



***Special  
Olympics  
Massachusetts***

**Summer 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 summer season. These are potential volunteer jobs that are offered at all of the events throughout the summer and at our season ending state tournament, Tournament of Champions.

At each event, volunteers will have the opportunity to 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](mailto:volunteer@specialolympicsma.org)

*"It was one of the most fulfilling and rewarding experiences of my life."*  
–Special Olympics MA Volunteer

## Bocce Job Descriptions

**Scorekeeper and Timer-** Interact with athletes and officials all match long as the scorekeeper and timer! The purpose of this job is to keep time during the match and notify the official and participants of time remaining. This role will also keep official score of the match, both on the flip chart and in the score book.

**Measurer:** Get the chance to step onto the court and work with athletes as the match measurer! The purpose of this job is to accurately measure the distance of each roll throughout the match.

*These roles are great for youth and groups!*

## Cycling Job Descriptions

**Timer:** Athletes are always striving to reach new personal bests and that wouldn't be possible without someone keeping time! The purpose of this job is to keep track of an assigned athlete's time during competition.

**Lap Counters:** Hang out at the finish line and watch as athletes fly by during their race! The purpose of this job is to work with the finish line official to track the number of laps for an assigned athlete.

**Course Marshal:** Ready to start directing traffic? The purpose of this job is to ensure athlete safety while on the course. Course marshal volunteers will be assigned to an area to warn participants of hazards and communicate any incidents with course management team. Course marshals also cheer athletes on and encourage them mid-race. Cowbells and pompoms provided!

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## Golf Job Descriptions

**Spotter-** Know a thing or two about golf? Try being a course spotter! The purpose of this job is to assist the participants by spotting and locating their shot.

**Course Marshal-** Looking to spend a day on the course? Course marshal is the role for you! The purpose of this job is to insure safety on the course, keep a safe and timely pace of play and enforce rules of golf.

**\*\*Golf experience and minimum age of 16 years preferred for golf volunteers\*\***

## Softball Job Descriptions

**Timer:** Interact with umpires and teams as the game timer! The purpose of this job is to keep time during the game and notify the participants and staff of time remaining in each game.

**Scorekeeper:** Stay involved all game long as the softball scorekeeper! The purpose of this job is to keep official score of games, both on the flip chart and in the score book.

**Announcer:** Are you outgoing and creative? Do you see yourself as a future broadcaster? Then the announcer role is for you! The purpose of this job is to announce teams prior to the game and keeps a running play by play throughout the game. This is also a favorite role of youth volunteers!

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## 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!

### Officials/Umpires

- Are you a certified umpire or official in softball, bocce, golf, or cycling? Please contact the Volunteer Engagement Manager for volunteer opportunities: [volunteer@specialolympicsma.org](mailto:volunteer@specialolympicsma.org) or at 508-485-0986

### 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](mailto:volunteer@specialolympicsma.org) or at 508-485-0986

### Photographers

- We love the 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](mailto: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