

**Special Olympics New York
Law Enforcement Torch Run By-Laws
2018**

Purpose of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run is to support the mission of Special Olympics New York via a partnership of communities and law enforcement agencies with the goal of raising funds and public awareness for Special Olympics New York Athletes.

General

- All details related to Meetings and Votes not stipulated in these By-Laws should be held by Roberts Rules

Structure of LETR

- LETR State Committee
 - The LETR State Committee has a Director and an Executive Committee made up of: two Assistant Directors (East and West) and a Regional Director in each of the 9 SONY Regions (West, Genesee, Central, Capital, Southern Tier, North Country, Hudson Valley, NYC and Long Island)
 - Eligibility for State Committee Membership - All Law Enforcement Personnel (Police and Peace Officers)
 - State Committee members must be active members of the LETR program in order to remain voting members of the State Committee. If inactive for a term of one year the member will be removed from the State Committee correspondence.
 - New State Committee Members - A potential State Committee member will be invited to a State Committee Meeting for an introduction. At the end of each State Committee Meeting a vote will take place to select the new member onto the State Committee. The new committee member will not have voting rights until the next meeting.
 - Removal of LETR Committee Member (State or Executive Committee)
 - Executive Committee can remove members by such cause with a majority vote from all Executive Committee Members currently in office.

- LETR Sub-Committees - Selected from the ranks of the State Committee. Sub-Committees will be empowered to make decisions based on what the committee is selected for by the Torch Run Director.

- Torch Run Director Selection
 - Torch Run Director will be elected by State Committee, voting takes place every two years preceded by a nomination process. Executive Committee is selected by the Torch Run Director.

Voting

- For items voted on at LETR State Committee Meetings
 - All votes will be decided by simple majority of all those eligible and present to vote
- Voting (Other - email, fax, etc)
 - All votes will be decided by simple majority of all eligible State Committee members who respond within deadline.
- All votes will be verified by SONY staff and one representative designated by the Torch Run Director (SONY Staff representative will be selected by SONY CEO)
- All voting results will be made available by request.

- Final Leg Selection
 - A nomination for the Final Leg can come from any member of the LETR State Committee.
 - Selection will be made by a committee comprised of active past Final Leg participants and SONY Representative.
 - Decision will be made by simple majority vote from all nominated candidates.

- LETR International Conference Selection
 - The Chair of the anchor events located in each region will be invited to attend.
 - In an effort to reward long-standing LETR volunteers and entice rookie participation discretionary spots will be selected by the Torch Run Director and SONY representative. The number of spots available will be determined by SONY Budget.
 - Most recent past Final Leg participant will be invited to attend.
 - Torch Run Director will be invited to attend.

- Honorary Athlete
 - On January 1st of each year, the Torch Run director will select a Global Messenger from Special Olympics NY to serve as an at large member of the committee. The term will be from January 1st- December 31st.

Routine Business

- Torch Run Director and Executive Committee are empowered to make decisions on New York Law Enforcement Torch Run business not pertaining to SONY policy.