

Honoring ALL Athletes – SOMO Leads the Way

Purpose: Inclusion, Raise Awareness

Description: A SOMO Athlete starts the season for each sport in school by either

- a) presenting the coin for coin toss to the game officials
- b) presenting the game ball to the game officials
- c) throw out the first pitch

Steps in the Process

1. Discuss idea with administrators and special services teachers, and SOMO coaches - receive approval
2. Determine time, dates and location of the home opener for each sporting event for the season. Identify a second date in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseeable events (power outage etc.)
3. Coordinate with special services teachers and SOMO coaches to determine which athlete(s) will be honored at each event
4. Coordinate with special services teachers and SOMO coaches to ask parents for participation and approval
5. Invite SOMO athletes to participate in the event
6. Write script for announcers and submit for administrative approval – see example on next page
7. Make sure the names of the athlete and parents/guardians are on pass list at gate to be admitted to the game
8. Arrange for a photographer the event
9. Notify yearbook advisor and the school newspaper advisor