A Brief Guide to Abbreviations and Acronyms

This is a list of abbreviations and acronyms most frequently used at Special Olympics. It is not intended as a comprehensive guide. NOTE: For clearest communications, avoid using acronyms and abbreviations whenever possible. When it’s not possible, here’s our list:

AAC – Africa Advisory Council
AIC – Athlete Input Council
AHOD – Assistant Head of Delegation
APAC – Asia Pacific Advisory Council
AS – Additional Staff
CAF – Contract Approval Form (formerly CAAF)
COCOM -- Coordinating Committee (Games and SOI meetings)
CRG/CRT -- Christmas Records Grant/ Christmas Records Trust
CRM – Customer Relationship Management system
DAL – Delegation Assistant Liaison
EKS – Eunice Kennedy Shriver
FOP or FAOP – Functional Area Operating Plan
GAIC – Global Athlete Input Council
GCC -- Games Coordinating Committee
GEMS -- Games and Event Management System (being replaced with a soon-to-be-named system)
GLT – Global Leadership Team
GMS -- Games Management System (being replaced by Special Olympics Connect)
GOC --- Games Organizing Committee (no longer used; preferred term is now LOC)
GUSAG – Global Unified Sports Advisory Group
HOD – Head of Delegation
HQ – Headquarters (as in
IAC -- International Advisory Committee
ID – Intellectual Disabilities
IGM – International Global Messenger
IOC – International Olympic Committee
JPK – The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation
LC – Leadership Council
LETR – Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics
LOC – Local Organizing Committee
MAC – Medical Advisory Committee
MATP – Motor Activity Training Program
MOC – Main Operations Center (for World Games and other major events)
MENA – Middle East/North Africa
PAHO – Pan American Health Organization
PIP – Program Information Profile
RLC – Regional Leadership Council
RMITF – Risk Management and Insurance Task Force
RPMDs – Regional Presidents & Managing Directors
SOI – Special Olympics Inc. or Special Olympics International
SOA – Special Olympics Africa
SOAP – Special Olympics Asia Pacific
SOEA – Special Olympics East Asia
SOEE – Special Olympics Europe Eurasia
SOLA – Special Olympics Latin America
SONA – Special Olympics North America
SRAC – Sports Rules Advisory Committee
STC – Sports Training & Competition
TD – Technical Delegate
TTT – Train the Trainer
UCS – Unified Champion Schools
USE – Unified Sports Experience
VOP – Venue Operating Plan
WG – World Games (referring to World Summer Games)
WHO – World Health Organization
WWG -- World Winter Games
YA – Young Athletes
YAC – Youth Activation Committee