



Special Olympics BEYOND THE BELL

Your student's Special Olympics experience doesn't need to end when the bell rings. Keep your athlete active, engaged and motivated with participation in the Special Olympics Community Sports program.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ON CAMPUS

The Special Olympics Schools Partnership Program provides athletic and inclusive opportunities on school campuses by providing support, resources and trainings that align with educational goals.

While maintaining the Special Olympics mission of an active and healthy lifestyle, the additional implementation of Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement, gives campuses the chance to empower young people to be leaders for inclusion, starting in their schools.

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- Events and competitions take place during the school day and school funded
- Practices and games are coached by school faculty (teachers, coaches, etc.)
- Ages 2-22, programs for Young Athletes through Post-Secondary and Transition programs
- 3 seasons of sport – soccer, basketball, and track & field.
- Emphasis on Unified Champion School programming
- Opportunities beyond school years only available through Community Sports

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN THE COMMUNITY

Special Olympics Community Sports provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness and demonstrate courage.

Through the power of sports, athletes discover new strengths, abilities, skills, and success. They find joy, confidence, and fulfillment on the playing field and in life while inspiring people in their communities.

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- Available in 43 Northern California counties
- Free for all participants (includes training equipment and all competition costs)
- Competition available starting at age 8
- 11 sports offered throughout the year
- Volunteer coach led practices 1 or 2 times per week for 6-8 weeks prior to a regional competition
- Opportunity for advancement to higher levels of competition
- Competition available for ALL skill levels, player development, recreational and competitive.

GET INVOLVED!

To participate in Special Olympics Community Sports, start by visiting www.BecomeAnAthleteSONC.org to complete an Athlete Application. Once the application has been processed, athletes can visit the [Athlete Sport Registration](#) page to access available opportunities, register for sports, and be contacted by a local coach. Please email letsplay@sonc.org with additional questions or more information.