



## HEAD COACH – TEAM NL NATIONAL SUMMER GAMES

NOVA SCOTIA, JULY 31 – AUGUST 4, 2018

### Job Description

#### ROLE OF THE HEAD COACH:

Athletes involved in the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador Provincial Team Program have entered their next level of development, a stepping stone for some individuals on their way to higher levels of competition. The Head Coach will work in cooperation with the assistant coach, manager, athletes, training coaches and SONL to prepare Team NL in achieving the best possible performance at the 2018 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games, while enhancing the individual skill level of all athletes.

Please Note: This is a non-salaried position; however certain expenses will be covered to attend camps and competitions pertaining to this position.

#### PURPOSE:

Coaches selected to TEAM NL are required to make a commitment to their athletes, their sport, and to all of Team NL. Coaches will ensure that all athletes have a successful and fulfilling experience at the National Games and perform to the best of their ability before and during the game.

Coaches may find the daily schedule at National Games very strenuous. The pace is often non-stop and will often last the entire 7 days. There is very little opportunity for rest during the day and the meal times, competition times and ceremonial events are all scheduled to very specific timelines. In addition, team members are often in a “hurry up and wait” scenario which can be quite stressful to some people.

#### MINIMUM COACH REQUIREMENTS (all coaches must be a minimum of 19 years of age or older)

□ Previous Special Olympics coaching experience is required. This includes experience in the instruction, training, and preparation of athletes, as well as game and competition experience. Applicants should also have technical expertise in chosen sport.

- SO Competition Coach (<http://www.coach.ca/special-olympics-p154459>)
- Sport Specific Training (<http://www.coach.ca/sport-specific-training-s16547>)
- “Make Ethical Decisions” Evaluated
- Part A or Part B



- ☐ Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- ☐ Strong technical and tactic knowledge of their chosen sport
- ☐ Strong interest and personal commitment to high performance athletic development.
- ☐ Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

#### **COACH ELIGIBILITY:**

- Coaches must have attended the 2017 Provincial Summer Games
- Must have direct access to a computer, internet and email

#### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

##### **Coaches Responsibilities:**

- Be able to attend the 2018 National Summer Games in Nova Scotia July 31 – August 4, 2018
- Supervise athletes 24/7 from departure from your community to the arrival back at your community
- Travel with athletes on Games transportation and stay with them in a supervisory capacity in Games accommodation.
- Maintain regular contact with assigned athletes and their parents/guardians
- Maintain contact with Mission Staff
- Know the sport technical package and ensure necessary information is communicated to the athletes and training coaches
- All coaches and staff must travel to and from the games as part of the Team NL
- Submit all requested written reports and or evaluations to the Chef De Mission after the Games
- Adhere to Coaches Code of Conduct at all times
- Ensure code of conduct is completed by all athletes and adhered to at all times

##### **National Games Preparation**

- ☐ Prepares and coaches Team NL Special Olympics in a chosen sport. Working with training coaches to prepare athletes
- ☐ Organizes, plans, and conducts individual and team practices, training camps and competitions as coordinated with the SONL and coaching staff. This includes the creation and monitoring of an annual training plan in preparation for the 2018 SOC National Summer Games.
- ☐ Develop standardized criteria for the monitoring of athlete training for chosen sport.
- ☐ Works closely with the SONL, assistant coach, training coaches and manager to ensure all critical timelines are met in preparation for the 2018 National Summer Games and other relevant competitions.



### **On site responsibilities**

- Develops and executes pre-game preparation plans, oversees operation of team during games, and performs post-game evaluation (in coordination with all other Team NL staff)
- Provides supervision of athletes both on and off the playing surface
- Attends Team NL coaching/staff meetings as required.
- Remains knowledgeable and fully participates in Team NL training and sport science programs.
- Acts as a mentor for all assistant and guest coaches involved in the Team NL Program.
- Provides supervision for SONL athletes for the duration of the Summer Games
- Attend practices and Head Coach meetings during the event
- Other duties as assigned

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

The Deadline for Applications is May 26, 2017. Selection will be made by SONL selection committee. The duration of the position will be from team selection following the 2017 Provincial Summer Games until the final reports are submitted following the 2018 National Summer Games

### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Ideal applicants must be able to complete all responsibilities as listed above, have experience working with individuals with disabilities, managing sport teams/programs, and being part of an Athletics program.

Coaches must also be registered and members in good standing with SONL and their own club, have attended the provincial qualifier and have completed volunteer code of conduct and a criminal record check prior to the Games.

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