

Consent Form Information & Instructions

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In order to be eligible for participation in Special Olympics, every athlete must have a valid Athlete Consent, Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Form (Consent Form) **AND** a valid Medical Form on file with Special Olympics Illinois (SOILL) prior to the start of training. The link to the Consent Form is www.soill.org/athlete-forms.

The link to the Medical Form is www.soill.org/athlete-forms. Instructions for completing the Medical Form can be accessed at www.soill.org/athlete-forms.

Barring any change in guardianship, the Consent Form is valid for the duration of an athlete's participation with Special Olympics Illinois. If there is any change with an athlete's guardianship then a new Consent Form must be submitted.

An athlete's parent/guardian and/or athlete, if an adult without a guardian, is solely responsible for the accurate completion and timely submission (prior to any relevant deadline) of the Consent Form and Medical Form to SOILL.

Failure of the athlete to have an accurate, fully completed Consent Form and Medical Form on file with SOILL prior to any relevant deadline will result in the athlete being denied participation in SOILL competitions, programs and events.

Falsification of the Consent Form could result in disciplinary and possible criminal charges.

Out-of-state Special Olympics Consent Forms or Medical Forms will not be accepted for participation with SOILL.

SOILL requires that all Consent Forms, Medical Forms and *Unified Sports Partner Applications* be presented by the established registration deadline for any Region, Sectional or State competition.

Consent Forms, Medical Forms and *Unified Sports Partner Applications* not on file or in receipt by the specified deadline will not be accepted.

An athlete not entered in/scratched from the event may attend the event as a spectator only. They will not be allowed to serve as an official member of their team's delegation, therefore, housing and meals will be the individual's responsibility.

The Special Olympics Athletic Director is required to check an athlete's Consent Form and Medical Form for completeness. **Failure to have a valid Consent Form, Medical Form or *Unified Sports Partner Application* at the time of the registration deadline will result in the athlete or Unified Partner being denied participation in a competition.**

CONSENT FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The Consent Form must be completely filled in. Not providing all requested information may result in a delay in processing paperwork and affect an athlete's eligibility for upcoming events.

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Submitting and Processing Consent Forms

The Consent Form must be sent to the Region Office for review. SOILL will validate the Consent Form. A Consent Form will not be validated until all information is correct and completed. The Region Office will forward Consent Forms to the SOILL State Office for final processing.

Checking the Status of Consent Forms

Agencies will not receive access to approved Consent Forms. The status of an athlete's Consent Form can be verified online by using the Athlete Record Lookup Tool at <https://www.soill.org/athlete-coach-lookup/>.