




The Volunteer Pathway

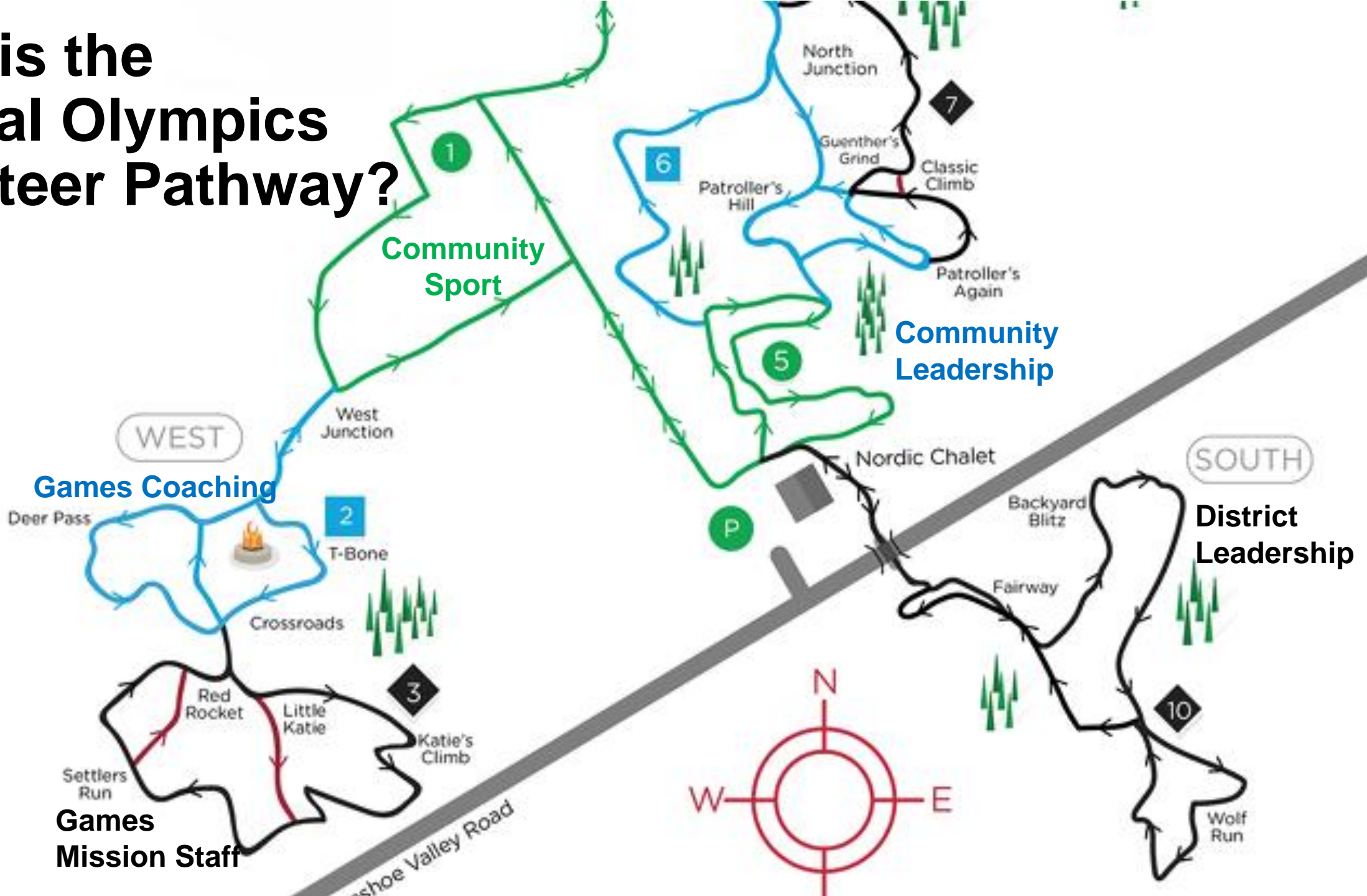


Topics

- The Special Olympics Pathway
 - Community & District Volunteers
 - Games
 - How do we get there?
 - Recognition
 - What is YOUR Pathway?
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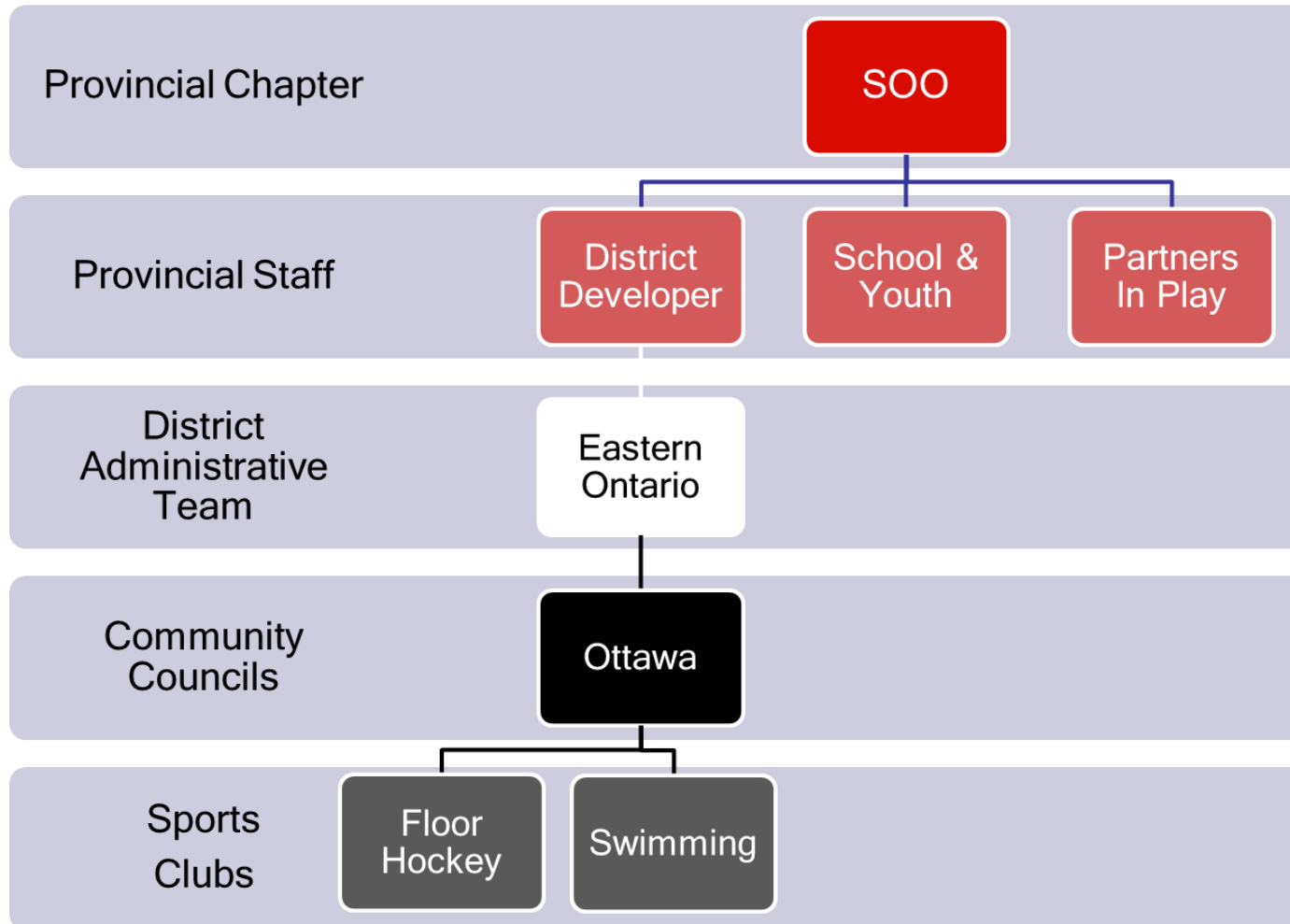
What is the Special Olympics Volunteer Pathway?



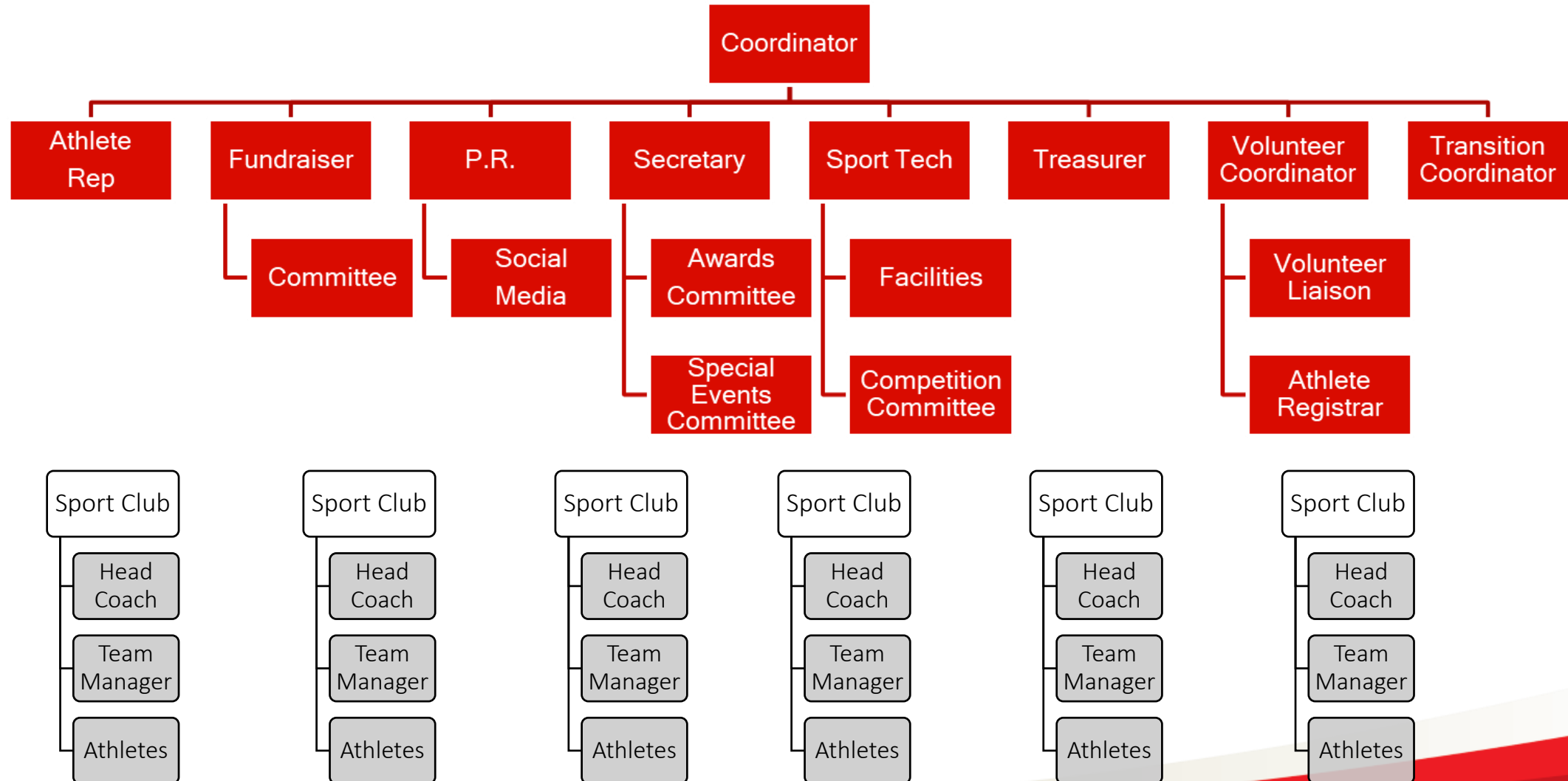
Community & District Volunteers

- Sport
 - Coaching
 - Conference/Provincial Convenor
- Admin
 - Community Council
 - District Admin Team

Special Olympics Ontario



SOO Community Councils



GAMES

- Coaching
- Mission Staff
- Sport Technical Lead



Provincial Games

NORTH EAST DISTRICT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ONTARIO



SOO

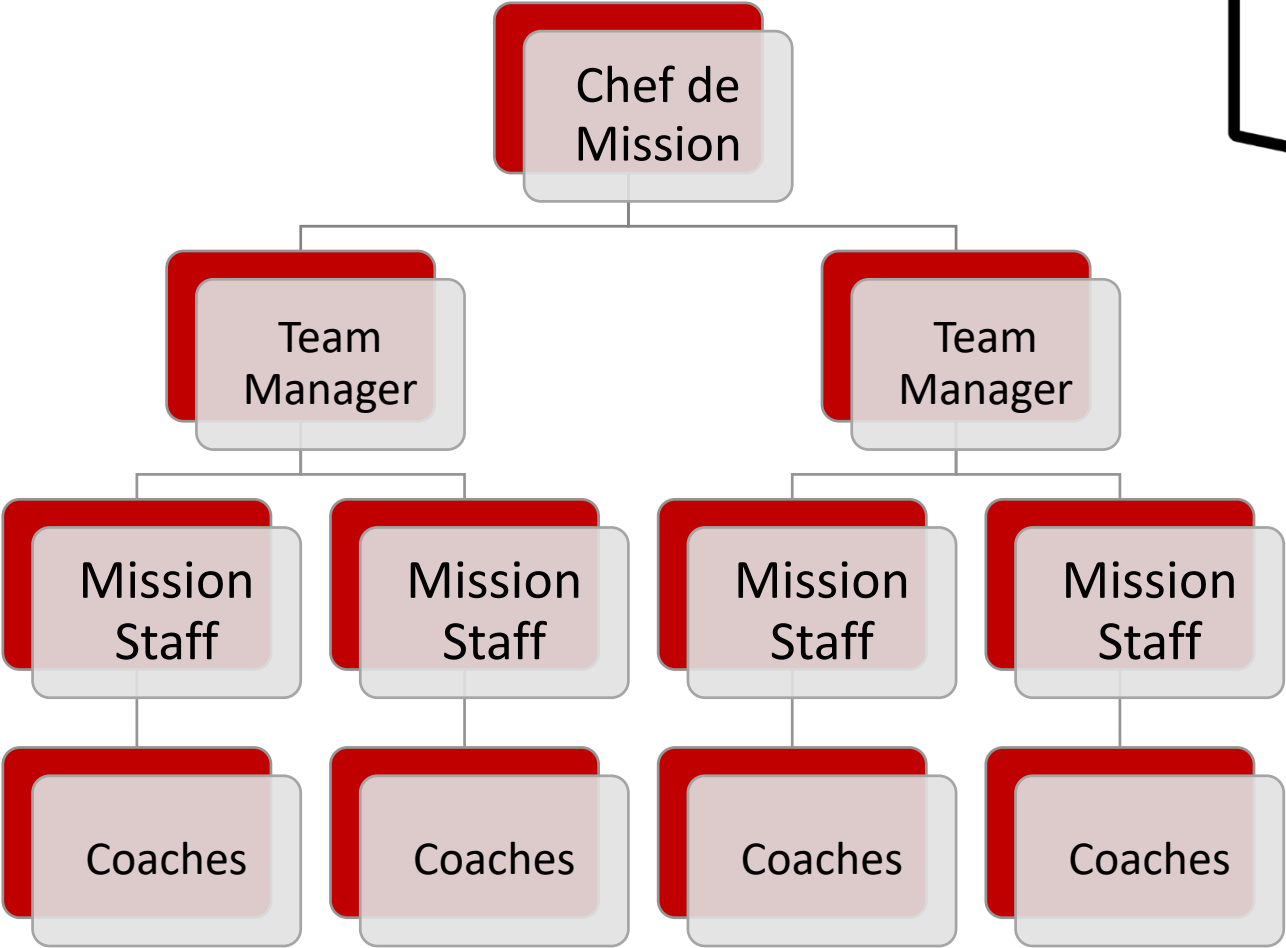
DTM

Head
Coach

Coach



National Games: Team Ontario



SOC National Team Program

- Team Canada:
 - Head Coach
 - Associate Coach
 - Mission Staff



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
**WORLD
WINTER
GAMES**
TURIN 2025



How do we get there?

- SOO Resources
- NCCP / Other Training
- Experience / Eligibility



SOO Resource Library

Resources

Welcome to the Special Olympics Ontario Resources, here to provide you with files, tips, advice, links, guidance and more.



Athletes



Volunteers



Sports / Programs



Competitions



Communities And Clubs



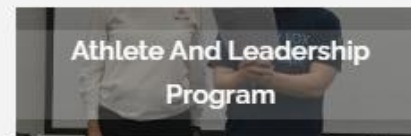
Health And Safety (Risk Management)



Policies



Partnership



Athlete And Leadership Program



Health



Law Enforcement Torch Run



Schools



Land Acknowledgement

NCCP Training

All NCCP courses are overseen by the Coaches Association of Canada.

Transcripts can be viewed at <https://thelocker.coach.ca>

NCCP National Coaching Certification Program

All Volunteers

Within their first year of volunteering with Special Olympics all volunteers should have completed the following courses:



Special Olympics Competition Coach Course
(1 day, in person course)

www1.specialolympicsontario.com/events/calendar



Making Headway in Sports Concussion Awareness
(Free, online module)

<https://coach.ca/sport-safety/concussion-awareness>



Safe Sport Training
(90 minute online module)

<https://safesport.coach.ca/>



Provincial Games

Coaches applying to attend the Provincial Games are required to have completed the following courses:



Make Ethical Decisions

*once course has been taken, the online evaluation must also be completed
(In-person, online and Home Study options available)

www.coachesontario.ca/nccp-training/competition-introduction/make-ethical-decisions/

Additional Training

For coaches looking to further their knowledge and education or coach at **National Games** there are many courses they can take



The CAO has a number of Multi-Sport courses available in a variety of topics

(In-person, online and Home Study options available)

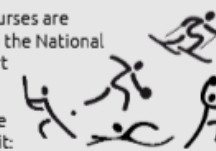
<https://www.coachesontario.ca/calendar/>

There are Sport Specific Course Requirements to coach at National Games.

Sport Specific Courses are available through the National or Provincial Sport Organizations.

For a list of course requirements, visit:

<https://www1.specialolympicsontario.com/resources/coach-certification-requirements-for-national-games/>




SO Professional Development

Special Olympics has put together a number of volunteer-led professional development courses that can be found on our online learning platform. These cover a wide variety of topics including: AODA, position specific training, Divisioning, Advancement, Welcoming New Volunteers, etc. Athlete leadership courses can also be found on the portal.

(All courses are online)

www.solearn.ca

NCCP Training



coach.ca
Coaching Association of Canada
Association canadienne des entraîneurs

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Welcome, Hellaina!

You last logged in earlier today.

Activity

Certifications

CURRENT

Athletics

DUE

Cross Country Skiing

Professional development

111 all-time points

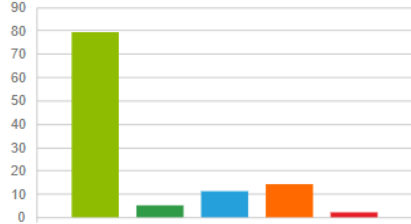
NCCP

Non-NCCP

Non-NCCP (MS)

Active

Self-directed



For more information relating to professional development, [click here](#).

Attention

Please confirm the following:

First name

Hellaina

Last name

Rothenburg

Birthday

1/4/1970

Gender

Identity

Email

vanroth@csolve.net

Language

English

Phone

(705) 715-3006

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Attending

Events you are registered to attend will show here.

[Browse the events calendar](#)

Involvement

In which sports are you currently involved?

☐ Rugby

☒ Special Olympics

☒ Cross Country Skiing

☒ Athletics

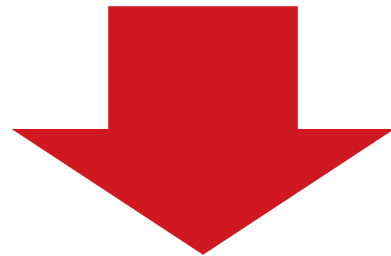
Add a sport

Experience & Eligibility

Coaches and Mission Staff for SOO Provincial Games are expected to have attended the Provincial Qualifier in that sport to be eligible to coach or lead at Provincials



Coaches and Mission staff with Team Ontario heading to National Games are selected from among the volunteers who participated in the Provincial Games



SOC's National Team Program accepts applications for World Games from volunteers who attended Provincial or Territorial Games



Recognition

Recognition

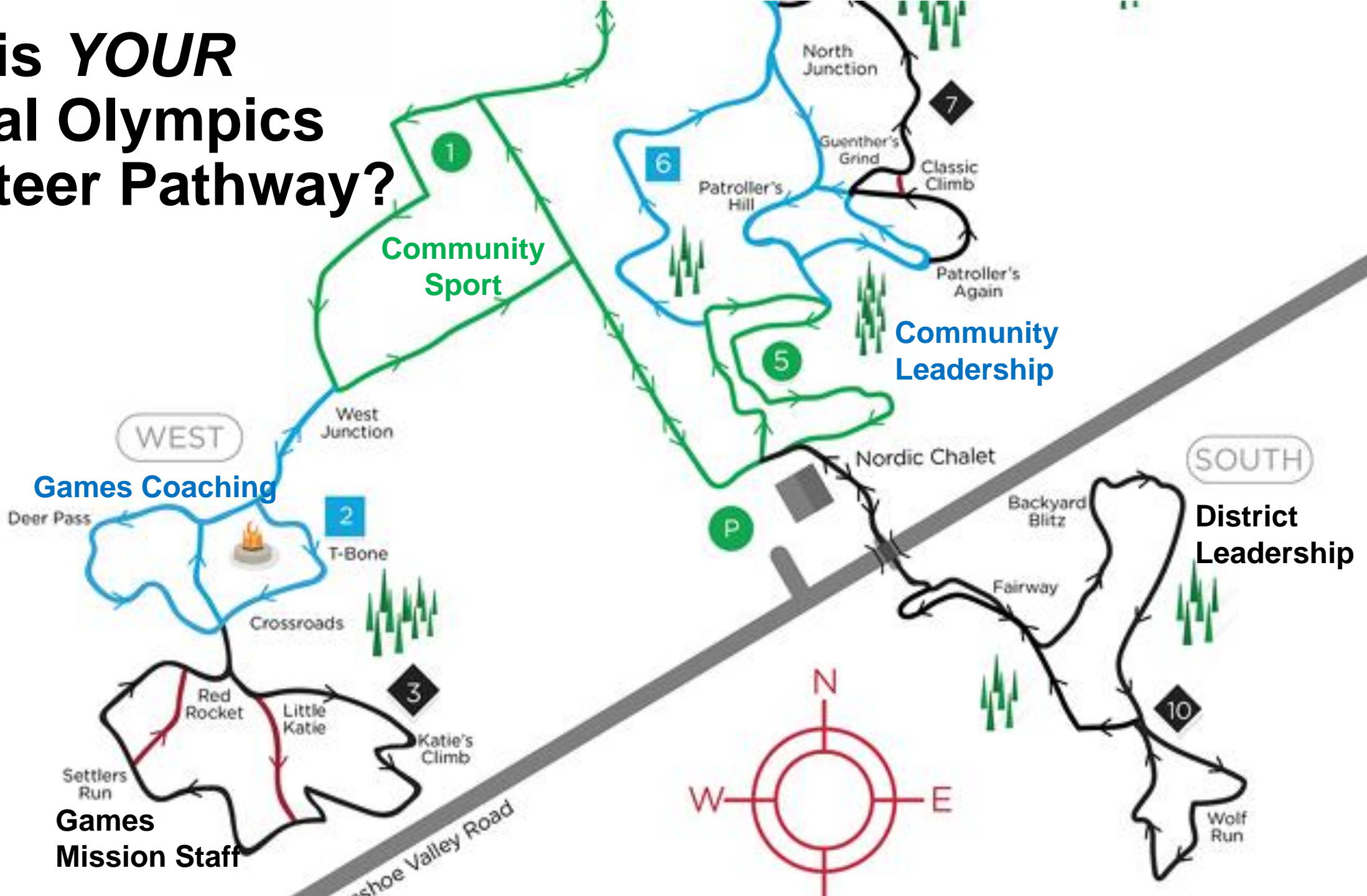
Years of Service:

- 5, 10, 15 year pins
- 20-year award presented in the community
- 25, 30, 35, 40 and beyond awards presented at the SOO Annual General Meeting

Provincial Awards:

- Coach of the Year
- Rising Star Coach of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- President's Award

What is *YOUR* Special Olympics Volunteer Pathway?



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a light grey hoodie, is smiling at the camera. She is in a large indoor space, likely a gymnasium, with a polished wooden floor and white walls. In the background, several other people are visible, some wearing dark blue athletic shirts with green accents. A black sign with a white wheelchair symbol is mounted on the wall to the right.

Kate Dobrucki

Special Olympics Ontario Volunteer since 2010



Do you have any questions or comments?

Contact your Program Consultant!

THANKS!

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