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Each year, more than
18,000 volunteers
help make
140+ competitions
possible for more than
**14,500 athletes &
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Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES



**Special
Olympics**
Iowa





Volunteering at SOIA

SOIA programs could not exist without the generous spirit of volunteers from all around the state. Volunteer roles are based on your interest, expertise, and availability. We have events all throughout the year in different areas of Iowa. Whether you have a little time to commit or a lot, there is a volunteer opportunity waiting for you!

Volunteer as an individual, family, large group (from school, church, teammates, work, club), or with a small group of friends! (Minors ages 10 & up are welcome to volunteer, ages 10-14 need an adult chaperone.)

Events

Statewide Competitions

- Winter Games - Dubuque (January)
- Spring Classic - Iowa City (March)
- Summer Games - Ames (May)
- State Softball - Ankeny (August)
- Fall Classic - West Des Moines (September)
- State Bowling - Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines and Waterloo (November)

Area Competitions (State Qualifiers)

- Area Basketball (February)
- Track & Field and Swim (March, April)
- Area Bowling (October)

MATP (Motor Activity Training Program)

Modified sports and activities for athletes with severe and profound intellectual disabilities.

Young Athlete Play Days

Play based activities for children with intellectual disabilities ages 2-7.

Unified Sports

Competitions or sports based activities that combine individuals with and without intellectual disabilities.



Types of Volunteers

Day of Event Volunteers:

Volunteers who show up the day of the event and are assigned a position such as score keeping, ball retrieving, timing, awards assistant, souvenir sales, escort, etc. (Day of event volunteers are not required to have a Class A Certification)

Other Volunteers:

Coaches, event managers, area directors, event committee members, officials, referees, photographers, first aid, medical professionals, chaperones, fundraising volunteers. Contact us!

Class A Volunteer Certification:

Volunteers who have direct contact with athletes; is in a position of authority/supervision of athletes; or handles money for SOIA.