

INFORMATION LETTER

Attached is the Athlete Leadership Council application.

The Athlete Leadership Council (ALC) is a way for Special Olympics Kansas leaders to be in touch with athlete interests and opinions on needed improvements, sports, competitions, coaching and other programs. It is a place for athletes to practice leadership skills, and a way for athletes to provide input and feedback to and from schools, group homes, day training programs and other athletes.

Members of the ALC are provided with leadership training opportunities and expected to hold positions on committees within or outside of SOKS. They are also expected to work together to facilitate training programs for other SOKS athletes and participate in fundraising efforts to sustain SOKS programs.

The ALC Chairperson or another designated ALC member regularly attends SOKS Board of Directors meetings to provide feedback.

The athletes on the ALC are guided by staff member and mentor, Krystin Guggisberg, who helps them prepare for meetings and work on speaking and listening skills prior to meetings. Meetings are led by the chairperson and held using parliamentary procedure. Meetings are held monthly via Zoom.

Current Members include:

- Josh Alters, Chair, Topeka Shawnee, josha43@att.net, 785-383-3526
- Savannah Koehn, Vice Chair, Dodge City, savannahkoehn31@gmail.com, 620-846-0161
- Abbi Griswold, Secretary, Sedgwick County Thundercats, abbigriswold@cox.net, 316-680-1298
- Tyler Griswold, Sedgwick County Thundercats, tylergriswold@cox.net, 316-712-1165
- Keith Hartner, Manhattan Sports Club, keithhartner@gmail.com, 785-565-8328

Please complete and return the ALC application to Krystin Guggisberg by March 31, 2022.

REQUIREMENTS:

Must be an active member within a Special Olympics local program.

Must be in good standing with the local program and local program coordinator.

Must attend all ALC meetings or notify the ALC Chairperson if ever they are unable to attend a meeting.

ALC members will automatically resign their position if any of the following occurs within a single calendar year:

- Miss two meetings without notifying the ALC Chairperson prior to the meeting.
- Fail to gather feedback from athletes and present report at scheduled meeting twice in a calendar year.

Prospective ALC members are subject to interview will current ALC.



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ATHLETE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION

Name:		Years in SOKS:	
Address:			
Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Local Program:			
Reference and/or Potential Mentor:			

1. Have you ever participated in Athlete Leadership Training, Global Messenger Training or Health Messenger Training? If so, which training and when?

2. Do you have a job or hold any other leadership positions? Please describe.

3. What is your favorite part about being a Special Olympics athlete?

4. Why do you want to join the Athlete Leadership Council?

