## The Power to **Transform Lives**

Sport is a powerful force. It can shift the focus from disability to ability, from isolation to involvement, from exclusion to inclusion. It teaches teamwork, instills compassion and builds leaders.



# **Special Olympics is More Than Sports**

Families find support. Lifelong friendships are formed. Social skills are developed. Independence is achieved. Lives are changed.



## Make a Dif

Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics movement. They are coaches, trainers, officials, event organizers, fundraisers, managers, and more. They can also be Unified partners, playing alongside athletes with intellectual disabilities, or fans cheering in the stands.

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Sports Official
- Athlete Support
- Volunteer 2 Cheer Fan
- Board Chair person
- Event Volunteer Parent Advisory

## Contact Us

Volunteer Coordinator Special Olympics Virginia Loudoun

**Email:** volunteers@sovaloudoun.org







Virginia Loudoun

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED •

### **About Us**

Special Olympics Virginia Loudoun's mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics is more than just sports. Through sports, we show others the capabilities of people with intellectual disabilities so they can be more included in society. When people interact with our athletes, they learn to start with what's possible, instead of what isn't.

While we're building more inclusive communities, we're also building healthier ones with an increased emphasis on ongoing fitness. Plus, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Athletes, and Global Messenger initiatives create additional opportunities for development off the playing field.





# How do I Become a Volunteer?

It's easy! Scan the code below or visit specialolympicsva.org/volunteer/class
- a-volunteer to complete the steps to
become a Class A volunteer.



# Become part of our Community!

You can find sport practice locations in Eastern, Dulles South, and Western Loudoun County.

#### Areas include:

- Ashburn
- Purcellville
- Sterling
- South Riding

### **Get Involved**

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### Step1

#### **COMPLETE FORMS**

Download and complete either the Adult 18+ or Minor Class A form and the COVID waiver. Email completed forms to: volunteer@specialolympicsva.org and bring a hard copy to the first practice.

\*Minors: no additional steps are necessary

#### Step 2

#### **RUN YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK**

Register on Sterling Volunteers and use the Good Deed code **un9a213** so the cost is covered by and results go to Special Olympics Virginia.

#### Step 3

#### **COMPLETE ONLINE TRAINING**

Register on the SO Learning
Portal and complete the
Protective Behaviors training. If you plan
on being a coach, also complete the
Concussion Awareness training.

#### Step 4

#### **CONTACT US!**

Reach out and let us know that you are ready to start volunteering! Email us at: volunteers@sovaloudoun.org