



Special Olympics
Massachusetts

Date: March 19, 2007

To: All Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) Coach and Unified Partner
Applicants

From: Robert Johnson, President and CEO

RE: Volunteer Screening Policy

In order to provide the maximum amount of protection for our athletes, we are required by Special Olympics Incorporated (SOI) to run a national criminal and sexual offender background check on all individuals who wish to be a coach, chaperone, unified partner, or other volunteer with unsupervised access to our athletes. SOI requires that we use an agency approved by them; the agency we have chosen requires that each individual provide us with their social security number in order to take full advantage of the screening opportunity. Any new coach, chaperone, or unified partner must complete a Class A Volunteer Application Form before they begin working with Special Olympics athletes. Anyone who has been involved with SOMA prior to July 1, 2005 will be required to complete the Application Form, including social security number, when their current Volunteer Application (DSV) expires.