

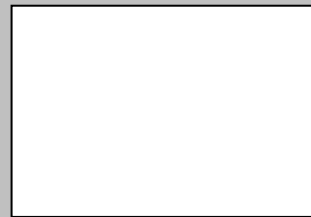
**2020 - 2021
APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION**



***Special
Olympics***
District of Columbia

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**2020 - 2021 SPECIAL OLYMPICS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION
(Renewed yearly)**

Instructions: Please complete all requested information and return to SODC. Incomplete forms will be returned.

(Please complete and submit before the first day of training)

1. Organization/School/Program

Organization/School/Program Name:			
Address:			
	Washington, DC		Zip Code
Telephone:			
	Fax # () -		Work # () -
Full name of the Director or Principal of your Program:			
Title of Chief Administrator (ex. Executive Director, Principal):			

Note: Those delegations enrolling in Unified Sports should have a special education lead and a general education lead to fill the roles below.

2. Head of Delegation (HOD) for Special Olympic Programs (the organization contact person to Special Olympics)

Name:			
Title:			
Home Address:			
	Zip Code		
Home # info:	Home # ()		E-mail:
Contact #:	Work #		Cell #

3. Assistant. Head of Delegation (alternate person responsible for being the contact from the organization to Special Olympics)

Name:		
Title:		
Home Address:		
Contact #	Zip Code	E-mail:
	Work #	Cell #

4. Organization Overview

- A. General Description:
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private, non-profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Private, for profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Group or Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Charter School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DC Public School | |

B. Please check next to category (ies) which best describes your program:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part of a Physical Education Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Curricular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Group Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

C. Specific description of services provided.

[eg. provide special education to 14 students, provide special education and general education to 24 students, provide group home residence at 20 locations for 100 adults]

Description:

Number of Special Education Students:

Number of General Education Students:

Number of Adult Residences

5. Description of individuals for whom service is provided.

A. How many individuals do you expect to participate in at least one Special Olympics sport this year?

B. How many of these individuals are defined as having an Intellectual Disability?

6. Description of Staff, Volunteer and Family involvement

A. Number of staff persons within your organization who are directly involved with Special Olympics:

B. Number of volunteers excluding staff who support Special Olympics for your Organization:

C. Does your agency have a family coordinator? If so, please provide the following information:

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone:

Zip Code

D. Number of Families involved in program:

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E. Do you need volunteers to help run your Special Olympics programs? Yes / No

If yes, would you like SODC to assist you in recruiting volunteers to help support your program? Yes / No

List specific needs:

COVID-19 INFORMATION ON RETURN TO PLAY

As citizens, communities, and nations around the world resume operations and activities in the time of COVID-19, Special Olympics has developed guidance for its Programs on returning to activities. This guidance is founded on the latest medical information available and guidance from organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and nation-specific health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U.S. Special Olympics DC will follow COVID-19 protocols and the District of Columbia reopening guidelines to return to activity and play (<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>).

Before picking your sports on the next page here is some important information you need to know:

- All sport and activities are subject to change based on the COVID state of DC
- All sports are virtual until December and will remain or return to virtual based on the guidance above.
- All in-person training, events and sports will be subjected to in-person COVID-19 protocols
- All in- person activities are tentative due to facility availability, and the above guidance
- Athletes with high-risk conditions can only participate in virtual sports until there is little or no Coronavirus in DC. Protecting the health and safety of our athletes is our first priority. Coronavirus in DC. For information on who is high risk please see the information below:

Athletes with high-risk condition

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities may be at higher risk of severe illness resulting in death from COVID-19. Current clinical guidance and information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) lists those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 as:

- People 65 years and older.
- People who live in a nursing home or licensed long-term care facilities Regardless of age
- individuals with underlying conditions
- People with chronic lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions (including heart failure, coronary artery disease, congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy, hypertension)
- People who are immunocompromised
- People with obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher
- People with diabetes (Type 1 and 2)
- People with chronic kidney disease, liver disease and dementia

In addition, people of African-American and Latinx decent are dying at higher rates, so need to take additional precautions.

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For more information on athletes with high-risk condition, please read the page 3 of the Covid-19 Code of Conduct and Risk assessment form or contact Special Olympics DC.

Please indicate below the sports in which your organization plans to participate in 2020-2021.

- Each season offers a sport option and a fitness option for athletes 8 and above and a Young Athletes Program for athletes 2- 7.
- All sports and fitness apply to both traditional and unified sports.
- Each athlete can participate in either Sports or Fitness, the groups are as follows:

❖ **Virtual Component: October – December**

[] Youth Delegations

- [] Individual Skills Basketball
- [] Individual Skills Soccer
- [] FIT 5 Fitness
- [] Young Athletes Program

[] Adult Delegations

- [] Stride Fitness Challenge
- [] Individual Basketball Skills

❖ **In School / Program Sports: January – March**

[] Youth Delegations

- [] Individual Skills Tennis
- [] Individual Skills Bocce
- [] FIT 5 Fitness
- [] Young Athletes Program

[] Adult Delegations

- [] Unified Individual Skills Basketball (**evenings**) *
- [] Unified/Traditional Bowling*
- [] Triple Choice Fitness Program

❖ **SUMMER GAMES: April – May**

- [] Athletics (Track& Field)
- [] Basketball (Team)**
- [] Bocce
- [] Flag Football**
- [] Young Athletes Program
- [] Summer Games @Home

* In person sports and training are subject to COVID-19 regulations and facilities availability. Updates will continue to be provided as issued by the District's public health office.

** As of 8/27/20 team sports are not allowed.

YOUTH UNIFIED ONLY

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools:

The Unified Champion Schools® approach incorporates Special Olympics sports, leadership and related activities that empower youth to be change agents in their communities. This is a paradigm shift from a focus on events to that of a whole school movement for inclusion.

Special education and general education students alongside educators and administrators are encouraged to collaborate to create supportive classrooms, school-wide activities and opportunities for growth and success for all.

For schools that already have active Special Olympics programs, Unified Champion School will enhance that relationship. For those schools not involved in Special Olympics, Unified Champion School will offer a variety of activities that will educate students about Special Olympics athletes, building inclusive schools and communities of acceptance.

Unified Champion School Initiatives:

Please indicate in the below pillars the events in which your organization plans to participate in 2019-2020

- **New Delegations:** Must choose from a minimum of 1 of the pillars below, but are encouraged to choose more
- **Returning Delegations:** Must choose a minimum of 2 of the pillars below, but are encouraged to choose more

Pillar 1 - Unified Sport: please pick from sports list above

Pillar 2 - Youth Leadership (in the school and in the community):

- Unified Champion Schools Club:** Youth organized
A newly formed or existing school club which plans and carries out activities with Special Olympics athletes in the schools and community events (Polar Bear Plunge/Rallies/Unified Sport).
- Youth Volunteers:** Youth organized
Students volunteering with SODC during training, qualifying trials, competition, and other events (Polar Bear Plunge/Rallies/Unified Sport).
- YAP Leaders:** Elementary Youth organized
Peer to Peer leadership in activities and group discussion (Line leaders, Clean up leaders, peer tutors)
- Other:** _____
(Creative idea or delegation specific event)

Pillar 3 - Whole School Engagement (school-wide activities):

- “Inclusion Revolution”** (R-word campaign): campaign to encourage acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities and educate students about not using the R-word through activities such as pledge drives.
- Pep Rally or Assembly:** supporting R-word event awareness campaigns or the athletes competing in Special Olympics
- Dance:** (Prom/Spirit Week/Awareness Day)
- Other:** _____ (Creative idea or delegation specific event)

Signature of Accreditation Agreement

As an accredited organization of SODC we agree to abide by all of the rules, regulations and operating procedures of Special Olympics District of Columbia Board of Directors, Special Olympics District of Columbia Sports Department, and Special Olympics, Inc.

Organization/School/Program Name

Signature of Organization Director/Principal

**Signature of Head of Delegation
(Person that will attend the seasonal meetings)**

Date of signature

Date of signature

Please scan and email to

sports@specialolympicsdc.org

*Applications are due by September 18th, 2020