

# Riley Hoffman

*Special  
Olympics  
Illinois*



**Sport: Flag Football**  
**Hometown: Evanston, IL**  
**Age: 27**

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

I have been participating for five years. I have played flag football, basketball, and track and field.

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

It helps me to be more social because I meet new people and share my views and progress with other people who enjoy the same activities as me.

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

I was very impatient in my youth but because of Special Olympics I had to learn patience.

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

Being able to qualify for the Special Olympics flag football. I was so surprised and proud!

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

I am proud of going to the championship game for basketball and winning first place in track and field.

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

I play the drums for my home church and other churches in and outside of my community.

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

I admire my dad because he's nice and always challenges me to try new things and to do my best.

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

It's another amazing accomplishment that I'm so proud of especially when some people think I'm doing things that are too difficult. I look forward to winning and having a good time meeting more people. I look forward to showing people that no matter what obstacles there are in life to keep trying and never give up on yourself.



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

I walk and run around the track, play basketball, and watch what I eat (because I love banana pudding).

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

None -- this is my first.

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

No

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

No

