

Special Olympics Northern California
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A Community of Champions

Creating unity through sports

Who we are

Advocates for a healthy & vibrant NorCal

Special Olympics Northern California uses sports to jumpstart change and spark joy. Through the power of play, we unite people with and without intellectual disabilities to create a more connected community. Our programs transform athletes into leaders, and promote acceptance, unity, and respect throughout Northern California. As a regional Special Olympics chapter, we pride ourselves on driving progress locally, while taking part in a bigger movement toward a more inclusive world.

What we do

Programs that promote confidence.

Sports are at the heart of everything we do, but they are far from all of it. We also empower athletes through health screenings and education, school partnerships, and leadership programs. Together, these initiatives help people with intellectual disabilities learn new skills, achieve success, and build strong connections with friends, family, and allies. Our programs span 40+ counties in Northern California and serve thousands of athletes, students, volunteers, and coaches. With all of our work, we strive to challenge stigma and create opportunities for everyone to shine.

Community Sports Offered

Basketball, bocce, bowling, flag football, floor hockey, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field

Special Olympics Mission Statement:

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics NorCal Mission Statement:

The mission of Special Olympics Northern California is to create an inclusive community where people with and without disabilities can make connections, develop healthy lifestyles, achieve success, and experience the joy of sports.

Incorporation:

Special Olympics Northern California & Nevada is a tax exempt corporation under Section 501(C)3 of the IRC.

President and CEO:

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Playing today for a more inclusive tomorrow
#OneNorCal #CelebrateInclusion