

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC POLICY MANUAL

Section: **Administration**
Policy: **Special Olympics BC's Governance Authority and Responsibility**
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Special Olympics BC is governed by its Board of Directors (SOBC's Board), and as such, SOBC's Board is ultimately responsible for the governance of the organization. The Board of Directors may delegate authority to manage the day-to-day affairs of SOBC to a President and Chief Executive Officer (or other official designate).

Special Olympics BC has the right and the responsibility to ensure that all sports training, competition, and activities offered to persons with intellectual disabilities under the name or auspices of Special Olympics BC are organized, financed, and conducted in accordance with uniform standards, and in a manner that preserves the quality and reputation of Special Olympics and best serves the interests of persons with intellectual disabilities in BC. To that end, Special Olympics BC has the authority to interpret, issue, and periodically amend or update policies, guidelines, philosophies and practices, and other standards on matters covering the entire scope of the Special Olympics organization and operation in B.C. including, to the extent necessary in Special Olympics BC's judgment, matters pertaining to the proper management of programs and operation of Accredited Locals. Final authority on all matters affecting the organization, accreditation, financing, and conduct of Accredited Locals, and other Special Olympics programs, rest with Special Olympics BC as the registered society and governing body for Special Olympics in BC. No policy or action approved by a volunteer, committee, or Accredited Local of SOBC may supersede or take precedence over a guideline, policy, philosophy, or practice of Special Olympics BC.