



**Special Olympics Team Massachusetts
2010 Special Olympics National Games
Lincoln, NE July 2010**

Athlete Application of Intent to Participate

Special Olympics Massachusetts has received slots in the following Sports for the 2010 Games:

Bocce (male only) Golf

Please take your time to complete the application below.

Coach Name _____	Address _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____ phone _____
Email _____	
What is your relationship to this athlete? _____	
In years, how long have you known this athlete? _____	

Athlete's or Team Name _____ **Local Program** _____
Sport (list one from above): _____

This athlete or Team is eligible for selection to be a member of Special Olympics Team Massachusetts for the 2010 National Games in Lincoln, NE. In addition to meeting basic eligibility requirements, athletes selected to Team Massachusetts must also meet specific selection criterion, which includes the following items related to training, travel and daily living skills. For team sports 80% of the roster of the team, including coach that qualified must attend.

Eligibility

- Train and compete in their respective sport in the year preceding the National Games;
- Have won a medal (gold, silver or bronze) in the sport selected at the State level of competition;
- Be in good standing with SOMA;
- Interview with SOMA;
- Have a local coach identified to work in coordination with a Team Massachusetts sport specific coach for training;
- Have actively participated in Special Olympics for at least three (3) years.
- Required to raise a minimum of 50% of the total cost per athlete

Travel

- Attend the Team Massachusetts Training Camp
- Be able to tolerate a 4-8 hour travel day (primarily air travel) independently or with minimal supervision;
- Be assigned to a Team Massachusetts Coach, for the duration of travel to, during, and from the Games, including housing sites, competition venues and during the Delegation training camps prior to the Games;
- Be able to be away from their families, schools, and jobs for approximately a ten (10) day period to attend the Games.

Daily Living Skills

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and the ability to function well as a part of a team.
- Function positively during the course of National Games with minimal contact with family members.
- Independently or with minimal support, manage the activities and skills of daily living (i.e. toileting, showering, hygiene, etc).

Do you believe this athlete meets the selection criteria above? Yes No

Please explain your answer (*attach additional sheets if desired*):

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By September 15, 2009