



Haysville Hornets Team Charter

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Organization

Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Team is a registered local program of Special Olympics Kansas, Inc. (SOKS), a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization and has the permission to organize, conduct and promote Special Olympics; to raise funds for these purposes; and to use the registered Special Olympics symbol. Special Olympics, Inc. is the official world governing body for Special Olympics.

Values Statement

The Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Program is a parent / family / athlete directed organization providing equal input for all major decisions affecting the program. The Local Program Team and the head coach will manage the day-to-day administrative tasks, scheduling, and communication between SOKS as well as communication to athletes and families.

Parents and family members are an integral part of the program and as such will be required to assist the program in various aspects of team management, fundraising, practices, tournaments and activities.

Athletes Oath

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

Program Guidelines

Athlete Eligibility

- Male and female athletes age 16 and above with intellectual disabilities
- Must have the ability to manage basic personal hygiene skills (i.e. toileting, washing hands, etc.)
- Must have an annual physical form signed by a licensed medical practitioner
- Must be able to provide own transportation to/from practices
- Must comply with the Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Code of Conduct
- Must comply with all participation policies of SOKS (as listed in the SOKS manual located on their website)
- Participation must be approved by the Haysville Hornets Local Program Team

Cost

- Until such time as the team has funds to cover costs, athletes and/or their families will be financially responsible for the following costs to participate:
 - Lodging costs at state tournaments (approximately \$100 per night)
 - Meal costs (approximately \$10 per meal)
 - Transportation will be via car pool with participating families
- Team funds will cover the cost of the following:
 - State Tournament Fees – \$10.00 to \$20.00 (varies by sport)
 - Uniforms
 - T-shirt – bowling
 - Jersey & shorts
 - Shirt & shorts – volleyball
 - Warm-Ups & Bag
- Athletes and/or their families are responsible for the cost to replace damaged, lost or stolen uniforms and/or equipment assigned to the athlete

Local Program Team

- The Local Program Team will be responsible for managing the day-to-day administrative tasks, scheduling and communication.
- Local Program Coordinator: Julie Stoker
- Program Financial Coordinator: Michelle Crocker
- Head Coaches – Chris Tucker & Pat Willig
- Administrative tasks
 - Providing documentation and records to SOKS
 - Maintaining local program records, insurance and other documents
 - Managing athlete physical forms
- Scheduling tasks
 - Arrange for practice facilities and schedule all practice sessions
 - Coordinate with SOKS and South Central Region on all local, regional and

state tournament participation

- Communication
 - Communicate regularly with all athletes and families regarding all aspects of the program via email and Facebook (and by phone if necessary)
 - Maintain the Haysville Hornets Facebook Page and Facebook Group

Coach(es)

- Adult unpaid volunteer (male or female)
- Must complete a Class A Volunteer form, Protective Behavior online training and Concussion online training as required by SOKS
- Must have basic knowledge of the specified sport
- Attends all practices as scheduled
- Manage equipment and supplies for the sport
- Coach is required to be “on the bench” during all competitions
- Coaches may coach multiple sports and multiple seasons
- Team must have at least one certified coach per sport as required by SOKS
 - Must attend a Special Olympics General Orientation and a sport specific training clinic conducted by a qualified Special Olympics clinician OR complete the courses online.
 - Maintain certification by renewing sports certification every 4 years.

Coach Assistants

- Adult or High School age unpaid volunteer (male or female)
- Must complete a Class A Volunteer form, Protective Behavior online training and Concussion online training as required by SOKS
- Assist athletes and coaches during practices and games as directed

Parent / Family Involvement

- A parent, family member or guardian for each athlete will be involved with the team in some capacity during each sport season the athlete participates.
- Must complete a Class A Volunteer form
- Must comply with the Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Code of Conduct
- Volunteer assignments will be based on skills, interest and program needs.
 - Transportation ○ Uniforms ○ Other assignments
 - Fundraising ○ Water / Refreshment as needed
 - Equipment for athletes

Team Practice(s)

- Parents, guardians and family members are welcome to observe team practices, but will refrain from interfering with or interrupting coaches, volunteers or athletes during practice. Team discussions will occur following practice at which time family members are expected participate and ask questions.