*This is a list of abbreviations and acronyms unique to Special Olympics --- or most frequently used at Special Olympics. It is not intended as a comprehensive guide. Acronyms should never be used in external documents. In general, the goal is to avoid using acronyms and abbreviations whenever possible. For internal communications, try to avoid acronyms, or at minimum, use full name once then use acronyms for subsequent references:*

ADM – Athlete Development Model

AL or ALPs (old) – Athlete Leadership

ALC – Athlete Leadership Council

APS – Athletes Participation Summary

ATP – Athlete Training Program

AVSC – A Very Special Christmas®

CDM – Coach Development Model

CE – Coaching Excellence

COCOM – Coordinating Committee (Games and SOI meetings)

CRG/CRT – Christmas Record Grant/ Christmas Record Trust

DE&I – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

EKS – Eunice Kennedy Shriver

GALC – Global Athlete Leadership Council

GCC – Games Coordinating Committee

GEMS – Games and Event Management System

GMS – Games Management System

GMT – Games Management Team

GOC – Games Organizing Committee

GUSAG – Global Unified Sports Advisory Group

GYAC – Global Youth Activation Summit

HA – Healthy Athletes

HC – Healthy Communities

HOD – Head of Delegation

IAC – International Advisory Committee

ID – Intellectual Disabilities

IOC – International Olympic Committee

JPK – The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation

LC – Leadership Council

LETR – Law Enforcement Torch Run®

LOC – Local Organizing Committee

MATP – Motor Activities Training Program

MENA – Middle East/North Africa

NALC – North America Leadership Council

OD – (Regional) Organizational Development staff

OSA -- Online Sports Academy

OT – Operating Team

OWS – Open Water Swimming

PDS – Program Development System

PIP – Program Information Profile

RDC -- Resource Development Committee (sub-committee of USLC)

RMITF – Risk Management and Insurance Task Force

RPMDs – Regional Presidents & Managing Directors

RSD – Regional Sport Director

SOI – Special Olympics Incorporated

SOA – Special Olympics Africa

SOAP – Special Olympics Asia Pacific

SOCIP – Special Olympics Corporate Insurance Program

SOEA – Special Olympics East Asia

SOEE – Special Olympics Europe Eurasia

SOLA – Special Olympics Latin America

SONA – Special Olympics North America

SO USA – Special Olympics USA

SRT – Sports Resource Team

STC – Sports Training & Competition

STWETW – Spread the Word to End the Word

SUP – Stand Up Paddle(boarding)

TD – Technical Delegate

UCCS – Unified Champion City Schools

UCS – Unified Champion Schools®

USLC – United States Leadership Council

WSG – World Summer Games

WWG – World Winter Games

YA – Young Athletes program

YAC – Youth Activation Committee