

Kevin Rates

Daviess County Special Olympics

Hawesville, Ky

36 yrs old

Basketball, track and field and bowling

Special Olympics means a lot to me . I have always been busy in track, basketball, bowling and sometimes softball. Now I mainly play basketball and track in Owensboro. Special Olympics has always given me the chance to be around other athletes like me. I am looking forward to seeing Olympic friends, teammates and coaches. My life has changed since the Covid 19 started. The virus has limited me going anywhere except work and I can't attend Sunday school class with several of my teammates and coaches because of the virus. I stay active by living on a farm and having a lot of family siblings. We go fishing, hoeing the garden, playing basketball outside and sometimes taking hikes. Right now I can't socialize with my friends except calling them on the phone. Our church is suppose to open soon. I will be able to see a lot of my teammate, coaches and girlfriend in my Sunday School Class. A few of my teammates facetime each other once a week. I have always been very sociable. But during this time now I am unable to give people hugs and shake hands. My family has not been able to invite friends over and I have not been able to see, my girlfriend. I took for granted greeting, giving hugs and shaking hands. We will get through this with prayer and having a lot of faith. Through Christ all things are possible.