



MOTOR ACTIVITIES TRAINING PROGRAM (MATP)

An Invitation to Participate in **Special Olympics Delaware MATP**, a program designed to prepare athletes with severe or profound intellectual disabilities, including athletes with significant physical disabilities, for sport-specific activities appropriate for their abilities.

Special Olympics Delaware is excited to present to you and your school opportunities to participate in our MATP program for the upcoming 2016-17 program year. This program will provide success for athletes who are unable to participate in Official Special Olympics sport competitions because of their skill and/or functional abilities.

Benefits to Athletes

There are numerous benefits for athletes who participate in the Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program. They Include:

- Increased physical activity that leads to improvement in motor skills, physical fitness and functional ability.
- More opportunities to perform sport activities.
- Development of a more positive self-image through skill acquisition.
- Greater family interaction through sport involvement.
- More opportunities to develop friendships with other athletes, their families and the larger community.

Opportunities to get involved:

There are two ways your school or program can take part in the Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program:

1. Train for and attend a Special Olympics Delaware event that offers a MATP skills demonstration.
2. Train for and hold a MATP Demonstration event at your school or facility.

The following pages outline which events are available for you to attend and how you can become involved, including how you can request to hold an event at your school or facility. All schools or programs wishing to participate in the Motor Activities Training Program for the 2015-16 program year must follow the procedures on the following pages.

We encourage you to give ALL of your athletes an opportunity to showcase their abilities by participating in a MATP event!!!

Questions regarding the Motor Activities Training Program:

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ATTENDING AN MATP EVENT

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Schools or Programs that have MATP athletes and will be participating as part of an already existing Special Olympics Delaware events must submit a **Letter of Intent by Monday, October 3, 2016.**

2016-17 Special Olympics Delaware Events with MATP Activities

2016 Basketball Skills

Wed., Dec. 14	NCC Elementary	Middletown HS
Wed., Dec. 7	NCC Secondary	Wm. Penn HS
Fri., Dec. 9	KC Elementary	Smyrna HS
Tues., Dec 6	KC Secondary	Caesar Rodney HS
Wed., Nov. 30	Sussex County	Sussex Tech HS
Tues., Dec. 1	MATP Basketball/Level 1 Team Skills	Hockessin PAL

2017 Bowling

Wednesday, February 8, 2017	KC/SC MATP Bowling	Brunswick Doverama
Thursday, February 9, 2017	NC MATP Bowling	New Castle Bowlerama

2016 Soccer Skills

May TBD	NCC Secondary	University of Delaware
May TBD	KC & SC Elementary	TBD
May TBD	KC & SC Secondary	Polytech HS
May TBD	NCC Elementary	St. Andrew's School

MATP Athletes who are participating at one of the above events will be demonstrating their abilities in the following:

Basketball Skills: Dribble, Pass, Shoot. MATP athletes may participate in as many of the activities as they wish as long as they have trained in those activities. MATP athletes may use adaptive equipment (ex: larger ball, smaller basket, switches).

Bowling: Ramp Bowling. MATP athletes will bowl one game at the competition according to the rules of Ramp Demonstration/MATP bowling. MATP athletes may use adaptive equipment (ex: ball ramp, switches, bumpers).

Soccer Skills: Dribble, Pass, Shoot. MATP athletes may participate in as many of the activities as they wish as long as they have trained in those activities. MATP athletes may use adaptive equipment (ex: larger ball, smaller nets, cones, switches).

The activities in Basketball and Soccer will follow the same premise as the ones in Traditional competition. Exact descriptions will be provided along with the registration materials for each event.

Programs participating in SODE Events must adhere to all registration requirements and deadlines. Athletes participating in these events must have a current valid physical on file with SODE by the required deadline. Registration information will be sent to you ONLY when you submit a Letter of Intent to participate in SODE hosted MATP events. The SODE MATP Coordinator will meet with programs with MATP Athletes to discuss needed adaptations and equipment.

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LETTER OF INTENT

2016-17 MOTOR ACTIVITIES TRAINING PROGRAM

Deadline to Submit this form is Monday, October 3, 2016

School or Program: _____

MATP Coordinator: _____

Day Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Select ALL events you plan on attending and provide approximate number of athletes:

2016 Basketball Skills	# of projected athletes
Tuesday, November 29, 2016: MATP Basketball/Level 1, Hockessin PAL	_____
Wednesday, November 30, 2016: Sussex County, Sussex Tech HS	_____
Tuesday, December 6, 2016: KC Secondary, Caesar Rodney HS	_____
Wednesday, December 7, 2016: NCC Secondary, Wm. Penn HS	_____
Friday, December 9, 2016: KC Elementary, Smyrna HS	_____
Wednesday, December 14, 2016: NCC Secondary, Middletown HS	_____
2017 Bowling	# of projected athletes
Wednesday, February 8, 2017: Kent County, Brunswick Doverama	_____
Thursday, February 9, 2016: New Castle County, New Castle Bowlerama	_____
2017 Soccer Skills	# of projected athletes
May TBD, 2017: New Castle Secondary, University of Delaware	_____
May TBD, 2017: KC & SC Elementary, Sussex Tech HS	_____
May TBD, 2017: KC & SC Secondary, Polytech HS	_____
May TBD, 2017: NCC Elementary, St. Andrew's School	_____

If you are considering holding an additional MATP event at your school or facility please check here

If you checked the above box and wish to hold an event at your facility you must complete the "MATP Event Site Request Form" and submit it with this form. Submission of the Request form does not guarantee you will be able to hold an event. Further information will follow to determine eligibility.

HOLDING AN MATP EVENT

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Schools or Programs wanting to hold a MATP event at their home site must submit a formal request to the SODE MATP Coordinator at least 4 months prior to expected event date.

Once request form is submitted, the SODE MATP Coordinator will:

1. Set up a meeting to discuss your request and determine if this is an appropriate MATP event.
2. Observe training sessions leading up to event.
 - a. Provide support with equipment and other items as needed.
3. Work with you in organizing and hosting your event.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD AN EVENT

In order to be considered to hold an event the following, at minimum, must be true:

1. All participating athletes should not qualify for or have participated in Traditional Special Olympics events.
2. The sport(s) and skill(s) that will be demonstrated must meet the objectives and purpose of the Motor Activities Training Program (pg. 4 of the MATP Coaching Guide)
3. Participating athletes must train for a minimum of 8 weeks immediately leading up to the proposed date. Training must be under the supervision of a Special Olympics Certified MATP Coach and Head Coaches must have experience and certification in the field of Adapted PE, Physical Therapy or a related field specializing in working with persons with severe or profound disabilities (pg. 9 of the MATP Coaching Guide)
 - a. *Note: Field Days may not be considered an official MATP event unless all of the standards and requirements are met and athletes have not received Challenge Awards previously for the same skills or similar events.*
4. All events must meet the quality and standards of a Special Olympics Delaware event. This includes working with the SODE MATP Coordinator on all elements including volunteers, Opening Ceremony, Law Enforcement, Awards, Event Set-up and all other logistics pertaining to the event.
5. Must adhere to all timelines and registration deadlines and requirements set forth by Special Olympics Delaware.
 - a. 4 months prior to proposed date Submit MATP Event Site Request Form
 - b. 2 months prior Submit Roster
 - c. 1 month prior Final Schedule and Event Information
 - d. Additional requirements will be provided during the planning process
6. Additional requirements will be discussed with the MATP Coordinator.

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2016-17 MATP EVENT SITE REQUEST

In order to be considered to hold an official Special Olympics MATP Event at your site you must submit this request form at least 4 months in advance of your first requested date.

Site of Requested Event: _____

Event Coordinator: _____

Day Phone: _____ Email: _____

Requested Date(s) & Time(s): _____

Projected Number of Athletes: _____

Will there be athletes from other locations participating in this event: Yes No

Do all athletes participating fit the definition of who is best served by MATP? (pg. 4 MATP Coaching Guide) Yes No

If no please explain why they are participating in this program:

Projected Age Range of Athletes: _____

Which Sport(s) & MATP Sport Skill(s) will be demonstrated at this event:
See pg. 50 of the MATP Coaching Guide

If doing an activity outside of what is listed please identify which Sport(s) and Sport Skill(s) will be demonstrated and how they meet any of the principle motor skills on page 33 of the MATP Coaching Guide

SPORT:

SPORT SKILL:

By signing below you agree to follow the rules and guidelines of holding a Special Olympics MATP event and adhere to all policies and procedures of Special Olympics Delaware.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your request to Dave Manwiller (sode.kent@gmail.com or fax: 302-831-3483)