

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION: LOCAL PROGRAM ATHLETE LEADER**

The Local Program Athlete Leader represents Special Olympics athletes within the community, sharing SOSC's mission and encouraging involvement. Working with the Local Program Leadership Team, the Athlete Leader will ensure plans include the voice of athletes within the local community.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Collaborate with regional staff and HQ Athlete Leadership staff to ensure Local Program is athlete centric.
- Work with the Local Program Leadership Team and Regional Sports Manager to create an annual plan for recruiting, retention, and recognition of athletes.
- Seek opportunities to participate in community events, recruit athletes, Unified partners, and volunteers, and create awareness of Special Olympics.
- Assist with organizing SOSC awareness events to engage the community.
- Request to attend a regional Athlete Leadership Council to seek out the voice and opinions of all athletes, as well as recommend a course of action to the Local Program Leadership Team.

## **COMMITMENT**

- Three year minimum
- Approximately 1-3 hours per week, may require additional time during the event season.
- Zoom or in-person training and support from Region staff, as needed.
- Attendance at competitions, as needed.

## **QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum age: 18 with a government ID (driver's license, military ID, or passport).
- Must complete an online volunteer application, online training, and background check.
- Prior experience in volunteer recruitment and event organization is beneficial.

## **IMPACT OF THE LOCAL PROGRAM**

Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) relies on Local Programs to deliver services to the community run by trusted volunteers. Local Programs allow athletes to participate in their own community, with local coaches, and at familiar practice sites. Local Programs create the opportunity to serve more athletes and involve more volunteers which further enriches the lives of athletes, families, volunteers, and the community.