



Hutchinson Area Tigers

Special Olympics- Track and Field

Spring is here, and we are excited to begin the *2022 Special Olympics Track and Field Season!* Hutchinson Public School's Special Olympics Track Program is available for students ages 8-21 (grade 3, and at least 8 years old). Mona Hjerpe will serve as the head coach.

Practices will be held on *Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.*, with the first practice on *Tuesday, April 19th*. Practice locations will either be indoors (at NCCS) or outdoors at the HHS track. Elementary-aged participants are invited to join practice at 3:30, or as soon as they are able to arrive after school with a parent/guardian. The cost for each student-athlete is \$30. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

If your child is **new** to Hutch Tigers Special Olympics, please complete the following: **1)** Track and Field Registration form, **2)** Special Olympics Physical Form and Release, and submit a check for \$30 (made out to Hutchinson Public Schools). **Returning members** with current paperwork need only to turn in the **registration form and fee**. *All paperwork can be found online at:* <http://www.isd43.org/district/activities/special-olympics/>

Please Note: Student athletes must complete all required paperwork, including a current physical examination (included in the Application for Participation Form) and Official Special Olympics Release Form, prior to participation in practices or meets.

Please have your child *at the practice site by 3:00 p.m.*, and have arrangements for someone to *pick up by 4:15 p.m.* Parents and group home staff are always welcome to attend practices, and are required if the student athlete is in need of 1 to 1 assistance. Please contact Karen Lerfald if you have questions regarding support for your child.

We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to become *certified* Special Olympics coaches. We want as many student athletes to participate as possible, so volunteers are greatly appreciated! Please contact Karen Lerfald or Mona Hjerpe for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation in completing the 2021-22 Special Olympics Track and Field registration forms. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Lerfald, Director of Special Services
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"Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
-Special Olympics Athlete's Oath