



### **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.