

KC Metro Area Facts

The KC Metro Area has 15 active local programs:

- ◆ Blue Valley Blue Streaks
- ◆ Bonner Springs S.O.
- ◆ Central Middle Bearcubs
- ◆ Douglas County Gators
- ◆ Frontier League Champions
- ◆ Gardner Farmers
- ◆ JCPRD Rangers
- ◆ KCK Champs
- ◆ KCK Kings
- ◆ Lakemary Stars
- ◆ Leavenworth County
- ◆ Olathe Trailblazers
- ◆ Turner Bears
- ◆ Wyandotte County All-Stars
- ◆ Wyandotte County Bears

Each local program participates in a variety of sports based on the athletes interests. They range in membership from 5 to 300+ athletes. Potential athletes or individuals interested in volunteering should contact the Area Director for more details.

**The KC Metro Area
serves the following
counties:**

- ◆ Douglas
- ◆ Johnson
- ◆ Leavenworth
- ◆ Miami
- ◆ Wyandotte



**Special Olympics Kansas
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*"Let me win,
but if I
cannot win,
let me be
brave in the
attempt."
Athlete oath*



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What is Special Olympics?

Special Olympics is a worldwide program of sports training, education and athletic competition open to individuals with mental retardation regardless of their abilities. Eligible individuals are 8 years or older and have been identified by an agency or professional as having mental retardation.

The purpose of Special Olympics is to help bring all persons with developmental disabilities into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, respected, and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens.

More than a million children and adults with mental retardation have participated in Special Olympics programs worldwide since its founding in 1968. More than 1,400 athletes currently participate in the KC Metro Area program.

Special Olympics programs are supported by funds raised from individuals, organizations, special interest groups, corporations, foundations and other sources.

Sports Offered

Special Olympics Kansas offers competition and training in 21 individual or team sports:

Alpine Skiing, Athletics,
Aquatics, Basketball, Bocce,
Bowling, Cheerleading,
Cross Country Skiing,
Cycling, Figure Skating,
Floor Hockey, Golf, Gymnastics, MATP, Powerlifting, Snowshoeing, Soccer, Softball, Speed Skating,



Tennis & Volleyball. The KC Metro Area offers sport-specific competitions in the following: Aquatics, Athletics, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cycling, Golf, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball.

Calendar of Events

January – Winter Games (Floor Hockey, Skiing and Skating)
Weston, MO

February – Area Basketball/
Cheerleading, Overland Park

March – State Basketball/
Cheerleading, Hays

April – Area Spring Games –
Athletics, Aquatics, Tennis,
Powerlifting, Bocce – KC

May—Area Cycling - Ottawa

June – State Summer Games
(Athletics, Aquatics, Cycling,
Gymnastics, MATP, Tennis,
Powerlifting,,) Wichita

June – Area Softball, KC

June/July—Area Golf, KC

July- State Softball & Golf, Winfield

September- State Soccer & Bocce,
Olathe

October – Area Bowling & Volleyball,
Kansas City

November – State Indoor Games
(Bowling and Volleyball),
Manhattan

Volunteers

Want to get involved? On the local level, volunteers are needed to work with athletes as coaches, serve on local program management teams, provide transportation and help in fund-raising efforts. On the area or state level, volunteers serve as officials at competitions, lend knowledge of sports as clinicians at training clinics, provide competition support the day of an event, help as an event organizer or committee member, or assist in fund-raising activities. Time commitments are based on how much an individual wants to give of their time and can fit into their schedule. School groups, civic organizations or businesses can combine their groups efforts into supporting Special Olympics by providing volunteers or financial support. Whether it's an hour a year or two hours a week—your time is appreciated.