



**TITLE:** Young Athletes Coach

**GOAL/IMPACT**

Special Olympics Nebraska's (SONE) vision is to promote acceptance, inclusion, and well-being for people with intellectual disabilities through sports. Through the power of sports, our athletes discover new strengths and abilities, skills, and success - on the playing field and in life. The Young Athletes program is designed for children with and without intellectual disabilities ages 2-7 years old. The 8-week program provides a set of lessons through games and activities that focus on developing fitness, strength, body awareness, adaptive skills, and visual tracking skills. By the end of the program, the lessons provide athletes the chance to apply the skills developed to sports. Young Athletes coaches implement these training sessions and work alongside the athletes in a positive and fun environment.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Assist with creating, organizing, and conducting activities and lessons
- During scheduled sessions, work alongside athletes in motor-skill development activities
- Create and maintain a positive and fun environment for all athletes
- Opportunity to participate in Young Athletes state events

**TRAINING & SUPPORT**

- Training will be provided by Sean Whitley, Youth and Schools Program Manager
- Will receive direction at Young Athletes sessions from SONE staff and continual support and direction as Young Athletes season progresses

**COMMITMENT**

- Young Athletes coaches provide 2+ hours per week, throughout 8-10 week season
- Session locations and/or festival locations will be provided upon program placement

**QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & REQUIREMENTS**

- Minimum age 19 years old with a government issued ID (driver's license, military ID or passport)
- Must complete online volunteer application, required trainings, and background check
  - Recertification required every 3 years (2 years for concussion training)
- Must complete sport specific certification: online trainings offered year-round with in-person trainings offered annually. Sport specific recertification completed every 2 years
- Experience working with individuals between ages 2-7 preferred
- Commitment to the mission and philosophy of SONE

**BENEFITS**

- Direct interaction and impact on SONE athletes!
- Build a strong team to work together to achieve our vision of acceptance, inclusion, and wellbeing for people with intellectual disabilities through sports
- Experience enthusiasm, joy, and personal achievement alongside our athletes