Special Olympics South Carolina

Participation in Special Olympics South Carolina

The following guidelines will be used for each athlete to obtain and maintain a valid participation thus allowing the athletes to participate in Special Olympics South Carolina at any and all levels:

1) Individual must be identified as a person with an intellectual disability or be two years cognitively behind their peers to participate as an "athlete" with Special Olympics South Carolina.
2) Individual's parent/ guardian/caregiver (if under 18) must review, sign and date the *Official Special Olympics Release Form*. If individual is over 18, the form is to be reviewed, signed and dated by the individual with the help of parent/guardian/caregiver. Parent/Guardian/Caregiver must then sign as a witness.
3) If either or both boxes in the "Emergency Care" section of the "Athlete Release Form" are checked, parent(s) or guardian(s) must complete the "Emergency Medical Care Refusal Form."
4) Parent (s) or guardian (s) must complete the "Health History" (first two pages of the "Athlete Medical Form), aka. *Application for Participation in Special Olympics*.
5) If the athlete is over 18, the athlete may complete these sections with the help of parent(s) or guardian(s) or caregiver(s).
6) Parent(s) or guardian(s) or caregiver(s) or adult athlete must then sign and date the form at the "Signature or parent/caregiver/adult athlete" space provided.
7) A licensed practitioner (MD, LPN –licensed to write a prescription) must examine/complete the "Physical Examination" sections and the "Atlanto-Axial Instability Assessment for Athletes with Down Syndrome" when applicable. Notes MUST be made of any restrictions.
8) A signature of the licensed practitioner must be obtained with date included.

The above steps must be taken every three years from the sign date of the licensed practitioner to remain valid, keeping athlete eligible to participate in Special Olympics South Carolina programs.

The above steps must be taken every three years from the signature date of the individual's parent or guardian or caregiver or every three years from the signature date of the adult athlete on the Official Special Olympics Release Form to remain eligible for participation.

Please see attached *Application for Participation in Special Olympics* form and the *Official Special Olympics Release Form* for reference.

Athlete Release Form

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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:
   a. Make sure I am eligible and can participate safely;
   b. Run trainings and events and share results;
   c. Put my information in a computer system;
   d. Provide health treatment, make referrals, consult doctors, and remind me about follow-up services;
   e. Research, share, and respond to needs of Special Olympic athletes (identifying information removed if shared publicly); and
   f. 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.

Participant 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:_____

Contact Information:
Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____Relationship: _____

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE REFUSAL FORM – ATHLETE COMPLETION
(To be completed by athlete signing on own behalf)

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 Athlete 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: _____

Athlete Medical Form – **HEALTH HISTORY**

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

Special Olympics

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

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

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:_____

ASSISTED 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
Aggressive behavior during the past year ☐ No ☐ Yes
Depression *(diagnosed)* ☐ 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:_____

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

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ATLANTO-AXIAL INSTABILITY (AAI) SPECIAL RELEASE FORM

(SPECIAL RELEASE CONCERNING SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION AND ATLANTO-AXIAL INSTABILITY)

Instructions: Only complete this form if symptoms of spinal cord compression or Atlanto-axial instability were found in a pre-participation examination and a doctor then provided clearance for participation following a neurological evaluation.

I agree to the following:

1. **Spinal Cord Compression Symptoms.** In a pre-participation examination, a licensed medical professional found symptoms that might be the result of spinal cord compression or Atlanto-axial instability.

2. **Neurological Evaluation.** After a neurological evaluation, a qualified doctor concluded that:
   - The cause of the symptoms will not result in additional risk of neurological injury due to participation in sports, and
   - Participation in Special Olympics activities is safe without restrictions or with restrictions that will be shared with Special Olympics and followed.

3. **Liability Release.** I acknowledge that I have been informed of the findings and determinations of the physician. I release and hold harmless Special Olympics from all claims in connection with possible spinal cord compression or Atlanto-axial instability.

ATHLETE NAME: _____

ATHLETE SIGNATURE (required if Athlete is over 18 years old and is signing on own behalf)

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

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (required if Athlete is under 18 years old or has a legal guardian)

I am a parent or guardian of the Athlete and 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 to this release on my own behalf and on behalf of the Athlete. This Release shall be binding upon me, the Athlete and our respective heirs and legal representatives.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____