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Agency Directory and Accreditation Status



The 2010 Agency Directory is enclosed and includes SOWI staff changes, new board and Athlete Input Council members, and, as always, references in the back by agency type, size and sports offered. All Agencies who submitted their registration and accreditation materials are included. Congratulations on being accredited for the new program year. If you would like to receive a certificate noting your accreditation and/or a press release sent to your local newspaper, please contact Rachel Grant at rgrant@specialolympicswisconsin.org or (800) 552-1324 ext. 201.

The Agency surveys you completed are currently being reviewed and you may receive an email from your Agency Management Committee member regarding Agency best practices and the Project UNIFY goals. SOWI is adding a number of Young Athlete Program (YAP) sites throughout the state in 2010 and will continue to run many of the sites that operated in 2009. If you are interested in learning more about YAP, where these sites are or bringing the program to your community, please contact Jenn O'Brien at jobrien@specialolympicswisconsin.org or (800) 552-1324 ext. 208.

FAQ: Athlete Medicals

1. Is it ok to mail in a medical even if it is a fax or a faxed copy?

Yes, even if the medical has been faxed to/from a doctor's office, it can still be processed as long as it is mailed to the Program office. Don't worry that there isn't a pink copy attached – a copy of the medical form will be made as the "pink" copy.

2. I sent in a medical that hasn't been processed yet and I haven't received word that there is something wrong with it – why am I not seeing it online?

If a medical for a new athlete, or a medical for an athlete whose previous medical will expire before the next State Tournament, is sent in postmarked after the medical deadline date, it is usually 3-4 weeks before it is processed. If you do not receive it back indicating a problem then most likely it is waiting to be processed, but ALWAYS feel free to call the Program Office and double check to see if it was received.

3. I see athletes on my roster that need to be taken off – why can't I do that online?

Only the Athlete Records Manager at the Program Office is able to make changes to an athlete's record or an agency's roster. Please email or call Samantha at the Program Office to request changes that need to be made.

4. I received the pink copy of the athlete's medical form – why did I not receive the pink copy of the Release Form?

Pink copies of the Release Form are always mailed with the Agency Times and also in July.





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1. Please pay special attention to the volunteer rosters enclosed with this mailing! Effective January 1, 2010, any Class A volunteers who are due for their three-year rescreening (background check) must complete the online Protective Behaviors (PB) training again.
2. SOWI staff recently returned from the international LETR conference in Connecticut with the 1st place award for largest increase in money from the previous year. SOWI's LETR raised more than 1.85 million in 2009 (most ever) which is more than a 19% increase over last year and was also named the 5th Largest Grossing LETR Program in the world (up from 6th in 2008!). Worldwide the LETR raised more than \$34 million with Wisconsin raising more than 5% of the worldwide total. Don't forget to thank your local law enforcement officers for their year-round support of SOWI!
3. SOWI is also celebrating the success of Kwik Trip icon sales within the three-state region (Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin). Kwik Trip raised more than \$146,000 for SOWI of the total \$223,803 raised. Thanks to all of you who bought icons and stopped in their local Kwik Trip stores to thank them for their support!
4. SOWI raised \$98,000 this year in the World's Largest Truck Convoy. The next closest state was Illinois at \$62,000. This event started in 2005 raising \$38,000.
5. To date in 2009, SOWI has offered 65 Certified Training Schools free of charge and has registered 1,019 certified coaches.
6. The Physical Therapy (PT) 600 class from UW-Madison chose SOWI for a second year in a row for their service learning component. This year, they will create a coaches re-certification course of general sports training to teach stretching, strengthening nutrition, conditioning, and more.
7. Thanks to all Agency managers who completed the SOWI Annual Awards Nomination Form. Another form is enclosed for your use. Just a reminder that the volunteer of the year can be someone who is a great fund raiser as well.
8. Clarification: Financial reports must be received and approved in order for Agencies to attend State games. Since the reports are processed in the order they are received, it is important to send them by the deadline for that quarter. If you send them at the deadline for the next quarter, they will be mixed in and may not get processed in time for your Agency to advance to State competition.
9. The statewide council of the Knights of Columbus has committed \$100,000 to help offset national games costs. Just to clarify, this is not money that would have gone to an Agency - it is a separate fund raising effort for the councils and doesn't affect Knights of Columbus local fund raising efforts.
10. Next year's R-Word date has been confirmed as March 3, 2010 and sixty ALPs Global Messenger and Governance workshop attendees learned more about how to spread the word to end the word. Please review the new, enclosed R-word brochure to see how you can help and make sure to report any success stories to SOWI AmeriCorps member, Rebecca Masephol at rmasephol@specialolympicswisconsin.org.



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