



Athlete and Unified Partner Selection Criteria and Responsibilities

To be eligible for selection to Team North Dakota for the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Washington, an athlete/Unified Partner must meet the following criteria:

1. Have competed in local or area, and state level competition in the sport in which he/she will apply to compete in at the 2018 USA Games. (i.e. 2016 State Bowling Tournament; 2017 State Summer Games; 2017 State Soccer/Bocce Tournament)
2. Have medaled in his/her sport in the most recent state event in which he/she is applying or being nominated.
3. Show evidence of active participation in a sport training program with both conditioning and skill development.
4. Has demonstrated the ability to:
 - a. relate to an unfamiliar coach or chaperone
 - b. deal with the magnitude of a national level event for 9-10 days in an unfamiliar setting
 - c. have good self-help skills and be free of major behavior and emotional problems
 - d. travel by plane to Washington state.
5. Agree to refrain from the use of alcohol or tobacco products during training camps and the Games.
6. Continue with a structured training program from the time of selection through time of the Games with a local and state coach.
7. Compete in area, district, and state competitions in the sport selected in upcoming year.
8. Attend the 2018 USA Games training camp (tentatively scheduled for June 28-30) and other training opportunities that are presented for 2018 USA Games athletes.
9. Must be committed to attending the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games for approximately 7 days-July 1-July 6, 2018. Arrive back in North Dakota on July 7.
10. Be responsible for any other commitments that Special Olympics North Dakota or the state coach may deem necessary including participating in fundraising events.
11. Partners age 18 years or older may be asked to serve as a chaperone while at the Games and training camp. All Partners age 18 years or older must have completed the volunteer registration requirements. i.e. Class A volunteer registration form/background check; protective behaviors training; & general orientation quiz.
12. Athletes will be required to have a new medical completed as part of their registration prior to attending the Games.
13. The Flag Football team will be organized as either a co-ed or all male team. (Nominations will be accepted after the Flag Football season).



ATHLETE/UNIFIED PARTNER APPLICATION FORM

Part A-General Information

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| Athlete/Unified Partner Name _____ | | | |
| Address _____ | | City _____ | State _____ Zip _____ |
| Daytime Phone _____ | | Evening Phone _____ | |
| E-Mail _____ | Age _____ | Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ | Gender _____ |
| Athlete/Unified Partner's Parent/Guardian's Name _____ | | | |
| Address _____ | | City _____ | State _____ Zip _____ |
| Daytime Phone _____ | | Evening Phone _____ | |
| E-mail _____ | | | |

Part B-School/Agency/Coach Information (Person filling out form)

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| Contact Person's Name _____ | | | |
| Address _____ | | City _____ | State _____ Zip _____ |
| Daytime Phone _____ | | Evening Phone _____ | |
| School/Agency _____ | E-mail _____ | | |

Part C- Sport Application (List the sport (s) and events that this athlete would like to compete in at the 2018 USA Games. Unified sports are Bocce and Collegiate Flag Football.

| Sport (first choice) | Events | Sport (second choice) | Events |
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(Athlete/partner must meet selection criteria before they can be nominated to participate in a sport)

Selection for the 2018 USA Games is an honor and a privilege. With this privilege comes responsibility. We promise to meet all of the selection criteria, to complete all required forms promptly to support Team North Dakota to the best of our ability. If this athlete should prove unworthy of this honor due to misbehavior or poor training habits, we understand that Special Olympics North Dakota has the authority to release this athlete from the North Dakota team.

Athlete

Contact Person

Parent/Guardian