Field Department and Special Projects Q&A
Agenda

• Health
• Athlete Leadership
• Young Athletes
• Database Development
• Volunteer Recruitment
• Field Updates
Health

- Health Communities, Healthy Athletes & Healthy Habits
- Unified Fitness
- **Fit 5**
  - Tiesha is 37 from Mercer County.
- **Provider Directory**
Athlete Leadership

- Interest Form
- Athlete Leadership University Sessions in 2020
- 2020 Athlete Congress
- Online Report Forms
- Athlete Leadership in the Regional Structure
Young Athletes

• How to start Young Athletes in your program

• Difference between a home, school and community based program

• How to run an exhibition at one of your competitions

• New resources from Special Olympics International
Database Development

- **Online Portal** - New this past year
  - Athlete Leadership University Sign Up
  - Coaches Training Sign Up
  - Leadership Award Nominations
Database Development

- Upcoming for the Next Year
  - Online Portal
    - More Athletes utilizing the Online Portal
    - Additional tools for Coaches and Volunteers
  - Notifications - Expiring Coaches Certifications & Athlete Medicals
  - 2021 Background Check Renewals
  - Vsys Anywhere Coaches Access
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Years of Service Program

Update the custom field in Vsys with a “volunteers start date”

1. Updates can be made by the program
2. Please make volunteers inactive if necessary
### Years of Service Program

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| County
| First Year in SOPA | 2014 |

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“Help” Wanted Pilot in Vsys Portal

Programs will be able to list volunteer jobs opportunities for program for New class A & B volunteers to reference

Collection methods – Typeform or direct email to Carolyn to post

https://carolynkushner.typeform.com/to/ra6Lq6
“Help” Wanted Pilot in Vsys Portal
Questions?
Field Team Structure & Staffing Updates

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SOPA Liaison for your program

- What is a liaison? – a person who facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations.
- Main Point of Contact – Your “Go To” person
- Guidance and Direction
- Assistance – Conflict Resolution, etc

Our job is supporting YOU, we are in this TOGETHER!
Field Department

Helpful Resources:

• Timelines Deadlines & Responsibilities
• SOPA Liaison by Management Position
• Competition Calendar
• Calendar of Events
• Support Calls
Field Department

Sharing Information:

- [Coach Page]
- [News]
- Monthly Update (SOPA Communication)
- All Things Training (Emails…minimally 1/month)
- [Webinars: Lunch & Learn]
HOT Topics:

- Background Checks
- YMCA Partnerships
- Qualifiers/Advancement/Allocations
- 50th Campaign
Your program just inherited $100K and the check just cleared. What is the one thing you would do first to improve your program?

• If you did this, what would happen?
• And then what would happen?
• And then what would happen?
• And THEN what would happen?
What do you think is the MOST important thing you must accomplish by the end of 2020 to make your program better?

• If you did NOT do this, what would happen?
• And then what would happen?
• And then what would happen?
• And THEN what would happen?
Your SOPA Field staff is always trying to find ways to help and improve.

What are the things you wish we would do to help you?
Questions?