

Application for Participation Form Instructions (These forms must be filled out entirely to be deemed current and valid)

IMPORTANT:

Before You Begin:

- **NO FAXES/COPIES, ONLY ORIGINALS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- **ALL FORMS EXPIRE EVERY 3 YEARS & MUST HAVE AN EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE**
- **COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE AN ATHLETE CAN BEGIN TRAINING**
- **SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO THE LOCAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR OR STATE OFFICE AT 6600 PALOMAS NE, SUITE 207, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109**

Application For Participation [First Page]

All athletes wishing to participate in Special Olympics New Mexico must complete this page in its entirety.

Basic Information

Please make sure to fill in all information. Please print clearly and legibly. Only place one letter/number per box. It is necessary for SONM to know the name of your Delegation. If this is a new athlete who has not been placed on a Delegation, than please leave that line blank. SONM will complete that line once the athlete has been assigned a permanent Delegation.

Health History

All history questions must be answered yes or no. Valid date of most recent tetanus immunization is needed. Please take time to complete the Medications Table. Signature and date is required for this section. Circle as to whose signature it is, parent / caregiver / adult athlete. If Down Syndrome is answered yes, you must complete the next section - Atlanto-Axial Instability Assessment for Athletes with Down Syndrome.

Atlanto-Axial Instability Assessment For Athletes With Down Syndrome

This section is only to be completed if you answered yes to the Health History question *Down Syndrome*, and then all questions must be completed. A full radiological examination is required to establish the absence of Atlanto-Axial Instability before the athlete can participate in Special Olympics. If you answered yes to the first two questions, the form on the next page of the Application, Special Release for Athletes with Atlanto-Axial Instability, must be completed in its entirety. The date of the x-rays is required.

Physical Examination

This section must be completed every three years. All questions must be completed. The health professional must completely fill out his/her information at the bottom. **No Doctor signature stamps, please.** If a signature is absent, the athlete will not be able to participate in Special Olympics New Mexico.

Special Release For Athletes With Atlanto-Axial Instability [Second Page]

This form is required to be completed in its entirety only if the athlete named on the application was diagnosed as having Atlanto-Axial Instability.

Certification By Physicians

Special Olympics mandates TWO physician's signatures to allow the athlete to participate in events that they would otherwise not be allowed to participate in. These events include, **equestrian sports, gymnastics, diving, pentathlon, butterfly stroke and diving starts in swimming, high jump, alpine skiing, and soccer.** Once again, no doctor signature stamps, please. If the signatures are missing, the form is invalid and the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the above mentioned events.

Certification Of Adult Athlete

The Certification of Adult Athlete is required for adult athletes with diagnosis of Atlanto-Axial Instability. Name and address must be printed legibly. Both signatures are required, that of the adult athlete and of the adult friend/family member. If the signatures are missing, the form is invalid and the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the above mentioned events.

Certification Of Parent

The Certification of Parent is required for minor athletes with a diagnosis of Atlanto-Axial Instability. Name, address, and phone must be printed legibly. Signature of either a parent or guardian is required. If the signature is missing, the form is invalid and the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the above mentioned events.

Athlete Release Form [Third Page]

All athletes wishing to participate in Special Olympics New Mexico must complete this page.

Release To Be Completed By Adult Athlete

This section can only be completed by an athlete who is at least 18 years of age or older. Please have either an adult friend or an adult family member review the release before the adult athlete signs the release. The signature and date of the adult athlete is required before the adult athlete can complete the application. If a signature is absent, the athlete will not be able to participate in Special Olympics New Mexico. A printed name of an adult friend or adult family member as well as their relation to the adult athlete is required in this section of the form. The only exception is if there are any religious objections by the adult athlete. If that be the case, then the adult athlete must cross out the last paragraph in this section, initial it and then complete the Religious Objections Form available from the Chapter Office.

Release To Be Completed By Parent Or Guardian Of Minor Athlete

Please take time to fully read and review the paragraphs in this section of the release. The signature and date of the parent or guardian of the athlete is required before the athlete can complete the application. If a signature is absent, the athlete will not be able to participate in Special Olympics New Mexico. The only exception is if there are any religious objections by the parent or guardian of the athlete. If that be the case, then contact the Chapter Office for a Religious Objections Form.