

# Rebecca Davis

*Special  
Olympics  
Illinois*



**Sport: Athletics**  
**Hometown: Gurnee, IL**  
**Age: 25**

## **1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?**

I started Special Olympics sports around age nine. I have played soccer, softball, basketball, bocce, and track and field.

## **2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?**

Special Olympics has given me the opportunity to compete in many sports. While competing, I have met so many nice athletes and coaches. I look forward to seeing that when I go to competitions.

## **3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?**

I used to get mad when I did not win. I have learned that as long as I have fun and try my best, it is okay if I don't always win.

## **4. What makes you most proud?**

I am proud of being selected as part of Team Illinois for the 2022 USA games.

## **5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?**

I have competed in state games in track and field, soccer, and basketball. One year our basketball team got to play at half time of a Northwestern Wildcats Women's Basketball game.

## **6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?**

I enjoy watching all kinds of sports on TV and in person. I also like to hang out with my friends. I have volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, Bernie's Book Bank, and have done sandbagging in Gurnee after the river has caused flooding.

## **7. Who do you admire most and why?**

I admire my sister, Leah, who competed in several sports in middle school and high school and now plays lacrosse in college.

## **8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?**

I am very proud to represent Team Illinois. I look forward to meeting a lot of new people and doing my best in competition.



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**9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?**

I am currently getting exercise while playing Special Olympics basketball. I am also going to participate in the Special Olympics Fitness Challenge.

**10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?**

None.

**11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?**

I work at Mariano's, our local grocery store, as a bagger. I have worked there since February 2019

**12. Are you a currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?**

I am no longer in school.

