

2017 SOKY Coach of the Year Nomination Form

Special Olympics
Kentucky



To: Special Olympics Kentucky Local Programs/Coaches
From: Hunter Brislin – Program Director Team Sports and Coach Education
Date: November 2017
Re: 2017 Special Olympics Kentucky Coach-of-the-Year Award Nomination

We are seeking your input in selecting the **2017 Special Olympics Kentucky Coach of the Year**. This award hasn't been given since 2015, but is something we want to bring back to honor an outstanding Special Olympics coach who has made a significant impact and demonstrated exceptional commitment to both the Special Olympics Program, his/her athletes and the community. He or she also has high expectations for his/her athletes and himself/herself to reach their maximum potential. Please note that this award is for the coach of the year, not the volunteer of the year!

The award winner will be named at the 2018 Leadership Conference where the Special Olympics Coach will receive a plaque/recognition in honor of him/herself whom were voted by their peers. Please, take advantage of this excellent opportunity, recognizing an exceptional coach from your Program. In order to bring this award back and keep it around, we need your input!

Please take time and nominate one qualified candidate. Only **one nominee** may be submitted per person. The criteria for the nominee are as follows:

1. Be an active, certified Special Olympics coach with at least 3 years of coaching experience.
2. Trains athletes at least twice a week during the sport season.
3. Provides at least 5 competitions for his/her athletes.
4. Provides other opportunities for athlete(s) with the purpose of improving their health, fitness, well-being and integration with the community.
5. Exhibits sportsmanship qualities.
6. Has made a **significant impact** to his or her athletes, the Program and the Movement.

Once determining your Program's candidate, please provide the following materials **electronically with the completed document in one pdf and in the following order:**

- Completed Nomination Form**
- Limit of three (3) letters of support** from individuals who work with the nominee, such as a local Special Olympics committee member or other coaches. At least one of the letters should come from a Special Olympics athlete that is currently being coached by the nominee. No more than three letters will be read.
- No more than three (3) newspaper or magazine articles** about the nominee

Also include a **recent photograph (head shot)** in JPEG format of the nominated coach used for PR purposes.

Email nomination form and ALL support materials, no later than **Friday, December 1st** to: hbrislin@soky.org
Email Subject: 2017 SOKY Coach-of-the-Year Award for Special Olympics (insert Program name)

For more information, please contact Hunter Brislin by email at hbrislin@soky.org or phone at 502-695-8222

2017 Special Olympics Kentucky Coach-of-the-Year Nomination Form

Information about Nominee

Underline/Circle gender: Male Female

Name:

Mailing address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Day telephone:

Evening telephone:

Email Address:

Special Olympics and Sports Information

1. Underline/Circle his/her status as a current certified Special Olympics coach: Yes No
2. Identify level of certification or experience in mainstream sport (for example, in soccer the coach has a "C" coaching license or has played a sport competitively in school):
3. List total years coaching in Special Olympics:
4. Provide number of years of involvement with Special Olympics:
5. Identify sport(s) coached within Special Olympics:
6. List honors/activities received in the mainstream and in Special Olympics:

Qualities, Impact, Opportunities and Honors

7. Identify and describe his/her leadership qualities:
8. Identify the impact the coach has had on his/her athletes, the Program & the Movement:
9. Explain what the coach has done to assist athletes reaching their capabilities concerning —
 - Training opportunities:
 - Additional competition opportunities provided to the athletes:
 - Other opportunities provided to the athletes that have improved their health, fitness, well-being and integration with the community:
10. Please share with us why you feel this person is deserving of being the 2017 SOKY Coach of the Year.

THIS PART BELOW IS TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON NOMINATING THE COACH:

Nominator Name:

Day telephone:

Email address:

Position in Program:

Cell phone: