

Coaching Pathway – Guidelines & Checklist



Special Olympics New Zealand Coach Development

As an organisation we value the commitment our coaches give to enabling our athletes to train and compete in meaningful sporting competition. And believe it is important that we offer our coaches a clear and accessible pathway for their own growth and development to the level they aspire to.

Special Olympics New Zealand (SONZ) is committed to connecting our coaches with the training, tools and resources, and information they want and need to provide the best coaching opportunities for our athletes.

Coaching Pathway

SONZ has developed a Coach Development Framework aimed at providing coaching pathway at whatever level, ability, interest our coaches have. This is a guideline to what coaches can do but is non-linear. Coaches are welcome to dip in and out of each level, but to become certified at each level, there are some requirements coaches need to provide evidence of to SONZ, to record and recognize. There are three levels of SONZ coach qualifications:

- Foundation
- Development
- Performance

Steps to Becoming a Certified Special Olympics Coach:

Foundation Coach

Check √	Requirements	Actions	Evidence of Completion/ Verification
	Volunteer Registration	Complete a full Volunteer Registration	to be processed and approved by Head Office
	Special Olympics New Zealand Online Coaching Modules 1 - 4	Module 1: 'Getting started in coaching' Module 2: Orientation Module 3: Coach/Team Manager Code of Ethics Module 4: Protective behaviours	Certificates of completion issued by SONZ
	Coaches Have a Strong Knowledge of their Sports Rules	Complete Special Olympics International Sport Specific Quiz https://www.specialolympics.org/get-involved/coach/quiz	Provide a screenshot of final screen showing completion. If a volunteer coaches multiple sports for a club, sports quizzes of each sport must be completed, and evidence provided
	First Aid Certification	Level 1 minimum	Send a copy of certificate to SONZ.

All documents/evidence of completion must be emailed to: sports@specialolympics.org.nz to be recorded. A certificate of completion will be posted out to you.

Development Coach

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	Special Olympics New Zealand (SONZ) Online Coaching Modules 5-7	Module 5: Understanding intellectual disability Module 6: Divisioning Module 7: Sports Protest	Certificates of completion issued by SONZ
	Special Olympics International Unified Certificate	“Coaching Unified Sports” https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61127/coaching-unified-sports	Provide a screenshot/print out of final screen showing completion
	Completion of NSO Introduction level sports specific module		Supply evidence of completion
	Sport New Zealand Online Health and Safety Module – “Sport Safe”	Complete “Sport Safe” module - an introduction to health and safety for all paid and volunteer workers. www.sporttutor.nz	Supply evidence of completion

NSO = National Sport Organisation

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Sport	National Governing Body Courses/Qualifications/Modules
Athletics	Athletics New Zealand: http://www.athletics.org.nz/Get-Involved/As-a-Coach
Basketball	Basketball New Zealand – Coach Development Programme http://nz.basketball/Get-Involved/Coaches
Bowling (Tenpin)	Tenpin Bowling New Zealand: http://tbnz.co.nz/2016/11/14/coaching-information/
Bocce	
Equestrian	Equestrian Sports New Zealand - Coaching Pathway: https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/coach/
Football	Football New Zealand https://www.nzfootball.co.nz/GET-INVOLVED/Coaches
Golf	NZ Golf – Coach Development http://www.golf.co.nz/PlayGolf/CoachingDashboard.aspx
Powerlifting	New Zealand Powerlifting Federation: NZPF Certified Coach Programme http://www.nzpowerlifting.co.nz/Officials-1/Coaches
Snowsports	Adaptive Snow Sports Coaching & Instructing: https://www.snowsports.co.nz/get-involved/adaptive-snow-sports/adaptive-snow-sports-coaching-and-instructing/
Swimming	Swimming New Zealand: Coach Accreditation Programme https://www.swimming.org.nz/mr-coaches-toolbox-courses.html
Table Tennis	Table Tennis New Zealand: http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/Coaches-Umpires-Referees/Coaches