



Job description

Job title:	Coach for TeamSOGB - World Winter Games – Torino 2025
Salary:	Coach roles are voluntary . Reasonable expenses will be paid with prior approval.
Accountable to:	TeamSOGB Management Team, Head Coach and relevant Special Olympics GB National Office Staff
Appointed by:	Special Olympics GB Games Management Team and Special Olympics GB Selection Panel
Accountable for:	Assigned athletes who are part of the sport specific squad.
Location:	Home based with regular travel across Great Britain for team training activity as well as international travel during Games time.
Hours:	The responsibilities of the Coach require a considerable time commitment in both the preparation of the GB Team prior to the Games and for the Games themselves. If you are in employment, you are advised to make your employer aware of your application and obtain their support prior to submitting your application. On request, Special Olympics GB can make representations on the Coach's behalf.

Context

As the Coach you will have responsibility for supporting the Head Coach in the preparation and participation of the Team SOGB team athletes within your selected sport squad at the Special Olympics Winter Games.

Main Areas of Responsibility

The principal goal of the Coach is to support the Head Coach in planning and delivery of sport specific technical, tactical, physical, and mental training. They provide pre and in competition coaching and guidance as permitted by the rules of the sport. Coaches will also be required to support athletes with off-field preparation, personal care (as required) and support. The coach may also be required to assist with chaperoning duties. Chaperoning duties include:

- Care of Athletes (to include necessary personal care, medication management (per direction of team medic).
- Escorting or supporting athletes in moving around competition and non-competition venues as needed.
- Sport technical experience is not required, but Chaperone should have experience in providing support and personal care of people with intellectual disabilities to prepare a squad of athletes/unified partners to perform at their optimum level and gain the best possible experience from the Games.

Key responsibilities:

Pre-games

- To support the Head Coach to ensure the safety of all squad members by adhering to safeguarding procedures and emergency action plans and formulating risk assessments.
- To support the Head Coach to develop individual preparation plans for each athlete in consultation with local coaches and family/carers with the goal of ensuring that every athlete performs to their maximum



potential at the Games.

- To support the Head Coach to ensure the welfare of each athlete by gathering information from family/carers and local coaches as to their support needs.
- To communicate regularly with family/carers and local coaches of each athlete with regard to sport-specific information about the Games, squad training, logistics etc.
- To support the Games Management Team (GMT) in the organisation and delivery of GB Team training weekends
- To support the Head Coach to lead on the organisation of sport-specific training weekends.
- To support the Head Coach to ensure all Games registration information and forms for the squad are completed and returned within deadlines.
- To have knowledge and understanding of Special Olympics Sports', International Sports Federation and Games rules for the sport
- To support the Head Coach, GMT and Special Olympics GB National Office regarding media and communications for the squad

Games time

- To support the Head Coach to have lead responsibility for the squad at all times from point of departure for the Games to arrival back in GB.
- To uphold and promote the GB Team culture and standards for the Games.
- To adhere to Games, Special Olympics GB and GB Team policies and procedures, particularly in regard to incident/accident reporting and safeguarding and welfare
- To ensure that everyone within the squad is informed of logistic, planning and arrangements in a timely manner.

Post Games

- To contribute to a comprehensive, debrief and review of the Games.
- To advise and support the succession planning for future Games.

Essential for this role:

- Applicant is a minimum of 18 years of age (at the point of application)
- Applicant has a suitable DBS/PVG in place that meets Special Olympics GB requirements.

Person Specification

Experience and Knowledge

- Experience of working with individuals with an intellectual disability
- Has had duty of care responsibility for children and adults with an intellectual disability on a residential trip.
- Ability to be flexible with the completion of tasks.
- Experience of coaching/chaperoning

Skills and abilities

- Embrace and promote the culture and values of Special Olympics GB
- Commitment to making the Games a positive experience for the GB Team
- Effective communicator who can communicate with a variety of different people.
- Effective team-working and collaboration skills
- Empathy and social skills in order to build effective working relationships with others.