

# ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Persons are eligible to compete in Special Olympics provided they are 8 years of age or older (those ages 2 to 7 are eligible for the Unified Champion Schools™);

**AND**

have been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability;

**OR**

have a closely related developmental disability such as those who have functional limitations, both in general learning and in adaptive skills such as recreation, work, independent living, self-direction or self-care.

NOTE: People with functional limitations based solely on a physical, behavioral, emotional, specific learning disability or sensory disability are not eligible. Special Olympics does not determine whether a person has an intellectual disability, but bases eligibility on the identification made by an agency or professional.

For specific questions on eligibility, contact the State Office.

## Who is eligible?

