OFFICIAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS RELEASE FORM

Special Olympics Mississippi

AREA: _____ **SCHOOL/AGENCY:** _____

ATHLETE NAME: Last: _____ First: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____
month day year

I represent and warrant that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I (or my minor child) am (is) physically and mentally able to participate in Special Olympics activities. I represent that I (or my minor child) meet eligibility requirement(s) for participation in Special Olympics by having an intellectual and/or developmental disability. I also represent that a licensed physician has reviewed the health information contained in my (or my minor child's) application and has certified, based on an independent medical examination, that there is no medical evidence which would preclude me (or my minor child) from participating in Special Olympics. I understand that if I (or my minor child) have (has) Down Syndrome, I (or my minor child) cannot participate in sports or events which, by their nature, result in hyper-extension, radical flexion or direct pressure on my (or my minor child's) neck or upper spine unless I and two physicians have completed the official "Special Release for Athletes with Atlanto-Axial Instability," available from the Special Olympics Program in my area, or I (or my minor child) have (has) had a a full radiological examination which establishes the absence of Atlanto-Axial Instability. I am aware that if I choose not to complete the "Special Release for Athletes with Atlanto-Axial Instability" form which establishes the absence of Atlanto-Axial Instability, I (or my minor child) must have the radiological examination before I (or my minor child) can participate in equestrian sports, gymnastics, diving, pentathlon, butterfly stroke, diving starts in swimming, high jump, alpine skiing, squat lift and football (soccer).

Special Olympics has my permission, (both during and anytime after), to use my (or my minor child's) likeness, name, voice or words in either television, radio, film, newspapers, magazines, and other media, and in any form, for the purpose of advertising or communicating the purposes and activities of Special Olympics and/or applying for funds to support these purposes and activities.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT ATHLETE

If, during my participation in Special Olympics activities, I should need emergency treatment, and I am not able to give my consent or make my own arrangements for that treatment because of my injuries, I authorize Special Olympics to take whatever measures are necessary to protect my health and well-being, including, if necessary, hospitalization.

I understand that it is my responsibility to acquire, review and complete the Athlete Code of Conduct form for the safety and health of both myself and my fellow athletes.

I am at least 18 years old and have submitted the attached application for participation in Special Olympics. I have read this paper and fully understand the provisions of the release that I am signing. I understand that by signing this paper, I am saying that I agree to the provisions of this release.

_____ _____
Signature of Adult Athlete Date

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this release with the athlete whose signature appears above. I am satisfied, based on that review, that the athlete understands this release and has agreed to its terms.

Name (print): _____

Relationship to athlete: _____

OR

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR ATHLETE

If a medical emergency should arise during the minor athlete's participation in any Special Olympics activities, at a time when I am not personally present so as to be consulted regarding the athlete's care, I hereby authorize Special Olympics, on my behalf, to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that the athlete is provided with any emergency medical treatment, including hospitalization, which Special Olympics deems advisable in order to protect the minor athlete's health and well-being.

I understand that it is my responsibility to acquire, review and complete the Athlete Code of Conduct form, with and for my athlete, for the safety and health of both my child and their fellow athletes.

I am the parent/guardian of the minor athlete named in this application. I have read and fully understand the provisions of the above release, and have explained these provisions to the athlete. Through my signature on this release form, I am agreeing to the above provisions on my own behalf and on the behalf of the athlete named above. I hereby give my permission for the athlete named above to participate in Special Olympics games, recreation programs and physical activity programs.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date