



SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2019-2020

Dear Parent,

Welcome back! We coaches have some NEW things we are adding to our program this year so please read our entire parent letter for all news "Special Olympics".

REMIND 101 app is a MUST for up to date information

We continue to want more of a direct line of communication with you, the parent; therefore, we are using an app (REMIND 101) that will link parents and coaches more effectively in the coming athletic season. The goal is to use email, SCUC website, and Remind 101. Remind 101 instructions: text the message... @mreichenau ...to the phone number 81010. You should get a message that says you are now connected to SCUC Special Olympics.

WEBSITE for forms and to check on medicals

For the SCUC Special Olympics web page, you can go online to the SCUCISD website, click Departments, click Special Education, and click SCUC Special Olympics or you can go to <https://www.scuc.txed.net/Page/315> Students with *intellectual disabilities* who are 8 years of age and older qualify to compete. All athletes (8 yrs & older) MUST have a current SOTX physical on file with the SCUCISD coaches and SOTX. The medical form must be complete and MUST have a physician's signature. Physicals need to be renewed every 3 years.

ATHLETIC BANQUET

In order to kick off our Special Olympics year, we are teaming up with our 18+ program (Anchor and Compass) to have an athletic banquet for our Special Olympics athletes. We will be able to recognize our athletes and distribute high school letter jackets plus provide an opportunity to educate our parents and community on our programs. In addition, we will be serving a meal and possibly have some entertainment all in an effort to raise money for the upcoming season. MORE information will be coming.... This is an exciting NEW event!

BOWLING

(SIGN UP is NOW)

Bowling practices will be after school and possibly on a weekend. Elementary and intermediate students will have a local competition and receive participation ribbons. Secondary (7th-12th and 18+) will compete with the San Antonio area. Contact Coach Klinge at bklinge@scuc.txed.net or Coach Reichenau at mreichenau@scuc.txed.net for more information.

SWIMMING

(SIGN UP is NOW for 7th - 12th including 18+)

Swimming will be for athletes who can swim independently for 25 yards across 9 ft. deep pool. Try outs will be AUGUST 12, 4:30-5:30. Students who qualify (age and skill) can sign up but must have a completed medical on file to be allowed to practice. Paperwork and medical due August 20. For more information, contact Theresa Mai at tmai@scuc.txed.net or Coach Cameron Cuda at ccuda@scuc.txed.net.

BASKETBALL

(Deadline NOT until December)

TEAM competition is for secondary athletes (7th-12th and 18+) only and requires team practices after school. SKILLS competition will most likely practice once or twice after school. Sign up will not occur until December.

Contact Coach Klinge at bklinge@scuc.txed.net or Coach Reichenau at mreichenau@scuc.txed.net for more information or questions.

TRACK/FIELD (SPRING GAMES)

(Deadline NOT until February)

Track and Field will be an afternoon practice. Athletes will compete in a minimum of one field event and one track event. Competition dates have not been set. Contact Coach Klinge at bklinge@scuc.txed.net or Coach Reichenau at mreichenau@scuc.txed.net for more information or questions.

LETTER JACKETS

Athletes at the senior high level must COMPLETE these requirements to be eligible.

Freshman year (9th)..... i.e. compete in TWO out of FOUR sports as a "FRESHMAN" year.

Sophomore or JV year (10th)..... i.e. compete in TWO out of FOUR sports as a "JV" year.

*If a student can only do ONE sport during freshman year, they can do THREE for a JV year. ALL athletes must do a minimum of TWO years competition and a minimum of FOUR completed sports.

- The earliest an athlete can order a jacket is spring of their sophomore year.
- Jackets will be distributed to those that meet the requirements by the fall of their junior year.
- *Letter Jacket approvals can be awarded for students who have extenuating circumstances or may not be able to compete in all sports due to their disability; this decision is agreed upon by the Special Olympics' coaches, Head of Delegation, and the school staff case manager.*
- SCUC will pay for the student's jacket and letter but it is the parent's responsibility to provide any add ons like additional patches, logos, and embroidery.

NEW way to sign up for SPECIAL OLYMPICSthe form is on line @

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AaSL-MCpWeUsbL3Mqwf2EGn_UZeq0ev7HY9ChjkDEE/edit

or email bklinge@scuc.txed.net or email mreichenau@scuc.txed.net and we can email you the link directly.

AQUATICS deadline is August 20 (we need medicals ASAP).

BOWLING medicals deadline is August 27 and permission is due September 23rd.

Is your medical expired???? Find out by logging on <https://www.scuc.txed.net/Page/315> and with your student ID number, look up their medical expiration date.

Lastly, it is REMIND 101 that we use to do group messaging and reminders so PLEAAASSEE sign up.

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Let me win but if I cannot
win, let me be brave in the
attempt

- Special Olympics athlete oath