

# Volunteer Position Description



## TITLE

Team Volunteer

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist Head Coach and Coaches with sports and non-sports training activities as assigned.
- Will not serve in any coaching capacity or provide sports training instruction to athletes.
- Create and maintain a positive and fun environment for all athletes.
- Non-leadership role.

## INITIAL IMPACT

- Team Volunteers provide valuable support while assisting with sports, non-sports training activities, and athlete needs. They are role models and character builders.
- Team Volunteers encourage Special Olympics athletes to develop their own strengths and abilities and inspire them build upon those strengths and improve every day.

## SUSTAINED OUTCOME

- By becoming a Team Volunteer, you will enrich the lives of the athletes in many life-changing ways. The skills and confidence that the athletes acquire through sports have a long lasting effect.
- Team Volunteers get to know the athletes who they inspire on a personal level.

## TRAINING & SUPPORT

- Team Volunteer training will be provided by SOSC.
- All Team Volunteers will receive direction at training sessions from the Head Coach and/or Coaches.
- Continuous support from the Head Coach, Coach, and SOSC representative.

## COMMITMENT

- This position requires 2+ hours per week of an 8-10 week season.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum age 14 years old with a government issued ID (driver's license, military ID or passport). School ID acceptable for volunteers 14-17.

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- 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.

### **BENEFITS**

- Become a mentor to the athletes.
- Meet new people and build long lasting relationships.
- It is a great opportunity to experience enthusiasm, joy and personal achievement.
- To be part of the mission of SOSC.

### **SKILLS**

- Excellent communication and listening skills.
- Able to show empathy and patience.
- Good at building relationships.
- The ability to inspire confidence and motivate participation.
- Enthusiastic.
- Knowledge of the sport is helpful but not required.