



Volunteer's Information Pack

About Us

Special Olympics Great Britain is the largest registered charity providing year-round sports training and competition opportunities for people with intellectual (learning) disabilities.

More information on Special Olympics GB can be found at:
www.specialolympics.org.uk.

About the Event

The Special Olympics GB National Summer Games will be held in Sheffield between the 7 August 2017 to 12 August 2017. The National Games is our showpiece event held every four years for our athletes, families and supporters.

This will be the country's largest multi-sports event for athletes with intellectual disabilities to be held in 2017. Around 2,600 athletes with intellectual disabilities of all ages and abilities will come together from across the country. They will be supported over 4 days of competition by 800 coaches, 750 volunteers, 150 officials and over 5,000 family & friends.

The Games gives athletes with an intellectual disability the opportunity to achieve and to demonstrate their abilities to the community. Through participation in this large national competition, people with an intellectual disability will acquire the confidence, social and life skills that will help their inclusion in society.



Volunteering at the Games

As a volunteer led organisation, we are very lucky and humbled to have some of the very best volunteers and coaches in the country already involved with Special Olympics GB.

We need to recruit 750 Games Volunteers and 150 Officials to fulfil a broad range of roles both on and off the field of play. These volunteers will be integral to the success, enjoyment and smooth running of this unique multi-sport event.

We are committed to recruiting a diverse and vibrant team of Volunteers who reflect the communities in which we live and will bring together a range of skills, knowledge and experience – each individual making their own special contribution to the Games.

Who are we looking for?

- We are looking for hardworking, proactive and enthusiastic volunteers.
- Experience in your chosen area isn't always necessary, as training will be provided to volunteers prior to the event. Every volunteer will be required to attend at least one training session in Sheffield, number of training days depend on your selected role.
- Volunteers need to be aged 18 or over. There will be some roles available for younger volunteers where supervision is required.
- Where possible we will be using volunteers from the local area however everyone is welcome to apply. You will need to consider the feasibility of this as accommodation and travel expenses aren't provided.
- All volunteers will be required to make themselves available for a minimum of 5 consecutive days of the Games.



Benefits of Volunteering at the Games

- Opportunity to be involved in and experience a major event
- Meet new people
- Learn and develop new and existing skills and knowledge
- Increase confidence
- Embrace new challenges



What will I receive?

- Volunteer Handbook with important information about the event
- Packed lunches during your shifts
- Refreshments throughout your shifts
- Volunteer Uniform
- Accreditation Pass
- Volunteer prize entry draw

Roles

We are recruiting volunteers in the following areas:

- Accommodation
- Administration/ IT
- Awards
- Catering
- Event Services
- Families Programme
- Field of Play Support Role
- Games Village
- Games Management System (GMS)
- Guest Services
- Health and Safety
- Healthy Athletes
- Logistics and Fit Out
- Look and Signage
- Main Operations Centre
- Motor Activity Training Programme (MATP)
- Media/ Social Media
- Medical
- Merchandise
- Photography/ Videography
- Safeguarding and Welfare
- Sounds – Production/ Announcers
- Sports Information Desk
- Training
- Transport
- Volunteer Support
- Young Athletes Programme (YAP)

More information and descriptions on the roles can be found on the website:

http://www.registration-sheffield2017.org.uk/Home/Roles_Volunteering



What to expect

- Clear guidance on what is expected of you
- Support from volunteer managers
- Training for the role you are appointed to
- To be treated with respect and courtesy
- Recognition for your contribution
- To receive information about future opportunities within the organisation



Games Volunteers Should:

- Provide for the general welfare, health and safety of all Special Olympics GB athletes, volunteers, family members and spectators
- Dress and act in an appropriate manner at all times.
- Refrain from using language that might, in any way, cause distress or offence
- Follow the established rules and training guidelines of Special Olympics GB and/or any agency involved with Special Olympics GB
- Report any emergencies to the appropriate authorities after first taking immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the participants
- Abstain from the consumption or use of all alcohol, tobacco products and illegal substances while involved with any Special Olympics GB event, competition or training
- Not engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship with athletes, volunteers or other participants of Special Olympics GB
- Fulfil the volunteer role to which you have been assigned based on the training and guidelines provided and the instruction of your Team Leader
- Respect the venue and all the equipment and materials supplied therein to ensure it remains well presented at all times throughout the games and report any damage with immediate effect



Interested?

Thank you for reading. If you are interested in registering to volunteer at the Special Olympics GB National Summer Games we would love to hear from you.

You can register online at:

www.sheffield2017.org.uk/volunteers/

We would prefer all volunteers to register online, however if this is not possible and you require a paper application form please contact us:

Email: volunteers@sheffield2017.org.uk



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