

2019 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES – ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

Athlete Nomination Packet

(please print or type)

Full Legal Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

In which sport is this athlete applying for? _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

City of Residence: _____ Email: _____

Street: _____ Age: _____

Zip Code: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Additional Contact Information

Parent/Legal Guardian

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone: _(____)_____ City of Residence: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact (if different from above)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone: (____)_____ City of Residence: _____

Relationship to Athlete: _____ Email: _____

Local Coach (person who will train athlete locally to prepare for the games)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ City Of Residence: _____

Email Address: _____

Medical Overview

This section will be supplemented by physician's information on the World Games Medical Form.

Please check all that apply to this athlete/Unified Partner:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Instabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Device/Implants | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-verbal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Fractures | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Motion Sickness | <input type="checkbox"/> Cane/Walker/Wheelchair |

Please provide details for any item checked above:

Does this individual take any medications? Yes No

Is this individual self-medicating? Yes No

Is this individual susceptible to colds, infections, etc? Yes No

Does this individual have a history of seizures? Yes No

If yes, please elaborate:

Behavior

Please indicate the most accurate response to ensure SO USA has the most the most complete knowledge and understanding in order to provide a successful experience. Check any boxes listing behavior exhibited by the individual:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bites self or others | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated sexual interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Overly dependent on others | <input type="checkbox"/> Teases others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cries or becomes upset easily | <input type="checkbox"/> Exaggerates pain/illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Overly fearful | <input type="checkbox"/> Temper tantrums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty changing routines | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive cursing/vulgarity | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulls own hair or others | <input type="checkbox"/> Throws objects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty with authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive physical touching | <input type="checkbox"/> Resistant to changes in diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncomfortable in crowds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty taking direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Hits self or others | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeks steady attention | <input type="checkbox"/> Wanders/runs from group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated emotional needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeks steady entertainment | |

Other (please list):

List details to help explain areas above and specific methods to resolve behavior difficulties:

Do you think this individual will relate and respond successfully to an unfamiliar coach and environment? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Self-Help Skills

Please check the box in each area which best describes this individual:

Dressing	Grooming	Mealtime	Toileting
<input type="checkbox"/> Completely independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Completely independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Completely independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Completely independent
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs minimal assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs minimal assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs minimal assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs minimal assistance
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For any skills marked as needing minimal or significant assistance, please provide details to explain needed level of support (attach additional pages if necessary):

How long does this individual take to get out of bed, groom & dress each morning? _____

In evaluating this individual's behavior and self-help skills, what level of coach support would be required to be successful?

Would require minimal support to be successful. Individual is relatively independent and/or lives on their own.

Would require moderate support to be successful. Supervision within a group of 4 individuals and 1 coach would be acceptable.

Would require significant support to be successful. Supervision on a 1-to-1 basis would be needed.

Travel Experience

Has this individual ever traveled by bus?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has this individuals ever traveled by airplane?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has this individual ever traveled by train?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this individual claustrophobic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does this individual have physical discomfort when traveling (motion sickness, cramps, headaches)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> _____		
Does this individual have emotional discomfort when traveling (homesickness, anxiety, mood swings)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please explain:</i> _____		
Has this individual taken a long trip without a family member/legal guardian present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the individual able to carry/move their own luggage (suitcase and carry-on) and equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this individual able to sit and reasonably occupy oneself (movies, music, electronic games, puzzle books, etc) for an extended period of time such as a flight to/from training camp and Games?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

SO USA will more than likely have early morning and late evening travel for training camp and Summer Games. Are there any concerns with this individual being required to be up and moving early in the morning and/or active (ie. moving luggage) late at night? _____

Special Olympics Staff Section

We have read and understand the Athlete/Unified Partner Selection Criteria and expectations of athletes/Unified Partners selected to SO USA, have **met/interviewed this athlete/Unified Partner, their parents and Local Coach** and believe he/she meets the requirements as outlined and wants to be a part of SO USA.

Signature of Special Olympics Program President/CEO

Date

Signature of Special Olympics Staff overseeing
Sports/Program

Date

Special Olympics U.S.A.
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Please review the criteria for each Athlete/Unified Partner you are nominating from your Program. Adhering to the criteria is very important. Please keep in mind the requirements of the schedule and competition is not for all athletes involved in Special Olympics. It is imperative you adhere to the Nomination Criteria.

In order for an Athlete/Unified Partner to be eligible for nomination to Special Olympics U.S.A., they must qualify under the guidelines of the *Criteria for Advancement to Higher Level Competition* in the Special Olympics Sports Rules, Article I. and demonstrate good sportsmanship and the ability to function well as a part of a team. Athlete/Unified Partners must not only be dedicated to their sport, but must also have the ability to commit extra time to training, travel to a training camp and outside competition and be involved in other World Games activities as determined by their respective U.S. Program, SO USA or the World Games GOC. In addition, each Athlete/Unified Partner must meet all the individual criteria for their Nomination to the SO U.S.A. Delegation:

Athlete/Unified Partner Eligibility

The Athlete/Unified Partner must be from an accredited U.S. Special Olympics Program and must be at least 15 years of age (prior to the Games Opening Ceremonies). The Athlete/Unified Partner must have participated in an accredited Programs' Summer Sports Training Program for at least 2 years prior to nomination for selection and have participated in an approved competition in the sport in which they are being nominated;

OR, if the U.S. Program does not offer the sport in which the Athlete/Unified Partner is being nominated, the athlete/Unified Partner must meet the Advancement Procedures utilizing their results from a National Invitational competition. The U.S. Program must support the Athlete/Unified Partners nomination and cover the assessment for the Athlete/Unified Partner to SO USA. **Further**, the Athlete/Unified Partner must be registered and in good standing with their home state Special Olympics Program and active with the Program.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

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- Athlete/Unified Partners must be able to attend a minimum of one (1) Training Camp, date and location, TBD;
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- Athlete/Unified Partner must be able to handle the normal daily schedule of 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.:
- Athlete/Unified Partners must adhere to the Special Olympics U.S.A. Code of Conduct:
- Athlete/Unified Partners must be able to be assigned to a SO U.S.A. Coach (1 coach per 4 Athlete/Unified Partners) for the duration of their travel to/from the Games, during the Games, including in the housing site and competition venues and during the Delegation training camp prior to the Games (due to a ratio of 1 coach per 4 athletes placed on the Delegation by the Games Organizing Committee, SO USA is **not** able to assign 1 coach to 1 athlete);
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