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## **Adaptive Athletics**



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**Coaches Presentation** 

### What we do:

- Skills based sporting events
  - Soccer
  - Bowling
  - Volleyball
  - OHI motor skills (volleyball/basketball)
  - Basketball
  - Bocce Ball
  - Young Athletes (ONLY for ages 5-8)
  - Track & Field
  - Sue Miller OHI Track & Field
- Collaborate with PE Specialist/PE Teachers
- Work with Teachers to evaluate students for leveling
  - Intro (low), Level 1(medium), Level 2 (high)









## Who is eligible:

- Must attend an MPS school
- Between ages 6-21 (1st grade-aged out)
- Individuals classified as:
  - Intellectual Disability (ID)
  - Orthopedic impairment (OI)
  - Visual impairment (VI)
  - Hearing impairment (HI)
  - Other health impairment (OHI)
  - Autism (AUT)
  - Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD)
- Most suitable for individuals who require an IEP
  - May have difficulty participating in regular education athletics
  - May need adaptations in time, equipment or rules



### How it works:

- All Adaptive Athletics events are held during the school day
  - Events occur between the hours of 10:00am-1:00pm
- Our events are offered at NO COST
  - Exception: Bowling which costs \$4 per student to bowl two games
- Adaptive Athletics covers the cost of Transportation
  - Adaptive Athletics offices coordinates all transportation logistics
- Lunches will NOT be provided
  - NO concession stands
  - Schools must ensure bag lunches are brought
- 1 Lead coach per school
  - This keeps communication simple and easy
  - Coordinates with other teachers to sign up for sports
  - Turns in registration paperwork to Adaptive Athletics Supervisor



## Adaptive Athletics Responsibilities:

- Communicate all event information to coaches
  - Sends out about 1 month prior to each new season
  - Send out transportation and day of event info
    - 2-3 days prior to event
- Provide and arrange transportation
- Coordinate and facilitate all Adaptive Athletics-sponsored events
- Serves as a resource to assist schools in understanding the program's paperwork and training
  - I/my staff will train NEW schools in paperwork
- Arrange for nursing services at event (district nurse knows of all events)
- Provide as many athletic opportunities for athletes to participate in as possible





## Coaches/Schools Responsibilities:

- Complete and submit coaches paperwork
  - Coaches profile
  - Coaches Code of Conduct
  - Coaches Concussion form
- Complete and submit registration paperwork
  - Accurate, Alphabetical Order, and ON TIME
- Train Athletes (PE teacher specifically)
  - PE teachers should be working with the students on skills prior to event
- Communicate with school nurses
- Communicate with CATP worksite coordinators
  - Arrange for any worksite transportation
- Obtain classroom coverage (if needed)
- Arrange for bag lunches (if needed)





# **Special Olympics**



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### Who is eligible:

- Ages 8 or older
- Athlete Qualifications:
  - Primary Intellectual Disability (ID)
  - Autism (must fill our Special Olympics form to qualify)
  - Valid Medical and Release Form on file with Special Olympics
- MPS Special Olympics Sports offered
  - Flag football (HS/MS ONLY)
  - Bowling
  - Team Basketball
    - Cheerleading
  - Track & Field





#### How it works:

- Schools interested
  - Must have a Class A Volunteer Coach
    - Adaptive Athletics will pay coaches up for 4 hours for events
    - Attend/chaperone all Special Olympics events with Team
  - Practices takes place at school during school hours
  - Class A Volunteer Coach collects ALL athlete paperwork
    - SOWI Medical form
    - SOWI Release form
    - Adaptive Athletics permission slips
- Our events are offered at NO COST to athletes
  - Schools may need to pay for State tournament
- Adaptive Athletics covers the cost of Transportation
  - Adaptive Athletics offices coordinates all transportation logistics
  - Complete door-to-door transportation request
- Registration forms for SOWI events submitted to Adaptive Athletics Supervisor
  - Regionals, Sectionals, State





### Adaptive Athletics Responsibilities:

- Communicate all event information to coaches
  - Athlete Medical status
  - Events and deadlines
- Provide and Coordinate transportation
- Coordinate and submit all MPS entries and check for accuracy
  - SOWI registrations, SOWI athlete medicals
- Create and distribute all MPS invoices
  - State games ONLY
- Serve as MPS representative at all Special Olympic Coaches meetings
- Coordinate Class A Volunteer status
- Lead at all Special Olympics events



## Coaches/Schools Responsibilities:

- Complete and submit coaches paperwork
  - Class A Volunteer
  - Coaches Code of Conduct
  - Coaches Concussion form
- Assist athletes in obtaining/submitting the proper paperwork
  - SOWI Medial Forms
  - SOWI Registration Form
  - MPS Adaptive Athletics Permission Slips
- Complete Registration paperwork and submit to Adaptive Athletics Supervisor
  - Door-to-door transportation requests
  - Athletes scores
- Attain school uniforms (Adaptive Athletics may be able to help)
- Attend/Chaperone all Special Olympic events with Team/Athlete



### Perks of a SOWI School Team:

- Athletes get to the 'high school' experience
  - Get to represent their school
  - Playing on their school team
- Coaches can get paid
  - Up to 4 hours for SOWI events
- Medicals for Athletes can be obtained through us
  - Adaptive Athletics works with SOWI to run Medical Physical days
- Can represent Milwaukee Public Schools
- Opportunities
  - Athletes can make State games, USA games or even World Games
- Sense of Pride for Athletes
- The Social experience
  - Families build relationships with other Special Olympic families
- The SMILES ☺

