



## **HEAD COACH – NATIONAL GAMES**

### **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, and SONL to prepare Team NL in achieving the best possible performance at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games, while enhancing the individual skill level of all athletes.

#### **MINIMUM COACH REQUIREMENTS:**

- 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.
- Technical expertise in chosen sport
- NCCP Level 1 Theory +  
*Required: Make Ethical Decisions – Trained*  
SOC Level 1 Technical & Practical  
Sport Specific Tech 1\*

**OR**

**SO C-I** = *Special Olympics Canada **Competition** Sport Coach Workshop*  
NCCP Sport Specific  
Making Ethical Decisions- Evaluated

- 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.

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

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

- Prepares and coaches Team NL Special Olympics in a chosen sport.
- 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 2020 SOC National Winter Games.
- Develop standardized criteria for the monitoring of athlete training for chosen sport.

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- Works closely with the SONL, Assistant Coach and Manager to ensure all critical timelines are met in preparation for the 2020 SOC National Winter Games and other relevant competitions.

**On Site**

- Develops and executes pre-game preparation plans, oversees operation of team during games, and performs post-game evaluation.
- Provides supervision of players 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 Winter Games
- Attend practices and Head Coach meetings during the event
- Be a contributing member of the Team by taking on duties as required.

**GENERAL**

- Travel with athletes on Games transportation and stay with them in a supervisory capacity in Games accommodation.
- Manage athletes (male and female) with an intellectual disability whose ages will range from 13 – 60 years old.
- Ensure code of conduct is completed by all athletes and adhered to

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

The Deadline for Applications is February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019; Selection will be made by SONL.

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