

2020 USA GAMES TEAM HEAD COACH JOB DESCRIPTION

Basic Information

- The 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will be held in Orlando, Fla., June 5-11, 2022
- **Application Deadline: December 31, 2020** → Application will be available on laso.org from September 1 – December 31, 2020.
- There are roughly 18-20 coach positions available on Team Louisiana for the following sports:
 1. Athletics (4 males, 4 females)
 2. Basketball (1 team, 10 males, unified)
 3. Bocce (4 males, 4 females)
 4. Bowling (4 males, 4 females)
 5. Flag Football (1 team of 10, unified)
 6. Powerlifting (1 male, 1 female)
 7. Softball (1 team of 12, unified)
 8. Swimming (4 males, 4 females)
 9. Volleyball (1 team of 10, unified)

Individual Sports

Sport	Number of Athletes	Gender	Number of Athletes	Gender
Athletics-category 2	2	Male	2	Female
- category 3	2	Male	2	Female
- category 5	1	Male		
Bocce	4	Male	4	Female
Bowling	4	Male	4	Female
Powerlifting	1	Male	1	Female
Swimming-category 1	2	Male	2	Female
-category 2	2	Male	2	Female

Team Sports

Sport	# on Team	Gender	Type	Sport	# of Team	Gender	Type
Basketball - Unified	10	Male	Unified	Flag Football - Unified	10	Male/Female	Unified
Softball-Unified	12	Male/Female	Unified	Volleyball	10	Male/Female	Unified

Requirements:

- 2-5 years of coaching experience in your respective sport
- Current Special Olympics certification in your respective sport which includes CPR/FA, concussion trained.
- Current Special Olympics Class A Volunteer and certification in Protective Behaviors on file with SOLA
- Technical knowledge obtained through experiences beyond Special Olympics in the specific sport you are interested in coaching.
- Knowledge of the Governing Body Rules and SOI Rules in the specific sport you are interested in coaching.
- Experience with the development and implementation of a severe weather plan/crisis communications
- Exceptional leadership, motivational, communication, organizational and administrative skills
- Experience working directly with athletes of all ability levels
- A commitment of 20 months (January 2020-August 2021)

QUESTIONS?

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Volunteer Position Title: Head Coach **Reports to:** Head of Delegation Brock Banos & Sports Manager (TBD)

Position Summary: The Head Coach/Coach will be appointed by Special Olympics Louisiana staff to organize, prepare and provide communication and administrative leadership to the athletes and coaches of their respective sport, from the time of their selection through the post-games debrief. Each Head Coach will work with the Sports Manager of their sport to ensure a quality athlete, partner and coaching experience through participation in USA Games.

This position will be required to raise a minimum of \$500 and is required to assist in helping their athletes with fundraising.

Pre-Games:

- Ensure that all athletes within your sport are training on their own and being trained appropriately.
- Work within the lines of communication as set by Team Louisiana to provide and receive information. This includes checking email regularly for communication from your Sport Manager/HOD and forwarding the information to our sport coaches, family members and local coaches.
- Actively prepare for and participate in the following trainings: Two sport-specific one-day training sessions along with one Team Louisiana Clinic/Camp Spring 2022 and any other trainings scheduled by SOLA.
- Participate in all scheduled meetings and conference calls as needed.
- Maintain line of communication with the Sports Manager of your sport, Head of Delegation, athletes, partners, local coaches and family members.
- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Special Olympics Louisiana Code of Conduct.

During USA Games

- Ensure that during competition, rules are being enforced appropriately and that Team Louisiana athletes within your sport are being judged fairly.
- Represent Team Louisiana as the lead spokesperson for your sport. This includes giving training and technical leadership, attending coaches meetings, leading Team Louisiana coaches meetings within your sport and communication with Sports Manager/HOD regarding any issues within your sport.
- In your sport you will represent sport in case of protests and reports of any rules discrepancies. If necessary, file any protests appropriately with the framework provided by the Games Committee.
- Assist with chaperoning athletes ensure the appropriate supervision of all athletes at all times. This could also include responsibilities outside of your respective sport, (ie chaperoning athletes from your area while traveling to from camp and Games), as well as being aware of any scheduled athlete-family visits during the Games.
- **Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the Special Olympics Louisiana Code of Conduct**
- **Promote sportsmanship in representing Special Olympics Louisiana.**

Post-Games

- Attend a debrief meeting to evaluate feedback for future Games

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