

Lewisville I.S.D. Special Olympics

Jacket Eligibility Requirements



For an athlete to be eligible for the awarding of a jacket, he or she must be an active participant and member with Lewisville I.S.D. Special Olympics. The athlete must be one of the following:

- be a student with the Lewisville I.S.D. System.
- a graduate from the Lewisville I.S.D. System.
- having relocated outside the Lewisville I.S.D. District, must remain a continuous member of this Delegation.
- having relocated into the Lewisville I.S.D. tax base, must apply for and be approved membership in this Delegation.

The athlete must complete one of the following requirements:

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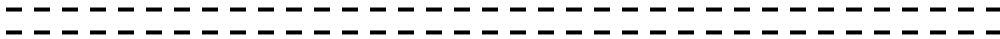
An athlete must be active in at least one (1) sport per year for three (3) consecutive years (36 months).

The athlete or parent/guardian of that athlete must perform a minimum of 12 hours of volunteer work with Lewisville I.S.D. Special Olympics per year.

The athlete must attend at least two (2) state, national or world games within the three (3) year period.

B

An athlete must be active in at least one (1) sport per year for four (4) consecutive years (48 months). No volunteering or state/national/world game attendance is required.



Of paramount importance, the athlete under consideration must have a current and up-to-date Special Olympics Texas Athlete Enrollment/Medical Release Form on file with our organization and must be a minimum 12 years of age. This applies to both the **A** and **B** eligibility requirements.

The cutoff date for the consecutive year rule shall be the 28th of February of each succeeding year. Jackets will be awarded at the annual banquet of that year.

Parents/guardians of a jacket eligible athlete under the age of 18 years will be contacted to determine if the athlete is mature enough to accept a jacket and to ascertain if there are still growth concerns with the athlete.

Jacket eligibility will be lost if an athlete has not been active for a twelve (12) month period. This will result in a restart of the eligibility period. An exception to the consecutive year sport participation rule will be granted to an athlete who had to miss a year due to extenuating medical concerns as confirmed by a medical professional.

The first Special Olympics Texas Athlete Enrollment/Medical Release Form submission date, as dated and signed by a doctor, will be utilized to determine an athlete's start date in the Lewisville I.S.D. Special Olympics program and for jacket eligibility. Previous or current experience with other Special Olympics Delegations will not be considered. Switching Delegations to participate in a sport currently offered by this Delegation will result in loss of jacket eligibility. Participation in a sport not offered by the Lewisville I.S.D. Special Olympics Delegation will not jeopardize jacket eligibility.

A misplaced, damaged or lost jacket will **NOT** be replaced. The athlete may order and pay for a replacement jacket when new jackets are ordered for the next annual awards banquet.

Jackets are funded from money collected from fundraising events, not from L.I.S.D. funds. If sufficient funds have been raised, jackets will be purchased and presented to deserving athletes.

Any and all recommendations for jacket recipients are to be submitted to the Keeper of Records for verification. Final approval will be by the Head of Delegation.

Any deviation from the above policy is solely a delegation decision with input from the Head of Delegation and the affected Coach(es).