#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS NL



# THE ATHLETES POST

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#### **Our Mission:**

This newsletter was created for athletes so they can give their opinions on different topics. As Newfoundland's Athlete Leader Representative on the Canadian Input Council I am having a hard time communicating with all the athletes in their club regions. I hope this newsletter will keep us informed and you, the athlete, can discuss topics through a new Facebook group – Special Olympics Athlete Post. If you would like to contribute to the Athletes Post, please do so by joining the Facebook group. Go to https:// www.facebook.com/r.php Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender. Click Create an Account. You will need to confirm your information. Then search for Special Olympics Athlete Post.

#### What's Happening:

In February/March 2019, Special Olympics are having their Winter Games in Grand Falls, NL. An athlete can only compete in one sport. Bowling athletes will need to qualify through a playdown competition. Which sport will you enter?

#### **Athlete Leadership:**

Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador has scheduled an Athlete Leadership Summit for April 12-16, 2019 at Max Simms Camp in Grand Falls. One athlete and one mentor will be chosen to represent each club. Training will be provided to attendees in Governance and Public Speaking. If you're interested in representing your club, tell your Club's Executive.

#### What's Your Opinion?

How do you feel about wearing corporate sponsor logos on your competition sportswear during games?

#### Points to consider...

- Special Olympics has many different corporate sponsors throughout the Province. How would these sponsors react to athletes wearing another sponsors logo at games?
- Do you think that logos take the importance of the athlete away?
- Is there a place for logos other than on competition sportswear (e.g. luggage, water bottles, etc...)?

#### Thought for the day...

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS IS
GOOD LEADERSHIP,
AND GOOD LEADERSHIP IS ALL
ABOUT MAKING THE LIVES OF
YOUR TEAM MEMBERS OR
WORKERS BETTER.

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## **2018 SONL Provincial Athlete Awards**

**FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR:** Samantha Walsh (Bay St. George)





MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: **Daniel Moores (Corner Brook Vikings)** 



**GINA BLUNDON AWARD: Daniel Horne (Mt. Pearl)** 

#### **TEAM OF THE YEAR: Exploits Hurricanes Curling Team (Exploits Hurricanes**)



# Peter Hynes, Placentia Lions Club

### Off to Worlds!!!