



## **Overview**

The Special Olympics North Carolina Assistant Coach is responsible for working with the head coach to ensure Special Olympics athletes receive comprehensive sports training and preparation for all competitions.

## **Time and Resource Commitment**

- 2-4 hours per week for a minimum of 8 weeks
- Access to internet and mobile phone is preferred, but not required
- Reports to the head coach and collaborates with the coaching team
- Additional hours may be required for travel to/from local, state and regional competitions

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Assist head coach with development of athlete outreach and education plans
- Assist head coach with coach recruitment and orientation
- Attend practices regularly as directed by the head coach
- Ensure all practices enable athletes and Unified partners to have a beneficial, safe and **fun** experience
- Assist head coach in working with community sports organizations and schools to set up clinics, etc.
- Assist head coach in facilitating additional competition opportunities, such as league play, scrimmages, invitationals, etc.
- Assist head coach with arrangements for travel to state-level events by working with the local coordinator
- Assist head coach to register athletes and Unified partners for competitions accurately and on time
- Assist head coach in communication with parents/guardians on a regular basis, including procedural information as well as expectations of players and parents
- Have knowledge of any medications or special conditions athletes may have or have and be prepared to handle accordingly
- Know, understand and abide by the Special Olympics North Carolina Coach Code of Conduct
- Know, understand and abide by the Special Olympics Sports Rules, which includes, but is not limited to SONC Sport Rules Modifications, Special Olympics Inc., Official Sport Rules, National and International Governing Bodies and any other associations as named in rules
- Abide by all SONC and SOI policies and procedures, including communicating with and following the direction of the head coach and local program coordinator
- Execute the legal duties of a coach (refer to [http://www.asep.com/courses/asep-303x/coach\\_aids/ca\\_01\\_01.pdf](http://www.asep.com/courses/asep-303x/coach_aids/ca_01_01.pdf))

## **Training and Certification Requirements**

- Individual must be a minimum age 18 years old with a valid NC driver's license
- Complete the SONC Volunteer Screening Form and successfully clear a background check
- Hold all requirements of a [Special Olympics North Carolina Level 1 Certified Coach or higher](#)