☐ G-Tube or J-Tube	☐ Hearing Aid
☐ Implanted Device	☐ Inhaler	☐ Pacemaker
☐ Removable Prosthetics	☐ Splint	☐ Wheel Chair

Has the athlete had a Tetanus vaccine in the past 7 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

FAMILY HISTORY

Has any relative died of a heart problem before age 50? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Has any family member or relative died while exercising? ☐ No ☐ Yes

List all medical conditions that run in the athlete's family:

Athlete Medical Form – **HEALTH HISTORY**

(to be completed by athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

Special Olympics New Jersey

Athlete's Name:

HAS THE ATHLETE EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

Loss of Consciousness	☐ No	☐ Yes	High Blood Pressure	☐ No	☐ Yes	Stroke/TIA	☐ No	☐ Yes
Dizziness during or after exercise	☐ No	☐ Yes	High Cholesterol	☐ No	☐ Yes	Concussions	☐ No	☐ Yes
Headache during or after exercise	☐ No	☐ Yes	Vision Impairment	☐ No	☐ Yes	Asthma	☐ No	☐ Yes
Chest pain during or after exercise	☐ No	☐ Yes	Hearing Impairment	☐ No	☐ Yes	Diabetes	☐ No	☐ Yes
Shortness of breath during or after exercise	☐ No	☐ Yes	Enlarged Spleen	☐ No	☐ Yes	Hepatitis	☐ No	☐ Yes
Irregular, racing or skipped heart beats	☐ No	☐ Yes	Single Kidney	☐ No	☐ Yes	Urinary Discomfort	☐ No	☐ Yes
Congenital Heart Defect	☐ No	☐ Yes	Osteoporosis	☐ No	☐ Yes	Spina Bifida	☐ No	☐ Yes
Heart Attack	☐ No	☐ Yes	Osteopenia	☐ No	☐ Yes	Arthritis	☐ No	☐ Yes
Cardiomyopathy	☐ No	☐ Yes	Sickle Cell Disease	☐ No	☐ Yes	Heat Illness	☐ No	☐ Yes
Heart Valve Disease	☐ No	☐ Yes	Sickle Cell Trait	☐ No	☐ Yes	Broken Bones	☐ No	☐ Yes
Heart Murmur	☐ No	☐ Yes	Easy Bleeding	☐ No	☐ Yes	Dislocated Joints	☐ No	☐ Yes
Endocarditis	☐ No	☐ Yes						

Difficulty controlling bowels or bladder ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Numbness or tingling in legs, arms, hands or feet ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Weakness in legs, arms, hands or feet ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Burner, stinger, pinched nerve or pain in the neck, back, shoulders, arms, hands, buttocks, legs or feet ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Head Tilt ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Spasticity ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Paralysis ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, is this new or worse in the past 3 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Describe any past broken bones or dislocated joints *(if yes is checked for either of those fields above)*:

Epilepsy or any type of seizure disorder ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list seizure type:

If yes, had seizure during the past year? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Self-injurious behavior during the past year ☐ No ☐ Yes

Aggressive behavior during the past year ☐ No ☐ Yes

Depression (diagnosed) ☐ No ☐ Yes

Anxiety (diagnosed) ☐ No ☐ Yes

Describe any additional mental health concerns:

List any other ongoing or past medical conditions:

PLEASE LIST ANY MEDICATION, VITAMINS OR DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS BELOW *(includes inhalers, birth control or hormone therapy)*

Medication, Vitamin or Supplement	*Dosage*	*Times per Day*	*Medication, Vitamin or Supplement*	*Dosage*	*Times per Day*	*Medication,Vitamin or Supplement*	*Dosage*	*Times per Day*

Is the athlete able to administer his or her own medications? ☐ No ☐ Yes **If female athlete, list date of last menstrual period:**

Name of Person Completing this Form	**Relationship to Athlete**	**Phone**	**Email**

Athlete Medical Form – **PHYSICAL EXAM**

(to be completed by a Medical Professional only)

Special Olympics New Jersey

Athlete's Name:

MEDICAL PHYSICAL INFORMATION *(TO BE COMPLETED BY EXAMINER ONLY)*

Height	Weight	BMI *(optional)*	Temperature	Pulse	O_2Sat	Blood Pressure	Vision
cm / in	kg / lbs	BMI / Body Fat %	C / F			BP Right: / BP Left:	Right Vision 20/40 or better ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ N/A Left Vision 20/40 or better ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

Right Hearing (Finger Rub)	☐ Responds	☐ No Response	☐ Can't Evaluate		Bowel Sounds	☐ Yes	☐ No
Left Hearing (Finger Rub)	☐ Responds	☐ No Response	☐ Can't Evaluate		Hepatomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes
Right Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body		Splenomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes
Left Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body		Abdominal Tenderness	☐ No	☐ RUQ ☐ RLQ ☐ LUQ ☐ LLQ
Right Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA	Kidney Tenderness	☐ No	☐ Right ☐ Left
Left Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA	Right upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished ☐ Hyperreflexia
Oral Hygiene	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor		Left upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished ☐ Hyperreflexia
Thyroid Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes			Right lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished ☐ Hyperreflexia
Lymph Node Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes			Left lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished ☐ Hyperreflexia
Heart Murmur (supine)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater		Abnormal Gait	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below
Heart Murmur (upright)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater		Spasticity	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below
Heart Rhythm	☐ Regular	☐ Irregular			Tremor	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below
Lungs	☐ Clear	☐ Not clear			Neck & Back Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below
Right Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+ ☐ 2+	☐ 3+ ☐ 4+		Upper Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below
Left Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+ ☐ 2+	☐ 3+ ☐ 4+		Lower Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below
Radial Pulse Symmetry	☐ Yes	☐ R>L	☐ L>R		Upper Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below
Cyanosis	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe			Lower Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below
Clubbing	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe			Loss of Sensitivity	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below

ATLANTO-AXIAL INSTABILITY (AAI)

☐ **Athlete shows NO EVIDENCE of neurological symptoms or physical findings associated with spinal cord compression or atlantoaxial instability.**

☐ **Athlete has neurological symptoms or physical findings that could be associated with spinal cord compression or atlantoaxial instability and must receive an additional neurological evaluation to rule out additional risk of spinal cord injury prior to clearance for sports participation.**

RECOMMENDATIONS *(TO BE COMPLETED BY EXAMINER ONLY)*

Licensed Medical Examiners: It is recommended that the examiner review items on the medical history with the athlete or their guardian, prior to performing the physical exam. If an athlete needs further medical evaluation please use the Special Olympics Further Medical Evaluation Form, page 4, to provide the athlete with medical clearance..

☐ **This athlete is ABLE to participate in Special Olympics sports without restrictions/limitations**

☐ **This athlete is ABLE to participate in Special Olympics sports WITH restrictions/limitations** →

☐ **This athlete MAY NOT participate in Special Olympics sports at this time and MUST be further evaluated by a physician for the following concerns:**

- ☐ Concerning Cardiac Exam
- ☐ Acute Infection
- ☐ O_2 Saturation Less than 90% on Room Air
- ☐ Concerning Neurological Exam
- ☐ Stage II Hypertension or Greater
- ☐ Hepatomegaly or Splenomegaly
- ☐ Other, please describe:

Additional Licensed Examiner's Notes and Recommended Follow-up:

- ☐ Follow up with a cardiologist
- ☐ Follow up with a neurologist
- ☐ Follow up with a primary care physician
- ☐ Follow up with a vision specialist
- ☐ Follow up with a hearing specialist
- ☐ Follow up with a dentist or dental hygienist
- ☐ Follow up with a podiatrist
- ☐ Follow up with a physical therapist
- ☐ Follow up with a nutritionist
- ☐ Other/Exam Notes:

Name:

E-mail:

Licensed Medical Examiner's Signature | Date of Exam | Phone: | License:

Athlete Medical Form – **MEDICAL REFERRAL FORM**

(to be completed by a Medical Professional only if referral is needed)

Special Olympics New Jersey

Athlete's Name:

This page only needs to be completed and signed if the physician on page three does not clear the athlete and indicates follow-up is required. Athlete should bring the previously completed pages to the appointment with the specialist.

Examiner's Name:

Specialty:

I have examined this athlete for the following medical concern(s):
Please describe

In my professional opinion, this athlete MAY participate in Special Olympics sports (indicate restrictions or limitations below):

☐ **Yes, without restrictions** ☐ **Yes, but with restrictions** ***(list below)*** ☐ **No**

Additional Examiner Notes/Restrictions:

Examiner E-mail:

Examiner Phone:

License:

Examiner's Signature **Date**

This section to be completed by Special Olympics staff only, if applicable.

This medical exam was completed at a MedFest event? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The athlete is a Unified Partner or a Young Athlete Participant? ☐ Unified Partner ☐ Young Athlete

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
("Agreement") for
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY

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

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious and/or communicable diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and 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 official immediately; and,

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Special Olympics, Inc, Special Olympics New Jersey, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of Participant: _____

Participant Signature:_____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION) OR THOSE OVER 18 WITHOUT THE CAPACITY TO SIGN FOR THEMSELVES.

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of Participant:_____ Name of Parent/Guardian:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date signed: _____

CONCUSSON 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 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 not usually life-threatening, their effects can be serious and therefore proper attention must be paid to individuals suspected of sustaining a concussion.

Suspected or Confirmed Concussion

Effective immediately, a participant who is suspected of sustaining a concussion in 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 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 (1) at least seven (7) 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 (2) 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.