



Special Olympics Ohio Coaches Certification Protocol

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ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT ASSISTANT LEVEL

SPORT ASSISTANT (Entry Level Requirements)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A Form / Complete Background Check • Special Olympics General Orientation • Protective Behaviors Training • Concussion Course <p style="text-align: center;">All Sport Assistant Requirements MUST be completed every 3 years</p>	
LEVEL 1 – CERTIFIED COACH (Core Coaching Knowledge)	
Traditional Special Olympics	Unified Sports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sport Assistant requirements • Coaching Special Olympics Athletes – online course via Human Kinetics Coach Education (formerly ASEP) or in person training conducted by certified trainer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sport Assistant requirements • Coaching Unified Sports – online course via NFHS or in person training conducted by a certified trainer
LEVEL 2 – CERTIFIED COACH* (Sports Specific Knowledge)	
Traditional Special Olympics	Unified Sports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Level 1 requirements • Sports Specific Course – online for those sports where online courses have been developed or in-person sport specific training – or Coaching Clinic offered by SOOH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Level 1 requirements • Sport Specific Course – online for those sports where online courses have been developed or in-person sport specific training – or Coaching Clinic offered by SOOH
* NOTE: Level required of Head Coaches attending USA National Games in the specific sport being coached.	
LEVEL 3 – CERTIFIED COACH** (Advanced Coaching Knowledge)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Level 2 requirements • First Aid/CPR/AED • Principles of Coaching Course- online via WVU or in person training conducted by a certified trainer <p style="text-align: center;">**Note: Level required of Head Coaches attending World Games</p>	