

Young Athlete Site Expectations

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**Special
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Illinois



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS YOUNG ATHLETES™ PROGRAM

Special Olympics Illinois Will Provide

1. Policies and Procedures, registration information and all necessary paperwork to serve as guidelines and resources to the Young Athletes program.
2. Equipment kit and curriculum guide to be used to run the program.
3. Evaluation recourses and outcomes of those evaluations for public use.
4. Sample press releases for use to announce the program.
5. Award and Recognition items to be used for volunteers and participants.
6. Special Olympics Illinois Logo and Trademark to be used in accordance with general rules.

Site Expectations

1. Provide a site contact for the Young Athletes program.
2. Provide a safe, secure facility to conduct Young Athletes program.
3. Complete and provide necessary paperwork to Special Olympics Illinois that includes registration forms, agency sign-up sheet, Class A and B Volunteer registration forms, etc., Provide curriculum and opportunities that follow Special Olympics policy, procedure and guidelines.
4. Communicate to the media and community that you are offering a Special Olympics Young Athletes program.
5. Provide support to athletes transitioning into Traditional Special Olympics programs.
6. Host training sessions that will result in hosting or attending a culminating event.
7. Use sports kits, awards & recognition items based on established criteria.
8. Participate in research and evaluation survey being conducted that will provide information on the benefits of the Young Athletes program.
9. Provide information to Special Olympics Illinois and other agencies regarding involvement in the Young Athletes program.

A program that has not been actively conducting the Young Athletes Program for a minimum of 12 calendar months will be moved to inactive status. This means that all equipment and materials will need to be returned to Special Olympics Illinois. For the agency to begin Young Athletes Programming again, they will need to reapply for active status, being subject to a waiting list, and adhere to all site expectations for a new program.

For more information on the Young Athletes Program contact your Region Director.