

GAHANNA

Special Olympics
Ohio



WHAT IS GAHANNA SPECIAL OLYMPICS?

Gahanna Special Olympics serves **approximately 85 athletes** with intellectual disabilities from the local Gahanna community. We offer six core sports – **Basketball, Bowling, Track, Golf, Swimming** and **Equestrian training** for athletes 8 years of age and up. We are an all-volunteer organization with approximately 75 volunteers, which include many of our parents & guardians, as well as community members and teachers from local school districts.

Have a potential athlete who isn't yet 8? Don't worry. In 2015, we started a **Young Athletes Program** to provide motor skill training for younger athletes (3-8 yrs. old).

These sports provide year-round opportunities for our athletes to experience not only the physical benefits of sports training and competition, but also to form wonderful friendships. The social relationships built provide a valuable support system and 'safety net' for our athletes and their families.

To participate with GSO, each new athlete must have **a medical form completed and signed** by the athlete's physician, providing consent for that athlete to participate safely in physical activity. In addition, all athletes must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. These documents can be found on our website at www.gahannaspecialolympics.org.

TYPICAL SPORT SEASONS



AQUATICS/SWIMMING

FALL



BOWLING

FALL &
WINTER



BASKETBALL

WINTER



EQUESTRIAN

SPRING



TRACK & FIELD

SPRING/
SUMMER



GOLF

SUMMER

DONATIONS

Although we are a subsidiary of Special Olympics Ohio, **our funding is 100% self-generated.** The money donated goes toward paying for practice venues, competition entry fees, uniforms and equipment, an annual banquet as well as meal/travel expenses for the athletes to out-of-town competitions. Athletes that might otherwise not be able to participate in community sports, due to cost, are able to because of donors such as yourself.

Donations do not always have to be monetary. **The greatest gift is your time!** If you are interested in volunteering, please visit us online to see how you can get started today. All volunteers must be 14 years of age or older and complete the necessary state applications.



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