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**Special Olympics PA's Philadelphia Program to Host Its Largest Annual Volleyball Tournament**

(Philadelphia, PA, October 5, 2016) Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Philadelphia program (SOPA Philly) will be hosting their largest volleyball tournament to date. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Volleyball Tournament will take place on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Abraham Lincoln High School, located at 3201 Ryan Avenue in Philadelphia. This year's volleyball tournament will host 150 athletes from Philadelphia and surrounding counties. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:00 am, and the event is scheduled to conclude around 4:00 pm.

Teams from Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware, Lancaster, Clinton and other surrounding counties will converge on Philadelphia to bump, set and spike their way to a gold medal. After a day of competition, medals and ribbons will be awarded based upon the order of finish.

SOPA Philly is in need of volunteers to help the event run smoothly. We are looking for 125 volunteers to assist with setting up, Opening Ceremonies, score keeping, timing, officiating, line judging, and awards. In addition to these volunteer positions, the public is invited to attend to be "Fans in the Stands" to cheer on our athletes as they compete.

For more information and to volunteer for the event, please visit [www.SOPAPhilly.org](http://www.SOPAPhilly.org) or contact Kristin Craven at 610-630-9450 x 252, or kcraven (at) specialolympicspa (dot) org.

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