



# Special Olympics Ohio Coaches Certification Protocol

**\*\*Updated October 2018\*\***

**ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT ASSISTANT LEVEL**

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