

Volunteer Position Description



TITLE

Young Athletes Head Coach

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Work with Program Coordinator and/or Special Olympics Southern California Regional Staff to:

- Oversee implementation of program
- Maintain equipment and activities
- Plan and conduct Young Athletes lessons and festivals
- Identify and recruit volunteers and Young Athletes
- Create and maintain a positive and fun environment for all Young Athletes

INITIAL IMPACT

- Help Young Athletes identify and develop their own strengths and abilities.
- Deliver a memorable experience to Young Athletes, parents, and volunteers, through their first experiences with Special Olympics Southern California.

SUSTAINED OUTCOME

- Contribute directly to the mission of SOSC by enriching the lives of athletes with intellectual disabilities and their communities through sports, education, and health.
- Be part of a global movement by creating joy and unity in the communities throughout Southern California.
- Enable SOSC to serve more athletes.

TRAINING & SUPPORT

- Young Athletes Orientation
- Young Athletes Coaches Training
- Support from Program Coordinator and/or Regional Staff

COMMITMENT

- A minimum of one day per week (approximately 2-3 hours), for 8 consecutive weeks for program implementation.
- 1-2 additional hours may be required for lesson planning.



QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum age 16 years old with a government issued ID (driver's license, military ID or passport). School ID acceptable for volunteers 14-17.
- Minors may fulfill this role **only** when supervised by an **adult** Young Athletes Coach/Head Coach. Minors will be considered for this role at the discretion of regional staff.
- Commitment to the Mission and Philosophy of Special Olympics Southern California.
- Must submit an Online volunteer application that will include an online General Orientation, Protective Behaviors, and Concussion Training. If under 18 years old 2 letters of recommendation are required, if over 18 years old a background check is required.
- Re-certification required every 3 years for General Orientation, Protective Behaviors, and Concussion Training. If over 18 years old a background re-screen is required.
- Responsible for abiding by Coaches Code of Conduct.
- Experience working in a collaborative environment.
- Experience working with young children, with and without intellectual disabilities.

BENEFITS

- Ability to implement a comprehensive and unique sports & social development program.
- Gain first-hand experience working with children ages 2-7 and volunteers.
- Meet new people and build long lasting relationships.
- Experience enthusiasm, enjoyment and personal achievement.
- Become an integral part of the Mission of SOSOC.

SKILLS

- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to show empathy and patience.
- Build relationships with the Young Athletes, families, and other volunteers.
- Inspire confidence, positive self-image, and motivate participation.
- Problem solving and critical thinking.
- Leadership
- Energetic, cheerful, and personable.