



## Definition of Eligibility

### National Requirements

To be eligible for participation in Special Olympics, a competitor must agree to observe and abide by the official Special Olympics Sport Rules.

Special Olympics was created and developed to give individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and compete in sports activities. NO person shall, on the ground of sex, race, religion, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of Special Olympics.

Persons are considered to have intellectual disabilities for the purpose of determining their eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if they are identified by an agency or professional as having intellectual disabilities or have a cognitive delay as determined standardized measure or have a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as recreation, work, independent living, of self-care).

Persons eligible for participation in Special Olympics are the persons eight years of age or older with intellectual disabilities.

### The Arc of Central Plains Requirements

In order to participate in any sanctioned Special Olympics event or locally sponsored activity the individual must meet the National Eligibility Requirements.

Additionally, each participant in Special Olympics events must have on file at The Arc of Central Plains office a completed current Physical Examination form. A Medical Authorization form must be completed for each event and returned to The Arc of Central Plains office before the event.

Any individual with serious medical conditions or who exhibits inappropriate behavior and wishes to participate in The Arc of Central Plains sponsored events, (including, but not limited too Special Olympics and outings), shall be accompanied at all times by a parent, guardian, or companion who has been approved by The Arc of Central Plains Board of Directors and at their own expense.

I the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Athlete, Parent, or Guardian)

Acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the above Definition of Eligibility.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Name \_\_\_\_\_