

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM COLORADO
2010 SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL GAMES
Coach Job Description – Team Colorado

Volunteer Position Title: Coach (sport specific-one per sport)

Sports: Athletics, Aquatics, Bocce, Bowling, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, and Tennis.

Reports to: Special Olympics Colorado Head of Delegation and Assistant Head of Delegation.

Position Summary: Each Sport Specific Coach will be selected by a Team Colorado Management Team to organize, prepare, provide technical assistance and administrative support to the athletes and coaches of their respective sport, from the time of their selection to the Team through the post-Games. Each Sport Specific Coach is to ensure the athletes and coaches of Team Colorado experience the athletic, physical and social benefits of participating in a National Games.

Qualifications

All Sport Specific Coaches MUST have:

- 3 years coaching experience in your respective sport
- Technical knowledge obtained through experiences beyond Special Olympics in the specific sport applying for
- Exceptional leadership abilities
- An ability to work as a functional team member within the guidelines set forth by Team Colorado
- Excellent communication, organizational, and administrative skills
- Must pass a background check and be a Certified Class A Volunteer
- Must have taken the Protective Behaviors quiz
- Experience coaching Special Olympics athletes at a State Level
- Additional National Governing Body certifications are an asset
- CPR and First Aid certification by Games time
- The ability to work with athletes of all ability levels in their sport

Essential Responsibilities

Pre-games

- Ensure that all athletes within your sport are training and are being trained appropriately.
- Work within the guidelines of communication set by Team Colorado to provide and receive information to the assigned Head of Delegation.
- Actively participate in the Team Colorado Training Camp to be held in spring of 2010
- Actively participate in all scheduled team meetings and conference calls as required by Team Colorado.
- Provide an open line of communication between themselves and all athletes.
- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Team Colorado Code of Conduct.
- Adhere to all deadlines set by Team Colorado.

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During National Games

- Ensure that during National Games competition rules are being enforced appropriately and Team Colorado athletes within your sport are being judged fairly.
- Represent Team Colorado as the spokesperson for your sport. This includes giving training and technical leadership, attending coaches meetings, leading Team Colorado coaches meetings within your sport, and communicating with Team Colorado Management regarding any issues within your sport.
- Serve as the Team Colorado spokesperson in respective sport in case of protests and reports of any rule discrepancies.
- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Team Colorado Code of Conduct.
- Assist with chaperoning athletes as necessary to ensure the appropriate supervision of all athletes.
- To ensure all coaches and athletes assemble on time for all activities (competitions, special events, etc.).

Time Commitment

- Serve and fulfill responsibilities from time of selection to the Team as a Coach, through the completion of the National Games.
- Attend and participate in the Team Colorado Training Camp in Colorado (Spring 2010 – exact date and location - TBD).
- Travel to and from the National Games site with Team Colorado – anticipated dates of travel are Saturday, July 17, 2010 – Sunday, July 24, 2010 (9 days including travel time).
- 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 selection through the completion of the Games toward Games related tasks.
- Actively participate in all scheduled team meetings and conference calls as required by Team Colorado.

Financial Compensation: Individuals are not expected to cover all expenses associated with serving as a Coach for Team Colorado. You are encouraged to work with the Special Olympics Colorado office to organize the use of their phones and computers when needed. Mailings need to be organized and sent via Special Olympics Colorado staff. All budgetary expenditures must be approved in advance. All approved expenses will be covered by the Team Colorado budget.