



SOBC Richmond Head Coach – Track & Field, Swimming, Softball, Monday Evening Fitness Club

Roles and Responsibilities

- Make sure you are enforcing Fair Play Code (see SOBC Head Coach Manual linked below, P13)
- Ensure athletes are respecting the rules, officials and opponents.
- Ensure all that all athletes get equal amounts of play and instruction time as well as support.
- Ensure no one is being yelled at or ridiculed for performing poorly.
- Encourage all athletes are being provided equal opportunities and time from their coach.
- Encourage athlete confidence and enjoyment.
- Be a cheer leader to your athletes.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities are safe for the athlete's needs and abilities.
- Be a coach that athletes can respect.
- Be generous with praise.
- Make sure everyone on the field understands what is happening and how they should be acting.
- Maintain a professional, upbeat and enthusiastic atmosphere that allows athletes to ask questions and express themselves.
- Lead the warm-up and cool-down, have a plan for practice that assistants or substitutes could follow if for some reason you need to be absent and a cancellation could not be arranged.
- Communicate directions to assistant coach in a professional manner that promotes their long term program involvement and development as coaches.
- Communicate with Safety volunteer regarding First Aid, Social Distancing infractions, or special supports required by any athletes to safely participate.
- Ensure that all athletes at your practice have officially registered at SOBC.
- Attend regular coaches meetings and maintain professional development for the advancement of your own skills and competency (with aid of Program Coordinator).
- Attend all SOBC sanctioned competitions at the local and regional level your athletes are invited to for your sport.
- Prepare and submit a year end report to Program Coordinator, which contains a summary of the years activities (may also contain evaluations of players & any recommendations.
- Contact your Program Coordinator if you need adjustments to your program budget.



- Be aware of your full responsibilities, as well as those of the Assistant Coaches, from the Head Coaching 2019 Manual:
[SOBC HeadCoachManual_Oct2019.pdf \(specialolympics.ca\)](#)
- Complete NCCP National Coaching Certification 2-day accreditation workshop and Ethics module to become a nationally recognized coach whom can be called on for any level of Special Olympics International Competitions if called on by leadership.
- Head Coaches should aim to host a competition in their local, with the support of their local committee and Program Coordinator, every 2-4 years.
- Head coaches must ensure their athletes have an opportunity to compete annually. (Currently still on hold due to COVID-19, competitions and qualifiers for Provincial and National competitions will resume Fall 2022)

Eligibility

- Must be at least 19 years of age.
- Must complete the SOC – Online Volunteer Orientation modules
- Must be fully SOC competition trained within the first year of coaching (SOC Competition Sport Workshop, plus Make Ethical Decisions module and online evaluation completed).
- Competency in written and spoken English as well as with email communications.
- Education in Coaching, Leadership, Sports Sciences, Working with Disabilities is an asset
- Willing to take on ongoing education and maintain NCCP Coaching Certification requirements. (20 credit hours every 5 years for an average of 4 hours per year).
 - SOBC offers enough for you to maintain your accreditation for free via their provincial website calendar.
- Recognized certification in coaching, if no experience as an athlete is possessed.
- Must abide by the policies set by the Leadership Council of Special Olympics BC
- Must abide by the policies and procedures set by the Local
- Must follow the philosophy of Special Olympics BC as presented in the Mission Statement

Commitment

- Weekly 90-minute practice
- Full 2-year terms must be completed. Seasons vary from 8 to 10 months depending on the sport.

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To apply please email Jon Loong -Richmond SOBC Volunteer Registrar at sobcrichmondvol@gmail.com with your resume and a short statement about your experiences and why you think you would be a good fit for the position.

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