



## Special Olympics Georgia 15 Passenger Van Policy and Release

Special Olympics Georgia is implementing a revised 15 passenger van policy and release effective 11-23-2009. The SOI policy states the following.

**The U.S. Risk Management and Insurance Task Force strongly urge all U.S. Programs to discontinue use of 15-passenger vans for the transportation of athletes, volunteers, or staff. Programs should no longer rent or lease 15-passenger vans, and Programs that own 15-passenger vans should discontinue use of the vans to transport registered athletes and registered volunteers. This policy excludes the use of 15-passenger vans driven by specially trained drivers to transport equipment.**

Although we cannot mandate the type of vehicles used by other organizations to transport athletes, Programs are encouraged to work with such organizations to avoid or at least to minimize the use of these vans.

Neither Special Olympics Georgia nor any of its affiliates/agencies can attend any sanctioned Special Olympics event in a 15 passenger van.

15 passenger vans may be used to transport athletes and coaches to sanctioned events if a third party individual is the driver. In other words the driver cannot be a Special Olympics Georgia registered volunteer, coach, assistant coach or staff member who is an official participant in

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Event).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Agency).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of individual filling out this form)

**Will your agency be using a 15 Passenger Van?  
Please circle the appropriate answer. YES or NO.**

**If you circled NO then you do not need to fill out any information below. If you circled YES you must fill out the remaining items listed below.**

If the agency decides to use a third party driver then the agency Director and the third party driver must sign below acknowledging that they are releasing Special Olympics Incorporated, Special Olympics North America and Special Olympics Georgia from any and all liability and that they will not be covered under any Special Olympics insurance while loading, driving, parking and operating the 15 passenger van. **This form must be signed and returned to SOGA by the problem sheet deadline for each event. If you do not sign this release form prior to attending this event and you drive a 15 passenger van to this event SOGA reserves the right to deny your agency the opportunity to attend or participate in this event.**

I, the Director, (Name of Director) \_\_\_\_\_ understand the  
above policy and agree to its content on the following date \_\_\_\_\_.

I, the Van Driver, (Name of Driver) \_\_\_\_\_ understand  
the above policy and agree to its content on the following date \_\_\_\_\_.