Participant Membership

Better Understanding the System –

SOI is committed to ensuring the management of Special Olympics participant’s within SO Connect will fit the needs of our Special Olympics Programs. This includes developing a database structure that will support a participant’s (i.e. Athlete, Volunteer, Coach, etc.) membership throughout the many different roles and levels of our organization. This will be accomplished within SO Connect utilizing a hierarchy structure, role types (event and profile specific) and groupings. Below is a representation of the different levels within the organization, along with examples of roles and groups, that a participant may be a part of through their membership in Special Olympics and will be reflected in SO Connect.

Special Olympics (SOI)
Events: Major Games, Leadership Conferences, Healthy Athletes, Unified Sports

Role Examples: Athlete, Athlete Leader (Global Messenger), Unified Athlete, Unified Partner, Healthy Athlete, Committee Member, Donor, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Head of Delegation, Assistant Staff, Athlete Leadership Mentor, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Head of Delegation, Healthy Athlete Clinical Volunteer, Official/Referee, Technical Delegate, VIP, Volunteer

Delegation: Program, Country, Individual

Region (i.e. SONA, SOEE)
Events: Regional Games, National Games, Invitational

Role Examples: Athlete, Unified Athlete, Unified Partner, Committee Member, Donor, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Head of Delegation, Assistant Staff, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Head of Delegation, Official/Referee, VIP, Volunteer

Delegation: Program – Region, Program – Individual

Program
Events: State or National Games

Roles: Athlete, Athlete Leader (Input Council), Unified Partner, Healthy Athlete, Committee Member, Donor, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Head of Delegation, Assistant Staff, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Head of Delegation, Healthy Athlete Clinical Volunteer, Official/Referee, VIP, Volunteer

Delegation: Program – Region, Program – Area, Individual

Program - Region
Events: Program – Regional Games

Roles: Athlete, Athlete Leader (Input Council), Unified Partner, Committee Member, Donor, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Head of Delegation, Assistant Staff, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Head of Delegation, Official/Referee, VIP, Volunteer

Delegation: Program – Area, Individual

Program - Area
Events: Program – Area Games

Roles: Athlete, Athlete Leader (Input Council), Unified Partner, Committee Member, Donor, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Head of Delegation, Assistant Staff, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Head of Delegation, Official/Referee, VIP, Volunteer, Young Athlete

Delegation: Program – Area, Program – Local, Individual

Program - Local
Events: Program – Local Games, Training, Scrimmages, Clubs, Leagues, Team

Roles: Athlete, Unified Partner, Assistant Coach, Assistant Competition Director, Assistant Staff, Competition Director, Competition Team, Family Member, Head Coach, Official/Referee, Volunteer, Young Athlete

Delegation: Program – Local, Individual

Some programs have regional offices with area offices within them; other programs may not have regional offices but areas offices only. Though a program may not have a region level office, they still may hold regional games.

A local delegation could also be an area delegation. However most local delegations are a part of a larger group (or Area delegation).