

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS - CODE 905-0000

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WHAT IS SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS?

It's the power of sports. Special Olympics Illinois provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics Illinois is transforming the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Illinois provides opportunities for more than 43,000 athletes, 45,000 volunteers and thousands more people statewide through 11 Regional programs in all 102 counties of the state. Special Olympics does not charge athletes or families to participate in the program. We rely solely on contributions of corporations, individuals and civic organizations to make all of this possible.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS PROGRAMS

YOUNG ATHLETES™

The Young Athletes™ Program is an innovative sports play program for children ages 2 to 7 with intellectual disabilities and their peers, designed to introduce them to the world of sports. The program is designed to address various specific levels of play, including physical activities focused on developing fundamental motor tracking and hand-eye coordination.

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®

With sports at the foundation, the Unified Champion Schools® program offers a combination of activities that equip young people with tools and training to create sport, classroom and community experiences that reduce bullying and exclusion, promote healthy activity and interactions, combat stereotypes, eliminate hurtful language, and engage young people in activities that lead to more inclusive and accepting attitudes, behaviors and school climate.

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

Athlete Leadership prepares athletes to serve in meaningful leadership roles throughout the organization. Athletes are acting in these roles beyond the playing field or sports competition. Opportunities for athletes include: Global Messenger, Member of the Special Olympics Illinois Board of Directors, local/Area committee member, games management, Input Council, coaching, volunteer or fundraising.

UNIFIED SPORTS®

Unified Sports® is a program that combines approximately equal numbers of Special Olympics athletes and peers without intellectual disabilities (Unified Partners) on sports teams for training and competition. Sports currently offered are bocce, golf, soccer, tennis, flag football, basketball and volleyball.

HEALTHY ATHLETES®

The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® Program offers health services and information to athletes in need. Its screenings educate athletes on healthy lifestyle choices and identify problems that may need additional follow-up. Special Olympics Illinois currently offers five different health screen programs throughout the state: FUNFitness (physical therapy), Healthy Hearing (audiology), MedFest (sports physical exam), Opening Eyes (vision) and Special Smiles (dentistry). In 2016, more than 3,600 athletes received screenings.

***"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt."***

- Special Olympics athlete oath

