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Volunteer Positions at Games

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Special Olympics offers a four-year structure of advancement in competition:

- Provincial Qualifier by conference
- Provincial Games
- National Games
- World Games

Volunteers are essential to prepare Games teams for success

Volunteering at Games

There is a wide array of volunteer roles at Games:

- Games Volunteer
- Sport Technical Consultant (Provincials)
- District Team Manager (Provincials)
- District Team Positions:
  - Head Coach
  - Coach
  - Caddie
  - Athlete Assistant (Provincials)
- Provincial Team Manager (Nationals)
- Team Ontario Mission Staff (Nationals)
- Provincial Team Liaison (Nationals)

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Games Volunteer

This is an excellent way for the general public to engage in Special Olympics when Provincial or National Games are held in their community.

Games volunteers apply to the Games organizing committee and adhere to the expectations of the Games organizing committee (police checks, minimum time commitment)

Games volunteers provide logistics support for the Games

We hope to recruit program volunteers after their Games experience!

Provincial Games

Ensuring District Team members have a successful and fulfilling experience at the Provincial Games.

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Sport Technical Consultant

The Sport Tech liaises between the Games Organizing Committee, sport officials, and Head Coaches in the lead-up to Provincial Games, and on-site

Having knowledge of the sport paired with Games experience is a key combination for this role

The Sport Tech should expect to be in many places at once!

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District Team Manager

The District Team Manager is a critical role for District Teams heading to Provincial Games

Administration, communication, uniforms, and transportation are key components of preparation

Ensuring each sport group has what it needs is a major part of being at Games

The DTM is depended on by the District Team to attend to situations as they arise

Many Districts will have more than one DTM depending on team size, to share the responsibilities

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District Team Positions

Head Coaches represent the District's coaches and athletes in their sport group. Large District sport teams may have a distinct Head Coach without athlete assignments.

Coaches guide their assigned athletes through the competition, and support the athletes in non-sport tasks (accommodation, meals, travel, ceremonies)

Caddies are sport-specific volunteers, supporting their assigned athlete in sport but also in non-sport tasks (and may extend to other athletes)

Athlete Assistants travel with the team to assist one assigned athlete who requires 1:1 support for carrying out daily living activities

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Team Ontario: National Games

Ensuring that all Team Ontario members have a successful and fulfilling experience at National Games.

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Provincial Team Manager

The Provincial Team Manager serves as an assistant to the Chef de Mission for Team Ontario at National Games

The role may include travel logistics, uniform ordering and distribution, facilitating team meetings, and being a liaison between Mission Staff and the Games Organizing Committee

Team Ontario was 275 members strong
at the 2016 National Winter Games in Corner Brook!

Mission Staff

Team Ontario offers several volunteer positions for Mission Staff at National Games

- Each sport is assigned a Mission Staff (“head coach”) to liaise between the Chef de Mission and Team Managers, and their sport’s Games coaches, training coaches and athletes
- Team Ontario has medical Mission Staff to assist with medications, consult on injuries, and ensure team wellness
- The Family Liaison connects families and ensure that Games information pertinent for families is shared
- Other Mission Staff positions may be added as needed (fundraising, media, transportation)

Provincial Team Liaison

The Provincial Team Liaison provides logistical support to team members in their District as they prepare for National Games

The PTL shares Games information, distributes uniforms locally, arranges for the team members to get to where they're going (eg. Busing to the airport)

The PTL does not join Team Ontario at the Games.

This is an excellent position for a parent or other supporter to engage with the team and become familiar with SOO practices.

Team Canada: World Games

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Team Canada

Volunteers are encouraged to apply to Team Canada, which represents the country at World Games

Team Canada positions include:

- Chef de Mission
- Team Manager(s)
- Medical Mission Staff
- Mission Staff (support for each sport group)
- Head Coaches
- Associate Coaches
- Additional sport roles (eg. Nordic wax technician)

Getting Involved

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The Application Process

- Games leads distribute Games volunteer applications with appropriate lead-time to the event
- Job descriptions, including experience and eligibility requirements, are available at SOO's information portal
- Selections may take place by a panel made up of staff and volunteers

Wait… so, who does what again?

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Who does what?

- My athlete has forgotten his meds at the hotel and we are at the Provincial Games sport venue from 9am until after dinner. What do I do?
- We only have two coaches for our sport of powerlifting at National Games, and one just went to the hospital with one athlete and I have a meeting off-site. What do I do with the other four athletes?

Who does what?

- I “thought” all my athletes got on the bus ahead of me. Before pulling out we did a head count… one is missing!
- The head soccer coach brought the team equipment bag to meet the bus, but it didn’t make its way from the trunk of her car to the compartment on the bus. We’ve just arrived at the Games, three hours away!
- Two coaches don’t have the same outlook about being at Games and a conflict is arising… help!

Thank You

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