

### **An individual can participate in Special Olympics if:**

- They are 8 years or older (5-7 year olds may participate in training programs but cannot compete).
- An agency or professional has identified them as having an intellectual disability.
- In New Zealand this would usually be done by:
  - GP/Paediatrician
  - School/Special Needs Assessors
  - Community Needs Assessment Agency
  - The individual has a cognitive delay as determined through standardized tests used generally in New Zealand

### **OR**

- The individual has a developmental disability affecting general learning and adaptive skills in at least two of the following
  - Communication
  - Social skills
  - Self Care
  - Function academics
  - Leisure
  - Work Capabilities
  - Home Living
  - Health and Safety

A person is **NOT** eligible for Special Olympics if their disability is **SOLELY** due to physical disabilities, emotional disturbances, behaviour disorders, specific learning disabilities, psychiatric illness or sensory disabilities.