

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