



State Summer Games Volunteer Job Descriptions

Categories include Service Volunteers, Volunteer to Cheer, and Social Ambassador

Service Volunteers

Disclaimer: All Service Volunteers will undergo a brief training at the beginning of their shift from the respective Volunteer Captains and/or Sport Director at the venue. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Non-Sport Service Volunteer Jobs:

Set Up

Purpose: Volunteers will assist in the set up of events at the particular venue. Please dress accordingly; sneakers/comfy shoes, loose clothing, extra set of clothes, etc.

Qualifications: Some tasks will require heavy lifting of 25 pounds or more.

Water Distribution:

Purpose: Make sure all water jugs and cups are distributed appropriately throughout the venue. Periodically check each water station to refill jugs and restock cups, if needed.

Lunch Distribution:

Purpose: Assist in the distribution of lunches to credentialed athletes, coaches and key volunteers.

Safety / Parking

Purpose: Assist in creating a safe atmosphere for all individuals attending the event. Roles may include, directing vehicles where to park, monitoring busy intersections and cross walks and directing individuals when it is safe to cross active road ways, working a bus stop and assisting athletes on and off the buses

Opening Ceremonies

Purpose: Assist with the coordination and execution of the event. Duties include by are not limited to athlete and coaches staging, athlete and coaches seating, community members seating, ushers, entrance greeters, handing out programs, set up and take down of the event, and assisting with needs to ensure the event runs smoothly.

Olympic Village

Purpose: Assist in operating the fan stations and activities for athletes to participate in while they are not competing.

Closing Ceremonies

Purpose: Get to know the Special Olympics New York athletes and coaches! Volunteers are encouraged to attend the closing ceremonies dinner dance party to get a chance to socialize with the

athletes that they met earlier that day. There are no specific jobs for closing ceremonies. However, be prepared to help assist in clean up and breakdown of venue, if needed.

Breakdown

Purpose: Volunteers are needed to clean up each venue. Jobs include breakdown of equipment, packing storage bins, take down signage, empty water jugs, and pick up all trash. Ensure venue is clean and all SONY equipment is placed in set location for pickup.

Qualifications: Some tasks will require heavy lifting of 25 pounds or more. Willing to stay after event is over until task is completed.

Sport Specific Service Volunteer Jobs

Athletics: Track & Field

Purpose: Volunteers are needed to assist at the start/staging areas(s); assist with arranging athletes into lane assignment, serve as gate marshals and escorting athletes to starting line at the appropriate time. Finish line attendants are needed to greet athletes, ensure the finish line judges have the athletes bib numbers before escorting the athlete back to staging area. Throwing competition volunteers will assist in marking and recording distance throws at a chute or vector.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties in any weather conditions for prolonged periods of time. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Aquatics

Purpose: Jobs include by are not limited to timers, staggers, athlete escorts, results runner, recorders.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties for the duration of the competition. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Basketball

Purpose: Jobs include a timer, scorekeepers, time recorders at each court and any needs assigned by the sport director.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties for the duration of the competition. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Bowling

Purpose: Jobs include volunteers at each lane to assist with scorekeeping and lane monitoring.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties for the duration of the competition. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Gymnastics

Purpose: Jobs include but are not limited to squad leaders (staging), check in, escort athletes to awards, music operator, and volunteers to breakdown the event.

Qualifications: Gymnastics experience is preferred but not required. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Powerlifting

Purpose: Spotters and Rackers are needed. The purpose of this job is to support an athlete as they lift and help return the weight safely to the rack. If an athlete looks like they are in need of assistance while lifting, help guide the weight down to the rack safely.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties for the duration of the competition. Experience with heavy lifting. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Tennis

Purpose: Scorekeepers, timers, ball retrievers, and linesmen are needed. Duties include writing down and recording the score of the match as it goes, as well as keeping track of the length of the game to make sure the next match goes off at the correct time to follow the schedule. In addition to staying by the net and picking up any dead balls that have hit the net during play and watching to see if a returning ball is inside or outside the line, making the ball fair or dead.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties in any weather conditions for prolonged periods of time. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Volleyball

Purpose: Scorekeepers are needed at each court. Linesmen are also needed to help the referees at each court.

Qualifications: Must be prepared to perform assigned duties for the duration of the competition. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Floater

Purpose: Volunteers are willing to do whichever job(s) are needed to help make the event run smoothly. The purpose of this position is to fill in where there might be a void due to lack of volunteers, a need for additional volunteer staffing, etc. This includes being a fan/social volunteer at any venue, if needed.

Qualifications: Must be flexible to accommodate situations if they arise and accepting of last minute job changes. Must be prepared to perform assigned duties inside or outside in any weather conditions for prolonged periods of time. Volunteers must be willing to be flexible and prepared to be on their feet all day.

Volunteer to Cheer

Purpose: To cheer and support the athletes as they compete in a state-level competition. Many of the athletes' families cannot travel to state games therefore we rely on community members to come out and be the FANS IN THE STANDS! This position is not to be underestimated as these athletes train extremely hard to get to state games and look forward to the chance to showcase their talent in front of a packed venue.

Qualifications: Cheer loud and proud! There are no age requirements to be a fan in the stands!

Social Ambassadors

Purpose: To capture the moment(s) and publish to Twitter, Instagram and/or Facebook using
#SpecialOlympicsNY #SOgamesNY

Qualifications: Social media enthusiasts encouraged!