



Hutchinson Area Special Olympics

Greetings! Winter season is here, and we are getting ready to hit the court and play some basketball! We are ready to begin the Special Olympics Basketball Season! Participation in the Hutchinson Public Schools Special Olympics Program is available for students in grades 6 through 12 and TAP students. Mona Hjerpe will serve as our Head Basketball Coach.

Practices will be held at McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m., with the first practice on Tuesday, January 5th. The cost for each student athlete will be \$30. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

If you would like your child to participate in Special Olympics Basketball, please complete the (1) Registration form, (2) Application for Participation in Special Olympics (if your child is new to the program), and (3) submit a check for \$30 (payable to Hutchinson Public Schools).

Please Note: Student athletes will not be allowed to participate in practice sessions or tournaments without a current physical examination (included in the Application for Participation Form) and Official Special Olympics Release Form.

Please have your child at McLeod County Fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m. and have arrangements for someone to pick them up by 4:15 p.m. Parents, guardians, and group home staff are always welcome to help out at practices, and are required if the student athlete is in need of 1 to 1 assistance. If you are in need of support for your child, please contact Lisa Kraft.

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!

Thank you for your cooperation in completing the 2015-16 Special Olympics Basketball registration forms. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

-Special Olympics Athlete's Oath