



Date: _____

ATHLETE INTEREST FORM

ATHLETE INFORMATION:

NAME: (First) _____ (Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ CURRENT AGE: _____

PARENT/CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: (First) _____ (Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home: (_____) _____ Work: (_____) _____

CELL: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please Check One: _____ Parent _____ Guardian _____ Other Contact

SPORTS INTERESTS (Check all that apply):

_____ BASKETBALL _____ BOCCE _____ BOWLING

_____ FLOOR HOCKEY _____ GOLF _____ SOCCER

_____ SOFTBALL _____ SWIMMING _____ TENNIS

_____ TRACK & FIELD _____ VOLLEYBALL

All athletes **MUST** have medical and release forms on file before they can participate or practice in ANY sports activity.

How It All Started:

Eunice Kennedy Shriver started the concept of Special Olympics in 1963 as a day camp for people with intellectual disabilities to provide them with the therapeutic effects of physical fitness and sports. She organized the first International Special Olympics Games, held at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, on July 20, 1968, in which 1,000 athletes from the U.S., Canada and France competed. That year *Special Olympics* was founded as a non-profit organization. It was the beginning of a worldwide movement to demonstrate that people with lower mental aptitude are capable of remarkable achievements in sports, education, employment and beyond.

July 2008 marked the 40th anniversary of Special Olympics. Today, Special Olympics is an international program of year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than one million children and adults with intellectual disabilities, ranging in age from 8 to 80.

Santa Clarita Valley Special Olympics:

The Santa Clarita Valley chapter of Special Olympics (SCVSO) was started in 1998, and is one of the fastest growing programs in the Southern California region.

The mission of SCVSO is to provide sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to eligible children and adults in our community, providing them with opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and share their gifts, skills and friendship with their families, friends, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Athletes can participate in Special Olympics at **NO COST** to them or their families because of the dedication of hundreds of volunteers and through generous contributions from individuals and corporate sponsors of Special Olympics.

Any individual, **8 years or older**, with developmental disabilities may participate in Special Olympics programs.

A medical & release form is REQUIRED for an athlete to participate in any sports activity.

SCVSO is pleased to offer the following 15 sports activities:

Golf	(January - June)
Basketball	(February - June)
Bocce Ball	(February - June)
Swimming	(February - June)
Tennis	(February - June)
Track & Field	(March - June)
Softball	(June - September)
Bowling	(July - October)
Soccer	(August - October)
Volleyball	(August - October)
Floor Hockey	(September - January)

Please return completed form to: *Santa Clarita Valley Special Olympics*
24779 Valley Street
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

For more information about Santa Clarita Valley Special Olympics, call our office at **(661) 253-2121**.