Athlete Input Council Facilitator (Volunteer Position)

Overview
The volunteer Athlete Input Council (AIC) Facilitator ensures that athlete input, participation, and leadership are included in all areas of programming within their Special Olympics Area.

Supervisor: Area Athlete Leadership Coordinator and SOWA Initiatives Manager

Principle Duties:
- Complete AIC facilitator training
- Recruit 5-8 athletes for the council
- Coordinate and hold monthly AIC meetings
- Facilitate athlete discussion of feedback and the development of constructive recommendations
- Participate in monthly facilitator support calls
- Communicate regularly with your Area’s Athlete Leadership Coordinator

Recommended Qualities:
- Passionate about inclusion and working alongside people with intellectual disabilities and the volunteers & family members who support them
- Believes that people of all abilities have a right to help guide & implement their Special Olympics programming
- Can dedicate 4-5 hours per month communicating with athletes and SOWA staff.
- Proficient or comfortable learning to use Dropbox, and Powerpoint, and social media.
- Enjoys advocating for meaningful involvement and authentic inclusion
- Comfortable maintaining contact information and tracking athlete leadership
- Must have access to a computer (ideally with a webcam) and reliable internet access
- Must be comfortable using Microsoft office programs, be able to use online calendars (Outlook/Google/etc.), and be proficient at email – OR have someone who can do all these things on your behalf for all meetings & SOWA related communications.

Benefits:
Serving as the Athlete Leadership Liaison allows opportunities for developing marketable job skills, creating personal and professional relationships, directing your own volunteer time, making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.