



TITLE: Certified Head Coach – Level 3

GOAL/IMPACT

Special Olympics Southern California’s (SOSC) vision is to promote acceptance, inclusion, and well-being for people with intellectual disabilities through sports. Through the power of sports, our athletes discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success - on the playing field and in life. Head Coaches are responsible for all aspects of the team: conducting a comprehensive sports training program, delegating tasks to Coaches and Team Volunteers, and responsibility for athletes. Head Coaches will receive advanced training- this includes training for coaching traditional and unified sports.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Head Coaches create, organize, and conduct comprehensive sports training program for team
- Sport-specific knowledge, prior coaching experience, and background working with SOSC athletes required
- Train athletes during practice, as well as accompany team to Regional and Chapter competitions
- Create and maintain a positive and fun environment for all athletes

TRAINING & SUPPORT

- Training will be provided by SOSC clinicians and volunteers
- Continual support and direction from SOSC staff as season progresses

Commitment and Work-Site

- Head Coaches provide 6+ hours per week, throughout 8-10 week season, plus 1-2 weekends for competitions
- Practice locations and competition dates will be communicated at start of season

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age 18 years old with a government issued ID (driver’s license, military ID or passport)
- Must complete online volunteer application, online trainings, and background check. Recertification required every 3 years
- Must complete Sport Specific Skills certification: in-person training conducted by certified clinician for first time coaches. Sport Specific recertification completed online every 3 years
- Must complete Principles of Coaching course: In-person training conducted by a certified clinician or online. Recertification required every 3 years
- Commitment to the Mission and Philosophy of SOSC

BENEFITS

- Direct interaction and impact on SOSC athletes!
- Build a strong team to work together to achieve our vision of acceptance, inclusion, and well-being for people with intellectual disabilities through sports
- Experience enthusiasm, joy, and personal achievement alongside our athletes