

Introduction to Leadership: Practicum Application (pg 1)

Section A: General Information

Athlete Name: _____ Program: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____
Mentor Name: _____ Program: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Section B: ALU Practicum Information

Date of Class: _____ Instructor(s): _____ Due Date: _____

Practicum Goals Completed:

- Class A volunteer Completion Date: _____
 - Watch the video, "A Quick Guide to Special Olympics Divisioning" at:
<https://www.specialolympics.org/stories/volunteers/game-on-a-quick-guide-to-special-olympics-divisioning>
 - Submit your Mission Statement on the SOIN website: <https://soindiana.org/athlete-leadership-programs/athlete-leadership-personal-mission-statement/>
 - Describe your volunteer activities and how long you volunteered for each to reach 10 hours of volunteer time.
- | Date | # of hours | Description |
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Describe what you learned about leadership during this practicum:

Steps to become a Class A volunteer

All steps need to be accomplished online. Work through the steps with your mentor. On your computer, tablet or smartphone, point your web browser to:
<http://soindiana.org/volunteer/>

Scroll down to find the description of the Class A volunteer. Click on "Click here to Become a Class A Volunteer" for more details on the process.

That will describe the five steps that must be completed as part of your practicum for the Introduction to Athlete Leadership class. You must complete all five steps before you take another class at ALU. Also, you must volunteer 10 hours at a Special Olympics practice, function or event. These 10 hours can be before, during or after you do the five steps below.

These five steps are:

- Step 1: Application
- Step 2: Background screening
- Step 3: Coach/Volunteer Orientation (CVO)
- Step 4: Protective behaviors training
- Step 5: Concussion awareness training

With your mentor, click on the "Click here" link to begin. It will take you and your mentor between an hour and a few hours to complete all five steps. You don't need to complete all steps in a single day. You may leave the process at any time and return to where you left off. You should realize that Step 1 is the application to be a volunteer. You **MUST** have a valid email address that belongs to you. You cannot share it with a family member. A convenient benefit to this requirement is that it makes communicating with all our athlete leaders easier. Notice that Step 2 involves a background screening. According to Special Olympics policy, we don't background screen athletes but only volunteers. When an athlete becomes an athlete leader, he or she is becoming a volunteer. If an athlete leader wants to take additional classes at ALU, he or she must be checked. If you have something in your past that might prevent you from becoming a Class A volunteer who has close and continuing contact with athletes, you may not want to seek becoming a volunteer.