

Special Olympics College  
BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1.-NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Special Olympics College of Clarion University.

ARTICLE 2.-PURPOSE.

The purpose of this organization is to gain volunteers for the Special Olympics of Clarion County. Clarion County is in need of volunteers to support their program and the University can provide that and more. As a volunteer, there are so many benefits. Volunteers can be coaches or assistant coaches. As a volunteer, we can promote the athletes at their events. Volunteers are also in charge of creating social events for the athletes to participate in. Volunteers become these athletes' best friends and role models. People will want to join because of this aspect of the Special Olympics.

The primary focus of this club is to assist the Clarion County Special Olympics in gaining more volunteers to build a stronger program in Clarion County.

In addition, Clarion University will become a partner with the Special Olympics, which is a world-wide opportunity.

ARTICLE 3- MEMBERSHIP.

**SECTION 1:** To become a member in the club, one becomes a volunteer. Grade point average, class standing, or major recommendations, is not a requirement to join this club. To become a member, one can simply ask the on-Campus Advisor, the Clarion Student Liaison for Clarion County Special Olympics, or the Special Olympics' Western Field Director.

**SECTION 2:** There is no membership fee for this organization.

**SECTION 3:** Members may be dismissed if their clearances do not read clean. Members may also be dismissed if there is any harm, abuse, or wrongdoing done to an athlete or other volunteer.

**SECTION 4:** It is a requirement of the Special Olympics that one who is a volunteer must receive their clearances. Although, this is a simple process due to Special Olympics waving the fee and providing you step-by-step instructions.

#### ARTICLE 4.- DUTIES AND ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS.

**SECTION 1:** The officers of this organization will be chosen yearly at the first meeting in the Fall Semester.

**SECTION 2:** The Clarion Student Liaison/president, vice president, and secretary will be decided at the first meeting. This will be done first with nominations, and then a quick vote.

**SECTION 3:** Majority vote will be used during each election to ensure that it is fair. If there is a tie,

#### ARTICLE 5.- ROLE OF CAMPUS ADVISOR.

**SECTION 1:** The advisor will be asked to volunteer with the Special Olympics Club. Their job is to assist the students in the club and provide guidance to them.

**SECTION 2:** The role of the advisor is to assist with the items that deal specifically to the Clarion University Special Olympics Club. The advisor can wish to participate with Clarion County Special Olympics, but it free willing and not a requirement. The advisor does not get a vote when presented with an option to vote upon at meetings.

#### ARTICLE 6.- MEETINGS.

**SECTION 1:** Five meetings will occur during each semester. These meetings will be held with the Special Olympics Western Field Director and with the Clarion County Management Team Meeting.

**SECTION 2:** The minimum number of members to be present at the meeting for a vote to take place is over ½. This can include the Clarion Club as well as the Management team, which are members for the Clarion County Special Olympics not associated with the University.

**SECTION 3:** Majority vote will be used during each election to ensure that it is fair. If there is a tie, the Western Field Director will have the final say after each nominee states their ideas/goals.

**SECTION 4:** For the Clarion County Special Olympics, there is a meeting once a month on Campus in Gemmell Student Complex. It typically lies on the third Wednesday of the month, but there is notice set out ahead-of-time via email. There will be a meeting agenda that will be sent out via email the Monday before the meeting. This will have a welcome portion, reports from the treasurer, competition coordinator, and training coordinator. There will be announcements about upcoming events, practices, and important dates. Finally, there will be a final word from the manager that will state action items for the next meeting.

**SECTION 5:** If a special meeting is to be called, this will be decided and voted on by the officers. There will be at least one week of notice before the meeting is held. Members will find out about these meetings via email.

#### ARTICLE 7.- FINANCES AND FUNDING.

**SECTION 1:** There will not be any dues of any kind.

**SECTION 2:** Funds will be requested from Student Senate to allow for printing options, space requests, and supplies for events.

**SECTION 3:** The club will have some fundraising activities if the need is there. Most fundraising that does occur, would benefit Clarion County Special Olympics over the Clarion University Club.

#### ARTICLE 8.- AMENDING, SUSPENDING, AND ACCEPTING.

At any time, these bylaws can be changed, deleted, or added to as long as they are approved by all acting officers. When a condition arises that needs to be placed in the bylaws, all acting officers will vote on if it is prominent enough to be placed in the bylaws. The Nation level of Special Olympics and the Pennsylvania Special Olympics also has the right to request a change, delete, or addition to the bylaws.

All changes to the bylaws must be approved by the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.

#### ARTICLE 9.- RATIFICATION.

These bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of Special Olympics College and following the approval of the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the Vice President for Student and University affairs, and the President of Clarion University.

Student Organization must function in compliance with their approved bylaws. Any adopted changes to the bylaws by a student organization must have the written approval of the Student Senate, the Vice President of Student Affairs, and the President of Clarion University before they are implemented.