



Athlete Leadership 2020 & Beyond

Sunday, August 18th

8:45 – 10:00 AM

Special Olympics
Pennsylvania



Notable Accomplishments from 2016 - 2020



- Health and Fitness Coordinators in more than half of our Local Programs.
- At least two athletes serving on Games Organizing Committees for all Sectional and State events.
- Sheetz hosting Athlete Leadership University sessions since 2018.

Opening Ceremonies Survey



Turn on the tablet. Click the survey monkey icon on the screen of the tablets. Take the survey and share your thoughts on:

- How long Opening Ceremonies should last?
- What kind of entertainment should be at Opening Ceremonies?
- Who should be speaking?

Regional Input Council



- Ernest Roundtree, Regional Input Council Chair.
- Kristine Progin, Regional Input Council Vice-Chair.
- Lisa Barbour, Southeast: Schuylkill, Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Lebanon, Lancaster and Philadelphia.
- Ashley Bressler, Northeast: Area P, Monroe, Carbon, Luzerne, Columbia/Montour, Union, Northumberland/Snyder, Carbon, Northampton and Bethlehem.
- Michael Silvis, South Central: Blair, York, Adams, Cambria, Area M, Bedford, Mifflin/Juniata, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset.
- Roger Turner, North Central: Bradford/Sullivan, Tioga, Lycoming, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield and Potter.
- Mary Nigro, Northwest: Mercer, Erie, Crawford, Warren, Elk/Cameron, Dubois/Jefferson, Venango/Forest and McKean.
- Zachary Williams, Southwest: Fayette, Greene, Washington, Armstrong/Indiana, Washington, Beaver, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Lawrence and Butler.

Breakout Discussion Topics



Athlete Representative: someone that wants to not only lead a conversation, but also is willing to take action and speak on behalf of all athletes.

1. Do current Athlete Representatives feel they are receiving the support they need from their Management Team, Mentor and SOPA Staff If not, please explain the roadblocks you are experiencing.
2. How can non-Athlete Representatives best share their ideas, questions and concerns with their Local Program's Athlete Representative(s)?

Athlete Leadership Team: a group of athletes led by the Athlete Representative on the Local Program Management Team. Their role is to provide feedback to the Management Team on how they can improve each athlete's experience locally.

1. For those that are/have been a part of an Athlete Leadership Team, what are things that your team struggles with and why?
2. The second question is, if you don't have an Athlete Leadership Team, what are some of the barriers and ways to overcome them?

Breakout Groups



Group 1 (Led by Zach and Mary) front right: Jen Bottomley, Kayla Morgan, Bobby Robins, Raymond Mock, Erin Keck, Nina Kaneriya, Rohini Kaneriya, Mahesh Kaneriya, John Judd, Lisa Strelko, Devin Guras, Janelle Pemberton, Denise Hart, William Voltz and Ernie Roundtree.

Group 2 (Led by Mike and Roger) back left: Meaghan Martin, Deb O'Neill, Nathan Jacobs, Amanda Knauss, Carol Benfield, Lou Fornataro, Cindy McCullough, Bobbi Jo Rhen, Jennifer Peterson, Tara Volpe, Amanda Sechrist, Seth Jarrett, Kyale Tulos, Peter Wilson and Kris Progrin.

Group 3 (Led by Lisa and Ashley) back right: Charles Lagrenne, Jon Eastwood, Marissa Mangie, Elizabeth Porter, Christine Rodrigues, Kathy Zoretich, Anita Jones, Tyler Youngkin, Pam Youngkin, Chloe Phillips and Jordan Schubert.

Please see Jordan if you do not see your name on this list!

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Each group will get to spend 10 minutes on each discussion topics. At the end of each topic, all groups should pick an athlete to report out on topic 1, Athlete Representatives and another athlete to report out on topic 2, Athlete Leadership Teams.

2020 Announcements



- 2020 Athlete Leadership University session schedule will be available by January, 2020.
 - Plan is to offer one introductory session, one advanced and one Healthy Lifestyles and Athletes as Coaches session.
- All Athlete Representatives attending Athlete Congress must be in attendance for all three days!
- New online Health and Fitness Coordinator resource, coming October, 2019
 - This is to provide support for Health and Fitness Coordinators that want to become active before completing Healthy Lifestyles.
 - Health and Fitness Coordinators that watch the video and pass the quiz will receive an e-mail with additional resources and be among the first to know when Health Lifestyles will be offered next.

50th Anniversary



- In 2020, Special Olympics Pennsylvania will be celebrating its 50th anniversary of becoming a state level program.
- Before we plan any big celebration, we want to hear from both our athletes and volunteers what the celebration should look like...

Don't forget to hand in your note card filled with ideas!

Thank you.



Stick around for Closing Session
from 12:00 – 1:00 PM to hear
Ernie and Kris report out on
some of the feedback you
provided.

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