

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Core Program Activity for 2016

- Offer high quality sports training and competition opportunities to SOSC athletes.
 - 12 sports will be offered – 6 sports in each of two seasons, Spring and Fall.
 - Athlete sports training will be conducted at sports appropriate facilities.
 - Athlete training will include competition opportunities through scrimmages and/or league play.
 - Sports appropriate equipment and uniforms that follow the Special Olympics logo guidelines will be provided athletes for use at competitions.
 - Athletes will declare one primary sport per season.
 - Athletes may also declare a secondary sport.
 - For primary and secondary sports, athletes will be provided opportunities to attend a minimum of 2 competitions per season - 1 home and 1 away but a maximum of 3 competitions per season.
 - If a Region has Areas, then at least 1 of the 3 competitions will be a local/Area competition within that Region if one is being held.
 - Athletes will attend all Regional competitions within their home Region or Division first before seeking other competition opportunities outside their home Region.
 - Athletes are eligible to participate in Chapter Games in their primary sports only.
 - Two season-culminating Chapter Games-level competitions will be conducted for the 12 official sports that include two days of competition and overnight lodging.

- Provide athletes with the opportunity to qualify if any sport allotment is received for 2018 USA Games in Seattle by participating in the 2016 SOSC Summer Games and 2017 SOSC Summer Games.

- Provide athletes with the opportunity to qualify if a floor hockey allotment is received for the 2017 World Winter Games in Austria by participating in the 2016 SOSC Fall Games.

- To ensure athlete safety and to minimize organizational risk issues, enforce full compliance with SOSC policy on screening of Class A volunteers which includes the requirements for a background screen, General Orientation, and Concussion and Protective Behaviors Trainings.

- Enforce full compliance with SOSC policy on athlete medicals.

- Ensure at least 4:1 supervision ratio of athletes to head coach, coach and sport assistant is maintained while participating in sports trainings and competitions.
- Foster relationships that provide engagement opportunities for school-age participants in every Region in the following areas: Sports & Competition, Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement.
- Establish Local Programs to increase the capacity to serve more athletes in their own communities.
- In coordination with HQ, Regions must provide local coach education opportunities.
- Ensure qualified officials oversee all sports competitions.