



REVEALING THE CHAMPION  
INSIDE ALL OF US

## Our Vision and Goals

Special Olympics envisions a world where people with intellectual disabilities lead healthy, vibrant lives grounded in ongoing sports and physical activities, sound nutrition and a deeply held commitment to improve, compete, achieve and demonstrate their personal bests to themselves and their communities.

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# Erie Special Olympics

## Be a Fan!

*Special Olympics  
Pennsylvania*



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## Our Volunteers

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Volunteers are the backbone of Special Olympics. We could not serve our athletes without the dedicated support of these individuals.

The time, energy and enthusiasm of volunteers fuel our movement and make our athlete's dreams a reality.

There is a place for everyone in our organization! Please visit the website to fill out a volunteer application.

<http://www.specialolympicspa.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/get-involved-info>



Unleash the power in  
all of us!

Let me win.

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

~ Special Olympics  
Athlete Oath



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## Our Athletes

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Special Olympics Erie athletes are the heart of our program. Whatever your skill level and whatever your motivation for participating and competing, there is opportunity to excel and have fun!

To be eligible to participate, athletes must have an intellectual disability; a cognitive delay, or a developmental disability, that is, functional limitations in both general learning and adaptive skills. Participation in Special Olympics starts at the age of 8 years (training can begin at 6) and there is no maximum age limit.

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## Our Mission

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*The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.*

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## What Sports We Offer ~

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### Summer

Aquatics, Athletics, Basketball, Equestrian and Golf

### Fall

Bocce, Long Distance Running/Walking  
Power lifting and Soccer

### Winter

Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing and Bowling

*Competitions and trainings are offered at the local, sectional and state level.*

*Below is a link to the Application for Participation that must be completed.*

*<http://www.specialolympicspa.org/sports-competitions/competitions/compete>*