Special Olympics New Jersey

PARTICIPATION PACKET REQUIRED ITEMS CHECKLIST

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

Page 1: Athlete Registration Form

- ☐ Athlete first and last name
- ☐ Address
- ☐ Date of birth
- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Phone number and/or email

Page 2 & 3: Athlete Medical Form - Health History

(Completed by athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver)

- ☐ Diagnosed with any listed conditions OR list of current medications

Page 4 & 5: Athlete Medical Form - Physical Exam

OPTIONAL

(Completed by a medical professional ONLY)

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

Page 6: Athlete Release Form

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

Page 7: Athlete Likeness Release Form

OPTIONAL

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

Page 8: Emergency Medical Care Refusal Form (Athlete Completion) OR Page 9: 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 6).

Page 10: 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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ATHLETE REGISTRATION FORM

Special Olympics

State Special Olympics Program:_____ **Local Area/Delegation:**_____

Are you a new athlete to Special Olympics or Re-Registering? ☐ New Athlete ☐ Re-Registering

ATHLETE INFORMATION		
First Name:	**Middle Name:**	
Last Name:	**Preferred Name:**	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Other Gender Identity	
Race/Ethnicity: ☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian American ☐ More than one race ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White or Caucasian ☐ Hispanic or Latinx		
Language(s) Spoken in Athlete's Home (Optional): Check all that apply ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other (please list):		
Street Address:		
City:	**State:**	**Zip Code:**
Phone:	**E-mail:**	
Sports/Activities:		
Athlete Employer, if any (Optional):		
Does the athlete have the capacity to consent to medical treatment on his or her own behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (required if minor or otherwise has a legal guardian)		
Name:		
Relationship:		
☐ **Same Contact Info as Athlete**		
Street Address:		
City:	**State:**	**Zip Code:**
Phone:	**E-mail:**	
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
☐ **Same as Parent/Guardian**		
Name:		
Phone:	**Relationship:**	
PHYSICIAN & INSURANCE INFORMATION		
Physician Name:		
Physician Phone:		
Insurance Company:	**Insurance Policy Number:**	
Insurance Group Number:		

Athlete Medical Form – **HEALTH HISTORY**

(To be completed by the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver and brought to exam)

Athlete First & Last Name:_____ **Preferred Name:**_____

Athlete Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):_____ ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Other Gender Identity

STATE PROGRAM:_____ **E-mail:**_____

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

☐ Autism ☐ Down Syndrome ☐ Fragile X Syndrome

☐ Cerebral Palsy ☐ Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

☐ Other Syndrome, please specify:_____

ALLERGIES & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

☐ No Known Allergies

☐ Latex

☐ Medications:_____

☐ Insect Bites or Stings:_____

☐ Food:_____

ASSISTIVE DEVICES - **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

List any special dietary needs:

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

List all Special Olympics sports the athlete wishes to play:

Has a doctor ever limited the athlete's participation in sports?
☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, please describe:*

SURGERIES, INFECTIONS, VACCINES

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, describe date and results*
☐ Yes, had abnormal EKG
☐ Yes, had abnormal Echo

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

EPILEPSY AND/OR SEIZURE HISTORY

Epilepsy or any type of seizure disorder ☐ No ☐ Yes

*If yes, list seizure type:*_____

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

MENTAL HEALTH

Self-injurious behavior during the past year	☐ No	☐ Yes	**Depression** *(diagnosed)*	☐ No	☐ Yes
Aggressive behavior during the past year	☐ No	☐ Yes	**Anxiety** *(diagnosed)*	☐ No	☐ Yes

Describe any additional mental health concerns:

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 the athlete or parent/guardian/caregiver and brought to Exam)

Athlete's First and Last 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	**If female athlete, list date of last menstrual period:**_____					

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

List any other ongoing or past medical conditions:

Neurological Symptoms for Spinal Cord Compression and Atlanto-axial Instability

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

PLEASE LIST ANY MEDICATION, VITAMINS OR DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS BELOW

(includes inhalers, birth control or hormone therapy)

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

Is the athlete able to administer his or her own medications? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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

Athlete Medical Form – **PHYSICAL EXAM**

(To be completed by a Licensed Medical Professional qualified to conduct exams & prescribe medications)

Athlete's First and Last Name:_____ **Date of Birth**_____

MEDICAL PHYSICAL INFORMATION

(To be completed by a Licensed Medical Professional qualified to conduct physical exams and prescribe medications)

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

Right Hearing (Finger Rub)	☐ Responds	☐ No Response	☐ Can't Evaluate		
Left Hearing (Finger Rub)	☐ Responds	☐ No Response	☐ Can't Evaluate		
Right Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body		
Left Ear Canal	☐ Clear	☐ Cerumen	☐ Foreign Body		
Right Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA	
Left Tympanic Membrane	☐ Clear	☐ Perforation	☐ Infection	☐ NA	
Oral Hygiene	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor		
Thyroid Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Lymph Node Enlargement	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Heart Murmur (supine)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater		
Heart Murmur (upright)	☐ No	☐ 1/6 or 2/6	☐ 3/6 or greater		
Heart Rhythm	☐ Regular	☐ Irregular			
Lungs	☐ Clear	☐ Not clear			
Right Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+	☐ 2+	☐ 3+	☐ 4+
Left Leg Edema	☐ No	☐ 1+	☐ 2+	☐ 3+	☐ 4+
Radial Pulse Symmetry	☐ Yes	☐ R>L	☐ L>R		
Cyanosis	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe			
Clubbing	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe			

Bowel Sounds	☐ Yes	☐ No			
Hepatomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Splenomegaly	☐ No	☐ Yes			
Abdominal Tenderness	☐ No	☐ RUQ	☐ RLQ	☐ LUQ	☐ LLQ
Kidney Tenderness	☐ No	☐ Right	☐ Left		
Right upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Left upper extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Right lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Left lower extremity reflex	☐ Normal	☐ Diminished	☐ Hyperreflexia		
Abnormal Gait	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Spasticity	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Tremor	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			
Neck & Back Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Upper Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Lower Extremity Mobility	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Upper Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Lower Extremity Strength	☐ Full	☐ Not full, describe below			
Loss of Sensitivity	☐ No	☐ Yes, describe below			

SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION & ATLANTO-AXIAL INSTABILITY (AAI) *(Select one)*

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

OR

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

ATHLETE CLEARANCE TO PARTICIPATE (*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 make a referral below and second physician for referral should complete page 4.

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

☐ **This athlete is ABLE to participate in Special Olympics sports WITH restrictions. Describe →** _____

☐ **This athlete MAY NOT participate in Special Olympics sports at this time & 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 (but not required) 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:
Signature of Licensed Medical Examiner Exam Date	Phone: License #:

Athlete Medical Form – **MEDICAL REFERRAL FORM**

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

Athlete's First and Last Name:_____

This page only needs to be completed and signed if the physician on page three does not clear the athlete and indicates further evaluation is required.

Athlete should bring the previously completed pages to the appointment with the specialist.

Examiner's Name:_____

Specialty:_____

I have been asked to perform an additional athlete exam for the following medical concern(s) - *Please describe:*

☐ 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:

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

☐ **Yes** ☐ **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

ATHLETE RELEASE FORM

Special Olympics

I agree to the following:

1. **Ability to Participate.** I am physically able to take part in Special Olympics activities.
2. **Likeness Release.** I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games organizing committees, and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics") to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, and biographical information to promote Special Olympics and raise funds for Special Olympics.
3. **Risk of Concussion and Other Injury.** I know there is a risk of injury. I understand the risk of continuing to play sports with or after a concussion or other injury. I may have to get medical care if I have a suspected concussion or other injury. I also may have to wait 7 days or more and get permission from a doctor before I start playing sports again.
4. **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. (Not common.)
   ☐ I do not consent to blood transfusions. (Not common.)
   (If either box is marked, an EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM must be completed.)
5. **Overnight Stay.** For some events, I may stay in a hotel or someone's home. If I have questions, I will ask.
6. **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 can say no to treatment or anything else at any time.
7. **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.

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:**
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:**
Printed Name:	**Relationship:**

ATHLETE LIKENESS RELEASE FOR SPONSORS (OPTIONAL)

Special Olympics

Special Olympics relies on sponsors and partners to help support our mission. We often use photos, videos and stories of our athletes to show the impact of support by companies that sponsor Special Olympics. If you wish to allow your likeness to be used in this way, please read and sign below.

I agree to the following:

- I give permission to Special Olympics, Inc., Special Olympics games organizing committees, and Special Olympics accredited Programs (collectively "Special Olympics") and their sponsors and partners to use my likeness, photo, video, name, voice, words, and biographical information ("my likeness") to acknowledge the sponsors' and partners' support for Special Olympics.
- Special Olympics and its sponsors and partners will not use my Likeness to endorse commercial products or services.
- I understand I will not be compensated for the use of my Likeness.

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:**
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:**
Printed Name:	**Relationship:**

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ATHLETE COMPLETION

(To be completed by athlete signing on own behalf)

If an athlete is not his/her own guardian, please complete Page 10 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: _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM

Special Olympics New Jersey

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: _____

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: _____

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.

Suspected or Confirmed Concussion

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 the removal or return to play of the participant. 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 (1) 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 (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.

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.