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Fall Season Volunteer Roles

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Please note:

Each event is different and has its own needs, so not all of these jobs will be available at every event offered during the fall season. These are potential volunteer jobs that are offered at all of the events throughout the fall and at our season ending state tournaments.

At each event, volunteers will assist with event set up, clean up, and other event logistics as needed. Most importantly, every volunteer is a fan to cheer and help create an inclusive and supportive environment where each athlete feels confident to try his or her best.

If you have any questions, would like more information about an event, or would like to get involved in other volunteer roles, please contact the Special Olympics Massachusetts Volunteer Engagement Manager at 508-485-0986 ext. 219 or volunteer@specialolympicsma.org

"It was one of the most fulfilling and rewarding experiences of my life."

–Special Olympics MA Volunteer

Flag Football Job Descriptions

Official: Are you a certified flag football official? The purpose of this job is to officiate competition and make sure all rules of the game are followed.

Timer: Interact with athletes and officials all game long as the game timer. The purpose of this job is to keep track of the game time during competition and relay time to officials and teams through the game.

Scorekeeper: Stay involved throughout the entire game as the scorekeeper. The purpose of this job is to keep official score of the game both on the flip chart and in the scorebook.

Announcer: Ready for your sports casting debut? The purpose of this job is to announce teams prior to the game and keep a running play by play throughout the game. This role is a favorite for youth volunteers and enthusiastic individuals!

Ball Retrievers/Linespersons: Stay in the game all day long as the ball retriever and linesperson. The purpose of the ball is to retrieve any ball that goes out of the field of play to help keep the game moving while staying out of the way of play. This job will also help identify the line of scrimmage and first down marks.

Soccer Job Descriptions

Referee: Are you a certified soccer referee? The purpose of this job is to officiate competition and make sure all rules of the game are followed.

Timer: Interact with officials and athletes as the game timer! The purpose of this job is to keep time during the game and notify the referee and teams of time left in allocated time block.

Ball Retrievers/Linesperson: Stay involved in the action as the soccer ball retriever and linesperson. Retrieve any ball that goes out of the field of play to help keep the game moving and not interfere with other games nearby. Carry an extra ball at all times so that when a ball goes out of play a new ball can be substituted immediately into the game. Assist the referee and signal if a ball or athlete goes out of bounds.

Announcer: Interact with the athletes and the crowd as the game announcer. The purpose of this job is to announce teams prior to the game and keep a running play by play throughout the game. This is a favorite role for youth volunteers.

Senior Sports Job Descriptions

Bocce: Interact with athletes on the bocce courts as you keep score, keep time, and measure the distance of the bocce balls – a great way to get to know Special Olympics athletes!

Cornhole: Stay involved the entire cornhole match as you keep score, keep time, and cheer on athletes during cornhole competition.

Race Walking: Volunteer on the track as you keep time, guide athletes to their next race, and cheer on athletes as they race around the track!

Official: Are you an experienced bocce or track official? The purpose of this job is to officiate competition and make sure all rules of the sport are followed.

Equestrian Job Descriptions

Judge- No law school needed for this job! The purpose of this job is to judge the events according to the Special Olympics' equestrian guidelines.

Award Runner- Lace up your running shoes and grab your step counter! The award runner will bring the judges score sheets to the awards table for final tabulation and return to the ring with the appropriate awards to be presented to the athletes.

Side Walker- Walks next to horse throughout the ring to ensure a safe riding environment for the rider. Equestrian and horse knowledge is required.

General- Help with other roles at the venue that is needed, such as awards and logistics. Role doesn't require knowledge of horses.

Fundraising Event Roles

(Including 5K races, bike races, etc.)

Course Marshal: Ready to start directing traffic? The purpose of this job is to ensure safety on the course and direct participants where to go. Course marshals also help motivate participants and cheer them on mid-race. Cowbells and pompoms provided!

Participant Registration: Are you ready to welcome all participants to the event? Help out at registration by checking in participants, handing out t-shirts, and directing guests where to go.

Meals: Participants and volunteers need to refuel after a big event! Help out by setting up and serving meals to participants and volunteers at the event.

Water Stops: Hydration is key during a race! Help by handing out water to participants as they race by during the event. This is a great role for youth volunteers!

Additional Roles Needed at Each Event

Please note that these jobs will be assigned at volunteer registration and will be on an as needed basis. If you have volunteered in this role before, please let the volunteer registration table know when you check in at the event.

Awards

- Do you have an eye for design and organization? We need you to help set up the award station in a fun festive way, have awards ready for presentations, and make sure the speaker system works. This role also includes working with civil servants, law enforcement, and honored guests for awards distribution. Interact with athletes and help pass out awards in a fun, exciting manner.

Olympic Town

- Looking to have some fun with athletes outside of their games and competition? You can help assist in Olympic Town, where you could be running games and activities for athletes to participate in while they are not competing. Some examples are: basketball pop a shot, arts & crafts, mini golf, board games, etc. High energy and enthusiasm are a must!

Medical Volunteers

- The safety of athletes, volunteers, and all event attendees is extremely important, and certified medical volunteers are vital for each event to ensure everyone remains safe and healthy. Please contact the Volunteer Engagement Manager for volunteer opportunities: volunteer@specialolympicsma.org or at 508-485-0986

Photographers

- We love to capture the joy and athletic accomplishments at each events, and photographers help us do that! Please contact the Volunteer Engagement Manager for volunteer opportunities at additional events: volunteer@specialolympicsma.org or at 508-485-0986.

Social Media

- Looking for a fun way to get involved at events and meet athletes, families and fellow volunteers? Social media volunteers will walk around the events and conduct interviews, gather quotes, and take pictures that will be uploaded to social media platforms.

"Thank you volunteers. You are all amazing. We are the Special Olympics Athletes and you are the SPECIAL people behind our success. A million thanks to all the great volunteers."

-Melissa Reilly, Special Olympics MA Athlete