



Special Olympics
Virginia

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSTION **ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE**

DESCRIPTION The Athlete Representative provides input on the administration and delivery of the Area Program and provides the athlete's perspective on decisions made regarding the Area Program.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attend all Area Council Meetings and special events that Council Members are requested to attend.
2. Work with a mentor to prepare for upcoming meets and to actively participate in Council Meetings and special events.
3. Work with the Area Coordinator or Chair to submit agenda topics for upcoming meetings.
4. Represent the needs and opinions of athletes in the program by participating in Council Meeting discussions and votes.
5. Provide advice on the development of an annual training and competition calendar.
6. Work with the Public Relations Coordinator to promote Special Olympics in the Area.
7. Work with the Athlete Recruitment Coordinator to recruit new athletes and to insure that new athletes have the opportunity to participate in sports that interest them.
8. Attend position training regarding athlete representatives serving on Councils.

**MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN FULLFILLING THE
ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION**

1. Athlete attends all Area Council Meetings.
2. Athlete actively participates in the business of the Area and provides meaningful opinions through formal and informal channels.
3. Athlete promotes Special Olympics and becomes a messenger for the Area program.
4. The Area Council members value the athlete's opinions and the athlete has a meaningful affect on the policies, procedures and programming of the Area.