



Athlete Input Council 2017 Fall News Letter

2017 Athlete Input Council Members

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David Hansen Named Chair Person

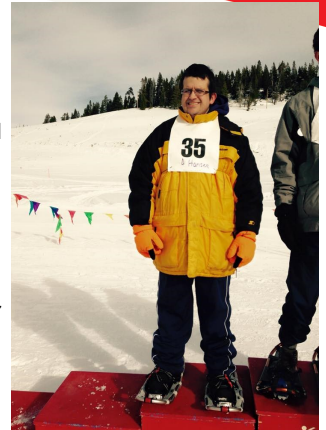
Special Olympics Wyoming is proud to announce that David Hansen of Riverton has been named the new chair person for the Athlete Input Council (AIC).

David takes over for Jeannie Ellinger whose two year term ended in June. We thank Jeannie for the outstanding job she did as chair person.

Special Olympics Wyoming is very excited to have David in this position and look forward to working with him!

David began his tenure at the AIC meeting held during the 2017 Fall Tournament.

Nine Fall Athlete Input Council members gathered during the banquet to discuss current issues, review changes based on prior suggestions and make suggestions moving forward.



David Hansen

AIC Suggestions Moving Forward & Current Issues

- ◆ The AIC has concerns regarding smoking at events both on and off the competition site. They would like to send the message that athletes cannot smoke and perform well.
- ◆ The council brought up the idea of recognizing a Coach of the Year at Summer Games much like Most Inspirational Athlete.
- ◆ There is concern over bullying and it was brought up that sportsmanship be addressed before the issue becomes larger.
- ◆ Those present felt that the new venue for the banquet at Fall Tournament was good as there are no stairs and everyone is closer together.

To read the all the meeting notes, please click [here](#)



2017 Leadership Conference

Special Olympics Wyoming regretfully has had to postpone the 2017 Leadership Conference until a later date to be determined in 2018. We thank all of those who signed up. Keep your eyes on the 2018 calendar of events for the dates of the next conference.

2018 Area Winter Games

The following Area Winter Games dates have been set;

-Area I: January 26th, Meadowlark Ski Area

-Area III: January 26th, Tie City Trail Head

-Area V will be announced soon!

-Area II: January 19th, White Pines Ski Resort

-Area IV: January 26th, Terry Peak Ski Resort



2018 USA Game Team Wyoming Roster

Special Olympics Wyoming is proud to announce the roster that will represent Wyoming at the 2018 USA Games in Seattle next July!

Good luck to all the athletes and coaches that were selected to go!



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<u>Sport</u>	<u>Athletes</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
Aquatics	Kayla Strohecker - Riverton Kyle Biggs - Crook County	Sarah Call - Cody
Athletics	Danielle Mathis - LSR Masters Tyler George - Douglas Masters	Jessica Purdham - Cody
Bowling	Byrlie Thomas - Evanston Tahia Grosch - Sheridan	Bob Brazell - Washakie County
Power Lifting	Chad Harvard - Casper Kelby Woolf - Laramie	Bart Stricklin - Casper
Unified ® Sports Golf Team	Kris Lovett - Casper Connor Diller - Casper	Will Barnes—Cheyenne
High School Unified® Sports Basketball Team	Mckyle Andrew - Lander Valley William Dennis - Jackson Brendan Burke - Jackson Ripley Shultz - Jackson Meille Merritt - Star Valley Breanne Gardner - Star Valley Marlen Sosa - Sublette County Teegan Johnson - Sublette County Tanner Spatig - Evanston Kaden Fry - Evanston	Dave Deru - Evanston Stacy Robinson - Star Valley Gayle Hamner - Sublette County



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