











www.eeo.ee FB: Eriolümpia Eesti Ühendus/Special Olympics Estonia IG: specialolympics_estonia **Special Olympics International:** www.specialolympics.org



We follow the good practice of donations. To support our activities you may wish to donate: EO Eesti Ühendus a/a EE631010220123049019





About Special Olympics

Special Olympics transforms lives through the joy of sport, every day, everywhere. We are the world's largest sports and charity organization for people with intellectual disabilities: with nearly 5.5 million athletes in more than 190 countries, as well as millions of volunteers and supporters. We are also a global social movement. The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Athletes are the heart of the Special Olympics. Our athletes are children and adults with intellectual disabilities. They are finding success, joy and friendship as part of our global community. Through sports our athletes can discover their abilities, not disabilities. They become confident and empowered by their accomplishments.



The following sports competitions and activities are organised by the Special Olympics Estonia:

- National competitions in approximately 15 sports
- Unified sports program
- Young Athletes program
- Healthy Athletes program
- Youth Leaders program
- Forch Run in close cooperation with Estonian Police and Border Guard Board (since 2012)
- Seminars, educational courses, sports camps
- Participation in international events and Special Olympics World Games





The following sports are practiced in Estonia: athletics, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, swimming, gymnastics artistic, gymnastics rhythmic, bowling, bocce, dodgeball, football, basketball, badminton, hiking, floorball, table tennis, judo, motor activity training program. We participate in and organise international events.

Estonia is a fully fledged member of the international organisation Special Olympics International since 1989. We are the member of the Estonian Olympic Committee, as well as the supporting member of the Estonian Chamber of Disabled People. We can accomplish our mission with the support of the Ministry of Culture of Estonia and we are grateful for our other supporters and cooperation partners.

Up to 2000 participants attend the activites of the Special Olympics Estonia every year. Sport is an effective tool for inclusion in the community. In our competitions we follow the international guidelines for divisioning, which guarantees joy and feeling of success for our athletes.

