

2026

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

INFORMATION FOR NOMINEES

The LETR International Executive Council elections will be conducted on-line in 2026. Council will utilise a software program (ElectionBuddy) to manage the process.

The following Council positions are due for election in 2026:

- Law Enforcement at-large
- Region Coordinator – Regions I, IV, VII, IX, XI and XIII
- Special Olympics at-large
- Special Olympics Athlete Appointee

Nominations by candidates for election can be made on-line through the LETR website (AWARDS, ELECTIONS & SUBMISSIONS).

NOMINATION CRITERIA & ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each of the positions due for election in 2026 have a set of criteria that must be complied with by any person wishing to nominate.

Persons considering nominating as a candidate will need to provide a Letter of Endorsement (from either their Torch Run Director or Special Olympics program CEO), the names of two referees and up to three photographs as well as an optional Campaign Statement (for At-Large and Region Coordinator positions).

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT-LARGE

A nominee for the Law Enforcement at-large position must be a law enforcement officer (serving or retired) who has been an active participant in their home program for a minimum of 3 years prior to the year they run for election. Special Olympics program representatives are not eligible for election to a Law Enforcement at-large position on the Executive Council.

The primary roles of an elected Law Enforcement at-large member of Council include:

- Serve on committees, working groups and similar bodies as requested and directed by the Council Chair.
- Provide guidance and assistance as required to LETR Programs and Torch Run Directors, in support of Region Coordinators.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AT-LARGE

One Special Olympics at-large member each year shall be elected or re-elected to one of the three (3) Special Olympics at-large positions.

The elected member shall have full membership and voting privileges as an Executive Council member. This position is open to any interested Special Olympics program member who has been an active participant in their home program for a minimum of 3 years prior to the year they run for election.

Two of the three positions are reserved for Special Olympics program Chief Executive Officers and the third is reserved for a person employed by a Special Olympics program as a Law Enforcement Torch Run Liaison.

A nominee for the Special Olympics at-large position in 2026 must be a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a Special Olympics Program.

The primary roles of an elected Special Olympics at-large member of Council include:

- Serve on committees, working groups and similar bodies as requested and directed by the Council Chair.
- In the case of CEO at-large representatives, act as a point of contact and information sharing between the Council and Special Olympics CEO representative bodies.
- Provide Council with relevant advice on various issues arising during Council discussions based on their experience.

REGION COORDINATOR

There are fourteen (14) Region Coordinators, one elected from each Law Enforcement Torch Run region, each of whom must be a Law Enforcement member. This position is open to any interested Law Enforcement member who has been an active participant in their home program for a minimum of 3 years prior to the year they run for election. Special Olympics program representatives are not eligible for election to a Region Coordinator position on the Executive Council.

The primary roles of a Region Coordinator include:

- Serve on committees, working groups and similar bodies as requested and directed by the Council Chair.
- Represent the interests of LETR programs from within their geographical region during Council discussions.
- Provide their LETR programs with regular updates on Council activities.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE APPOINTEE

Special Olympics programs are invited to nominate an athlete to serve for a period of two years on the Council. Nominations will not be accepted from individuals (ie athletes or parents/guardian of athletes).

The Special Olympics Athlete Appointee takes part in all Council meetings and is invited to participate in committee work, including the Council Athlete Awards committee. They play a significant public role during the LETR International Conference. Their views are often sought during Council discussions, and they are seen as a sounding board for the views of athletes during Council deliberations.

VOTING PROTOCOLS

The positions open for nomination this year are a mix of elected and appointed positions. The elected positions are determined by a majority vote of eligible voters from within the LETR and Special Olympics community and the appointed positions are determined by Council.

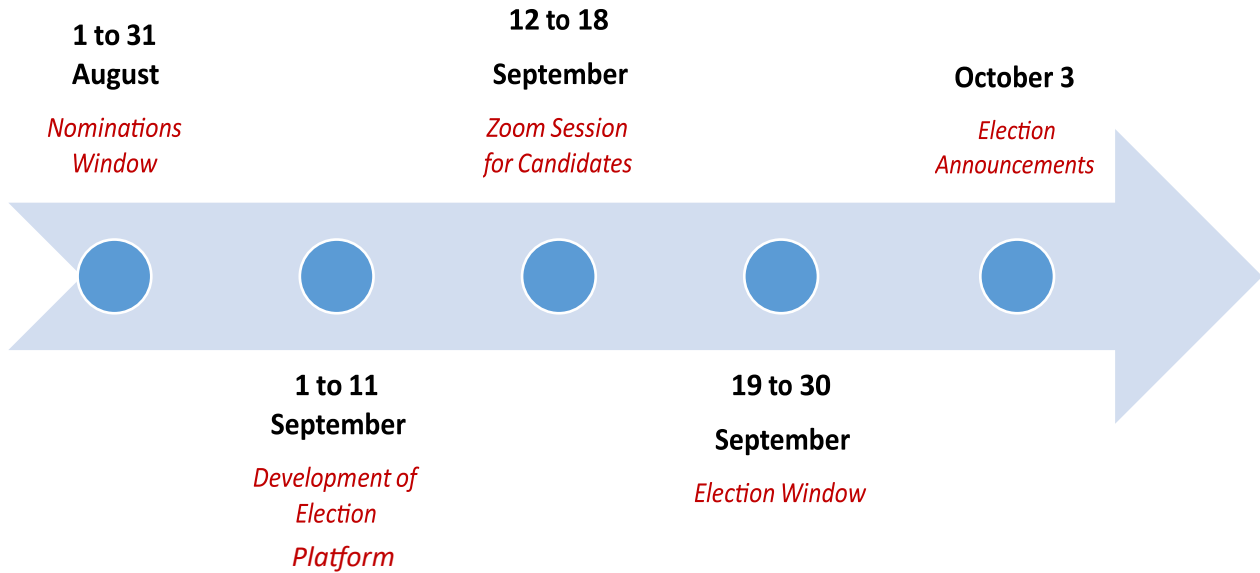
LETR program Torch Run Directors are eligible to vote for the Region Coordinator position in which they are located as well as the Law Enforcement at-large position.

Special Olympics program Chief Executive Officers are eligible to vote for the Special Olympics at-large position.

In circumstances where there are Co-Directors, only one vote will be permitted from each program.

The Special Olympics Athlete Appointee position will be determined by IE Council and not through a public election. Each IE Council member will have one vote.

2026 COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE



NOMINATIONS WINDOW

August 1-31, 2026

Candidates will be invited to submit their nomination materials through the LETR Website during this period.

DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTION PLATFORM

September 1-11, 2026

The ElectionBuddy Platform will be developed, including candidate photos and bios.

ZOOM SESSION FOR CANDIDATES

September 12-18, 2026

Candidates for the Region Coordinator and at-large positions will be provided with an opportunity to address eligible voters to seek support through a Zoom Session. Dates and times will be provided.

ELECTION WINDOW

September 19-30, 2026

The On-line Voting System will be active and eligible voters will be contacted by email and provided the opportunity to cast their votes.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 3, 2026