# **Special Olympics Western Valley Community Youth Program**

Monday, June 28 to August 23, 6 to 7 pm **AYR Motor Centre, Fieldhouse-Court 1** 

### **Active Start—Special Olympics New Brunswick**

(Ages 2-6)

- Provides active participation for fun
- Athletes develop play skills through movement and daily physical activity
- Skills walking, swimming, running, jumping, balancing
- At the end of this stage, the goal is for the participant to have the physical skills and fitness level to allow physical activity for 60 minutes on a daily basis

#### **FUNdamentals Program - Special Olympics New Brunswick**

(Ages 7-12)

- Provides specific training and educational opportunities for young athletes
- Athletes develop more sport-specific related skills that will contribute to future sport participation
- Skills sport-specific jumping, throwing, kicking, running, catching, striking, agility, balance, coordination, speed
- At this end of this stage, the goal is for the participant to have improved in one or more of the following areas: physical skill acquisition, physical fitness, social skill development, decision making, and knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of physical activity



Special Olympics Western Valley Region is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with an intellectual disability through **SPORT** 

#### What are the benefits for participants?

- Substantial and improved development of physical, cognitive, and social abilities
- Introduction of positive social experiences through fun play activities alongside peers
- Development of self-esteem and a sense of belonging
- Opportunities to transition into other year-round SONB sport programs offered throughout the province, and to continue a lifelong love of sport

#### What are the benefits for parents & caregivers?

- Education for parents/caregivers about the value of sport in the lives of their children
- Education in nutrition, basic motor skills, and the Special Olympics organization
- Opportunities for parents/caregivers to expand their networks and support systems



## Contact:

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