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Special Olympics

To: Special Olympics Vermont Coaches
From: Donna Diaz
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Subject: 2010 Special Olympics USA National Summer Games
Coaches Application Packet ó Team Vermont

Special Olympics Vermont
Coaches Application Information/Requirements

In July 2010, the Special Olympics USA National Summer Games will take place in Lincoln, Nebraska. 3000 athletes from around the country will compete in the following sports:

Athletics	Golf
Aquatics	Gymnastics
Basketball	Powerlifting
Bocce	Bowling
Tennis	Softball
Football	Volleyball
MATP	Flag Football ó <i>New!</i>

Coaches selected to represent Team Vermont at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games must be well educated in coaching and demonstrate qualities that include sportsmanship, dedication to quality training, understand the rules of the sport, and have the ability to function well as a part of a team. All selected coaches will serve a dual role of both coach and chaperone. Coaches selected as members of Team Vermont will work with other coaches and athletes from across the state. They will work under the direction of our Head of Delegation (HOD), and Management Team.



Team Vermont has been given the following TENTATIVE quota for the 2010 USA National Games.

Sports	# ATHLETES			# COACHES
	Females	Males	TOTAL	Total # Coaches/sport
Aquatics	4	4	8	2
Athletics	4	4	8	2
Bocce	2	2	4	1
Bowling	2	2	4	1
Totals	12	12	24	6

APPLICATION PROCESS

- All applicants must meet the Minimum Standards outlined in the application
- All applicants must complete the information requested on the Coach Application Form and have it signed by your Local Coordinator
- All Application Forms must be submitted to SOVT on or before August 7, 2009
- All applicants will go through an interview process.
- All applications will be reviewed and each applicant will be informed of selection by September 4, 2009.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Coaches must meet all Minimum Standards for their application to be considered.

- Must have a current Special Olympics certification.
- A minimum of 2 years experience coaching Special Olympics athletes
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age by June 1, 2010
- Must be a registered Class A Volunteer (including a criminal background check)
- Must abide by the Coaches Code of Ethics
- Must be willing and able to serve as both a sport specific coach and an athlete chaperone for all Team Vermont activities leading up to and during the Games. This includes 24 hour/day supervision of athletes during the National Games
- Must be able to distribute prescribed medication to athletes (if appropriate)
- Must be willing to commit to maintaining ongoing contact with assigned athletes, their family/guardians, and their local coach
- Must be willing to travel to Nebraska via commercial airline or small aircraft

Please list the coaching positions you have held in the past five years (Special Olympics and other)

School/Agency Name	Sport and Coaching Position
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List all sports in which you are currently certified in with Special Olympics

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date of Certification</i>

Are you currently certified in any of the following?

	<i>Date of Expiration</i>
NGB Coach YES NO	
High School Coach YES NO	
Generic Sport Coach YES NO	
First Aid YES NO	
CPR YES NO	
Sign Language YES NO	
Other _____	

PART E – SPECIAL OLYMPICS PHILOSOPHY

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

Why do you want to be a coach for Team Vermont at the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Summer Games?
Please include information about your approach to coaching and how it will benefit all of Team Vermont.

PART G – SIGNATURE

Please read the following statements and sign at the bottom.

The information presented in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have carefully read and clearly understand the minimum standards required to be selected as a coach and I am willing to make a full commitment to Team Vermont for the duration of the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Summer Games.

I understand that if I am selected to be a coach, travel, meals and lodging to the 2010 National Games will be coordinated and covered by Special Olympics Vermont.

I am willing and able to serve as both a sport specific coach and an athlete chaperone for all Team Vermont activities leading up to and during the Games.

I am willing to maintain consistent contact with assigned athletes, their family/guardians, and their local coach.

I understand that if I do not meet all of the requirements, I can be removed from my position within Team Vermont

Signature of Coach

Date

Signature of Local Coordinator

Date

DATES TO BE ATTENDED:

- Coaches Meetings ó 4-5
- Training Camp ó One weekend in the spring
- Comprehensive Training Schedule
- 2010 - National Games ó July 18-23 (travel time may vary)



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Thank you for your interest in being a part of Team Vermont

*Please complete this application and return it on or before **August 7, 2009***

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