Special Olympics take place in over 40 towns and cities around New Zealand due to the time, energy, commitment and skills of the hundreds of Volunteers who assist through out the country.

We aim to:

- Provide training for 44-46 weeks in each year, to encourage fitness and a healthy lifestyle.
- Have quality coaching and competition programs for all sports.
- To enable as many athletes as possible to participate, train and compete in a wide varity of sports events.
- To assist athletes develop sports, social skills, build friendships and team spirit through their sports training and competition.
- To promote and assist the inclusion of people with an intellectual disability in community events and activities.

Who can Volunteer:

Individuals, groups,families, anyone can volunteer. Volunteers come from all walks of life, students, sports officials, teachers, coaches, senior citizens, family members, corporate employees, business people, service clubs and community and church groups. There are many different roles for volunteers within Special Olympics Waikato.

To enjoy volunteering with Special Olympics you need:

A "can do" attitude, be open to learning and undertaking training where appropriate, ability to work as part of a team and time to invest.

- **Program Volunteers:** Direct involvement with athletes at sports training and competition
- **Event Volunteers:** Planning, managing or assisting at sports, socials and fundraising events.

- If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact us.	