

Seattle Adaptive Sports Volunteer Job Description Adult Wheelchair Basketball Coach (Division 3 and Women's)

Overview

The Head Coach of the wheelchair basketball team is a formal leadership position where the volunteer is responsible for the coaching and development of athletes for the NWBA season. The role deeply involves elements of planning, logistics, coaching, and athlete development. The head coach will have assistance from a team manager, other volunteers, and organizational leadership. This is a deeply rewarding role where coaches can directly feel the impact they have on our athletes and their families – blending a competitive mindset with a focus on our mission of long-term athlete development and supporting athletes with disabilities.

Responsibilities

- Prepares practice plans and executes weekly practice sessions.
- Coaches at regional and national tournament play
- Maintains consistent communication with athlete members
- Organizes schedule of competitive/non-competitive events and updates team status (scores, last-minute changes, etc) through the Team App, National Governing Board, and other preferred communication modalities.
- Upholds SAS expectations for members, including code of conduct and alignment with SAS values.
- Relays, coordinates, and supports fundraising efforts with the development committee.
- Other duties as assigned by the head of their sport, in collaboration with the Program Director.
- Completes regular coach/volunteer certifications (at cost to SAS) mandated by their sport's National Governing Board and SAS
- Completes SafeSport Training and passes background check
- Maintains current certification in CPR/AED/First Aid

Expectations & Capabilities

- Serve as role model to SAS athletes and other volunteers; consistent presence at practices and tournaments
- Personally identifies with and can speak to SAS' mission to enable people with disabilities to push beyond their limits and reach their full potential
- Strong leadership skills – understands key motivational tactics and espouses a team-first mindset
- Have previous experience with coaching sports or athletes with disabilities. Basketball knowledge a plus; wheelchair basketball knowledge a major plus!
- Organized and punctual. Be willing to be early to practices and leave last.
- In any given week (excluding practice time, which takes place almost every Saturday for 3 hours), this role may require anywhere from 30 minutes to 3 hours a week during the season (September through April), and 6 hours per away tournament weekend. Travel to regional and national tournaments (at least five weekends per season; travel and per diem are paid by Seattle Adaptive Sports) will be required.
- This role is considered a volunteer leadership opportunity and requires transparent communication & regular report-outs to the Head of Basketball, Program Director, and occasional touchpoints with Board Members. If the Head Coach cannot consistently fulfill the responsibilities as listed above, they may be removed from this role at the discretion of their peer leaders.

To be considered for a head coaching position, please email info@seattleadaptivesports.org with the following information:

1. Your full-time job, if applicable, and your capacity/ability to join all practices and tournament weekends.
2. A summary of your qualifications as they relate to basketball/adaptive sports and coaching, and things you plan to do as head coach.
3. Which position you are interested in and why (Women's Team Head Coach or Division 3 Team Head Coach).

Please limit your response to 500 or fewer words. Top candidates will be asked to join a call/virtual interview with the program director and basketball leadership team. Applications will be accepted through Friday, July 10.