

2018 USA GAMES Coach Position Description



Volunteer Position Title: Coach (sport specific)

Sports: Aquatics, Athletics, Bocce, and Golf

Reports to: Head of Delegation, Asst. Head of Delegation

Position Summary: Each Coach will provide technical assistance and chaperoning support to the athletes of their respective sport from the time of selection (November 2017) to the team through post-Games evaluations (August, 2018). Coaches are also responsible for communication of all information updates to your assigned athletes, their family members and local coaches. Coaches will ensure that all of their athletes are training with appropriate supervision. Coaches will be encouraged to support and participate in fundraising events to help raise money for Team Utah. Each coach is to ensure the athletes, partners and coaches of Team Utah experience the competitive and social benefits of participating in USA Games.

Qualifications

All Coaches MUST have:

- A minimum of 2 years (18 months at time of application, 2 years by travel date) coaching experience in your respective sport. Experience is not restricted to training SO athletes.
- Technical knowledge in the specific sport
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Exceptional leadership abilities and a willingness to see the needs of the team above the needs of the individual
- An ability to work as a functional team member within the guidelines of the Team Utah management structure
- A current Special Olympics certification in respective sport
- Experience coaching Special Olympics athletes in summer sports at a State/Regional level
- Experience coaching at a National or World Games level is an asset but not required
- CPR and first aid certification by Games time (at your own expense)
- The ability to work with athletes of all ability levels in their sport
- Must have "green level" status with SOUT and remain a coach in good standing throughout the USA Games process

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Essential Responsibilities (include, but are not limited to, the following):

Pre-games

- Ensure that all athletes within your sport are training with a local coach. This includes cross training to be conducted during the off-season.
- Work within the lines of communication set by Team Utah HOD/AHOD.
- Communicate regularly with Head Coach, Local Coach(es), athletes and their families regarding all aspects of USA Games especially as it pertains to training and competition.
- Assist with compliance of registration and uniform procedures as needed.
- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Team Utah Code of Conduct.

During USA Games:

- Chaperone athletes to ensure the appropriate supervision of all athletes 24 hours a day – 7 days a week. This includes travel times as well on site in Seattle. This could also include responsibilities to athletes outside of your respective sport.
- Ensure that, during USA Games, competition rules are being enforced appropriately and those Team Utah athletes within your sport have a fair and equitable competition experience.
- Ensure athletes assemble on time for all activities (competitions, special events, etc.).
- Ensure that athletes have the opportunity to participate in activities outside of the sport (Special Olympics Town, Healthy Athletes, etc.)
- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Team Utah Code of Conduct.

Post Games:

- Participate in an evaluation process lead by the Team Utah HOD/AHOD.

Time Commitment

- Serve and fulfill responsibilities from the time of their appointment to Team Utah as a Coach, through the completion of the USA Games.
- Travel to and from the USA Games site with the Delegation – anticipated dates of travel are June 30 – July 7, 2018 (to and from SLC, may adjust dates based on your hometown).
- Be available/on call 24 hours a day for the length of the Games.
- Be able to put 2-5 hours per week from time of appointment through Post Games toward Games related tasks. This includes communicating with athletes, family members and local coaches.

Financial Compensation: Individuals are not expected to cover all expenses associated with serving as a Coach for Special Olympics Team Utah. You are encouraged to work with the HOD/AHOD or SOUT office to organize the use of their phones and computer when needed. Mailings should be conducted the same way.