



Transitioning from Young Athletes to Special Olympics Pennsylvania Local Programming

Young Athletes is an innovative sports play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities age 2 to 7. The program includes active games, songs, and other play activities that help children develop motor, social, and cognitive skills.

The number one question of all parents/guardians of Young Athletes is, “What happens once my child turns 8?” The answer to that is very simple...

Throughout the year, Special Olympics Pennsylvania offers over 20 Olympic type sports in 56 Local Programs for nearly 20,000 children and adults of all ages and ability levels. Athletes have the opportunity to compete at local and invitational competitions. Athletes also have the opportunity to advance to higher level competitions such as sectional, state and much more. All training and competition opportunities are provided free of charge to the athletes and their families, enabling everyone to experience the benefits of Special Olympics that extend well beyond the playing field.

To find more information on your County/Area Special Olympics program, please follow this link: <http://specialolympicspa.org/local-programs>

Please note that Local Programs offer sports based on the number of athletes/volunteers interested and facilities available. You may participate in a sport with a neighboring Local Program if your Local Program does not offer.

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Parents/guardians of transitioning Young Athletes are encouraged to become volunteers with the Local Program. To register to become a volunteer, please follow the link:

<https://vsys.specialolympicspa.org/pages/app:newvolapp>