

Unified Sports Athletic Coach Job Description

Under the direction and supervision of the Athletic Director and/or Assistant Principal, the Unified Sports Coach shall create an educational and inclusive environment for students while promoting high standards of character, integrity, civility, and citizenship.

Unified coaches will support individual and team development of prosocial behavior, self-confidence, and self-esteem through activities that promote physical activity and cooperation.

Minimum Requirements:

The coach must possess the coaching certifications as deemed appropriate by the Athletic Director, including:

- First Aid Certification
- Concussion Training

A successful candidate will possess the following qualities:

- Ability to collaborate with Special Olympics Oregon and the school's athletic department staff
- Experience working with students with intellectual and physical disabilities;
- High ethical and professional standards
- The presence to be a role model and a positive representative of the program to the parents and public
- Demonstrated ability to lead young athletes
- A thorough knowledge of skill development and coaching techniques
- Ability to communicate effectively to a variety of audiences
- Skill in organization, time management, and public relations

Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Manage all aspects of the Unified program of the sport they are assigned to coach
- Provide regular communication with parents/families
- Work with local media as needed to establish strong working relationships with community support groups
- Liaison with the athletic director and Special Olympics Oregon to ensure practices are aligned with organizational standards
- Develop and implement practice plans in which event instruction is provided to all participants
- Organize and lead all practices; a minimum of two practices per week is required.
- Communicate and facilitate transportation needs to/with appropriate parties
- Plan and manage the organization of competitions.
- Recruit student participants.
- Handle all paperwork and forms required by school, district, and Special Olympics.
- If serving as a host site for a competition, coaches will coordinate with the athletic director to organize and manage the event.
- Attend any Unified Sports coaches training available.