



Hutchinson Area Special Olympics

Greetings! Winter is here, and we are getting ready to hit the court for the **2021-22 Special Olympics Basketball Season!** Participation in the Hutchinson Public Schools Special Olympics Program is available for **students in grades 6-12 and TAP**. Mona Hjerpe is 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 18th**. The cost for each student athlete will be \$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)** Basketball Registration form, **2)** Special Olympics Application for Participation, and **3)** 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 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 the Fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m., and have arrangements for someone to pick them up promptly by 4:15 p.m. Parents, guardians and group home staff are always welcome to attend/help out at practices, and are required if the student athlete is in need of assistance. Please contact me, if needed, for further information regarding one-to-one support.

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 2021-22 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 Oath