



# Field Department and Special Projects Q&A

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# Agenda



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

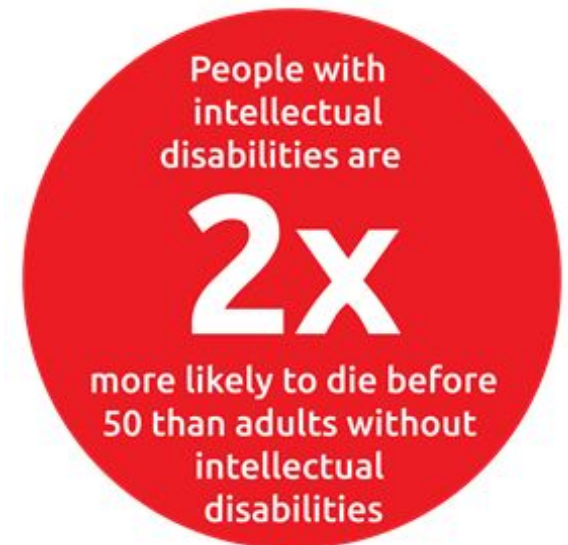


# Health



- Health Communities, Healthy Athletes & Healthy Habits
- Unified Fitness
- [Fit 5](#)
  - [Tiesha is 37 from Mercer County.](#)
- [Provider Directory](#)

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# 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



# Questions?

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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

**Additional data** Date created: 01/06/2016 Last cha

**Special requests/needs, Exclusions**

**Addresses: 3**

**Alerts: none**

**Application forms: 2**

**Assignments: none**

**Background checks: 1**

**Certifications: 2**

**Comments: (none)**

**Custom fields**

Misc. | 1 Sports Associations | **2 Personal Data** | Project | Sports Skills Training Interest (Track 1) | Volunteer Application | Volunteer Interests | Volunteer Interviews

School/Agency/SO Sub-Site

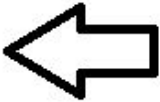

Race

Maiden Name/Aliases

Occupation

County

First Year in SOPA





## **“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

Home    Event Sign-Up    Class A Required Trainings ▾    Training Schools, Webinars & More ▾     Athlete Leadership Opportunities ▾

My Information ▾    Update Password ▾    Sign Out



### Vol Job Board (Test)

Jobs

Locations

Zip code

Distance

Units

Invitation code

Keywords



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# Field Department



## 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!**







## Helpful Resources:

- Timelines Deadlines & Responsibilities
- SOPA Liaison by Management Position
- [Competition Calendar](#)
- Calendar of Events
- [Support Calls](#)



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## 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?

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**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?**



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