

**Special Olympics Montana**  
**Athlete/Unified Partner/Coach Minimum Requirements**  
**2026 USA Games – Minneapolis, MN**

Minimum Athlete & Unified Partner Requirements

- Must have been a medal recipient in any division of a 2024 (Basketball) or 2025 (Bowling/Athletics/Bocce/Golf/Gymnastics/Swimming) State Level competition.
- Must adhere to the Athlete Code of Conduct set forth by Special Olympics Montana, Special Olympics North America, and Special Olympics International.
- Must be willing to fundraise to support their trip to the USA Games.
- Must be willing to adhere to a training program set up by your USA Games Coach.
- Able to attend Team Montana Special Events.
- Must attend all meetings in preparation for the 2026 USA Games (virtual and in person).
- Must be able to obtain physician's signature on USA Games Medical Form and be responsive to communications from your Head of Delegation for registration information and requirements in a timely manner to meet deadlines.
- If not own guardian, must obtain guardian signature on USA Games Release Form.
- Must be age 16 or older by the time of the Opening Ceremony of the USA Games (June 20, 2026).
- Must provide his/her own transportation to team send off the day before departure to Minnesota. Location TBD.
- Must be able to attend USA Games for the duration of (subject to change depending on travel schedule/logistics), June 17 - June 27, 2026. \*

Minimum Coach Requirements

- Must be able to attend USA Games for the duration of (subject to change depending on travel schedule/logistics), June 17 – June 27, 2026. \*
- Must be willing to aid athletes and unified partners in fundraising to support their trip to the USA Games.
- Able to attend Team Montana Special Events.
- Must develop and monitor a training program for USA Games athletes in a specific sport and work with their local coach and LPC if you are in a different area.
- Must adhere to the Coach Code of Conduct set forth by Special Olympics Montana, Special Olympics North America, and Special Olympics International.

- Must provide his/her own transportation to team send off the day before departure to Minnesota. Location TBD.
- Must attend all meetings in preparation for the 2026 USA Games (virtual and in person).
- Must have current level 2 coach certification requirements met: Registered Class A Volunteer, current Sports Specific certification in the sport for which you are applying, Concussion Training, all Level 2 Coach Certification requirements met.
- Must have a minimum of 2 years coaching experience with Special Olympics athletes.
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age by December 31, 2025.
- Must be willing to serve as both a sport coach and athlete chaperone for all activities leading up to/during games (including 24 Hr/Day supervision of athletes during games time.)
- Must be willing to distribute prescribed medication to athletes when/if appropriate. Medication Lists and labeled medications will be required of all attending if medication is required.

\*Dates are tentative based on travel