



**Volunteer Position Title:** “Coach” (Teacher/Facilitator)

**Sports:** Young Athlete™ Program with Unified Sports® Partners

**Reports to:** Young Athlete™ Program Manager

**Position Summary:** Young Athletes™ “Coach” will implement program curriculum and facilitate developmentally appropriate sports play activities among children ages 2 ½ -7 with intellectual disabilities and their non-disabled peers. Young Athletes™ Program “Coach” will provide assistance and support to the athletes, Unified Sports® partners and volunteers of the Young Athletes™ program from the time of their registration into the program through the post-evaluation process. Each Young Athlete™ program coach is to ensure the athletes, Unified Sports® partners and volunteers experience the physical and social benefits of participating in the Young Athletes™ program.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience working with children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of 2.5 and 7 years of age in a group setting preferred
- Must pass a background check and be a Certified Class A Volunteer
- Exceptional leadership abilities
- An ability to work as a functional team member within the guidelines set forth by Special Olympics Colorado
- The ability to work with athletes of all ability levels
- Must have the willingness to adhere to the Special Olympics Coach’s Code of Conduct
- Position requires working both standing and sitting. Must be able to lift and carry light loads (5-30 pounds) for short distances (approximately one block).

### **Essential Responsibilities:**

- Provide a safe, secure facility to conduct the Young Athletes™ program
- Complete and provide all necessary paperwork to Special Olympics Colorado that includes athlete registration forms, volunteer applications, assessment and evaluation tools, progress notes, surveys and other paperwork as required
- Implement the Young Athletes™ curriculum as suggested by SOCO
- Communicate to the media in collaboration with Special Olympics Colorado about the Young Athlete™ program at your site.
- Provide support to athletes transitioning into traditional Special Olympics programs
- Host or attend a culminating event after conclusion of program
- Use sports kits, awards and recognition items based on established criteria
- Facilitate communication with school leadership and teaching staff to identify athletes, Unified Sports® partners and volunteers
- Facilitate communication with all school and district personnel to invite to culminating event(s)
- Communicate regularly ( a minimum of two times per month) with Young Athlete™ Program Manager
- Actively participate in research, assessments, progress reports and bi-annual meetings to provide information, statistics and best practices for Young Athletes™ program
- Participate with SOCO staff at meetings to recruit new schools/sites/districts and/or donors when requested regarding success of Young Athletes™ program
- Assist in the recruitment of Unified Sports® partners and volunteers
- Insure family members are receiving ongoing communication about Young Athlete™ program