

## How to become an LISD Special Olympics Athlete



- Print and complete the *"Athlete Medical Form"* This can be located on the Home Page (English or Spanish)
- Give the completed medical release form to your coach or mail to: Jim Domer, Head of Delegation 2080 Stillwater Place Lewisville, TX 75067

## **Benefits of Participation**

There are many benefits to participating as an athlete with Special Olympics Texas:

- 1. Physical exercise positively impacts health, mood and anxiety
- 2. Emphasis on sports training helps athletes maintain a healthy weight.
- 3. Athletes participate in activities that enhance their self-esteem and help them see that they can achieve goals that they set for themselves.
- 4. Athletes have many opportunities to make new friends and socialize in an environment that is accepting and encouraging.
- 5. Travel opportunities allow athletes to gain life experiences and skills that will positively impact all areas of their lives.
- 6. The *Athlete Leadership Programs* offer athletes opportunities to get involved in decision-making, public speaking, and leadership roles in their communities.