



## Medical Application Quick Facts for Parents & Guardians

In order to be eligible for participation in Special Olympics, every athlete must have a valid Application for Participation (Medapp) on file with Special Olympics Illinois prior to the start of training. Special Olympics Illinois only accepts its own form, forms from other states are not accepted.

The Medapp is valid for 2 years from the date of the examination regardless of the parent/guardian/entrant signature date. The Medapp cannot be altered in any way (information crossed out, wording added that alters any of the waivers, etc.)

An athlete's parent/guardian and/or the athlete, if an adult without a guardian, is solely responsible for the accurate completion and timely submission (prior to any relevant deadline) of the Medapp to Special Olympics Illinois. Please submit completed Medapps to your agency's Special Olympics Athletic Director or head coach. You may also submit a Medapp direct to your Region office.

Failure of the athlete to have an accurate, fully completed Medapp on file with Special Olympics Illinois prior to any relevant deadline will result in the athlete being denied participation in Special Olympics Illinois competitions, programs and events. The Medapp must be valid throughout the completion of the competition, program or event.

Medapps must be submitted by relevant deadline to allow Special Olympics Illinois staff time to verify all athletes are eligible to compete and finalize event preparations (divisioning, scheduling, meals orders, game supply needs, etc.) and communicating event final details in a timely manner, all which lead to enhancing the quality of the competition for all athletes.

Special Olympics Illinois strongly suggests that all athletes update their Medapp annually during their annual physicals in order to make certain they are able to participate in all Special Olympics Illinois competitions, programs and events.

A parent/guardian has several options to determine a Medapp expiration date:

- <https://www.soill.org/athlete-coach-lookup/> This search option is on the Special Olympics Illinois website and requires that athlete's first and last name (as it appears on their Medapp) be entered along with their date of birth.
- Contact your agency's Special Olympics Athletic Director or head coach. Special Olympics Illinois provides expiration date information to these individuals on a consistent basis.
- Contact your Region office to inquire about the expiration date.