

Class A Process

a step-by-step guide

Choose
your path:



Class A Minor
Step 1 and then
you're done!



**Class A Non-Coach
or Unified Partner**
Steps 1 -3, quite
easy, you'll see!



**Class A Coach or
Certified Coach**
Steps 1 -4, then
go for more!



PRO TIP:

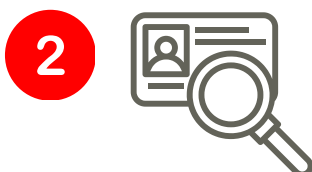


Click on the
icons to
complete
each step!



Class A Form

complete your form and sign
the waiver - **NOW ONLINE!**



Background Check

visit Sterling Volunteers and
complete yours. Be sure to use
our Good Deed code - [un9a213](#)



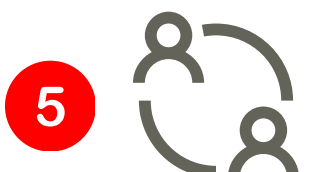
Protective Behaviors

visit SO Learn to complete
Protective Behaviors.



Advanced Trainings

select your coaching level from the
Coaching Progression options on
the next page and complete the
necessary trainings.



Connect

let us help connect you with
leadership in your area to get
started!

QUESTIONS?



Click here to
send us an
email!
We're happy
to help!

*Forms and trainings can be completed via paper format in the following pages.
Please note that General Orientation is not yet available in a paper format.*

Special Olympics U.S. Programs Coaching Progression

While some volunteers may choose to remain a Sport Assistant, others may strive to increase their level coaching and sports specific knowledge. Volunteers who wish to increase their coaching skills can progress through the levels of certification outlined below.

COACH/SPORT ASSISTANT

Entry-level requirements

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Class A form + waivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Protective Behaviors Training | <input type="checkbox"/> General Orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Background check | <input type="checkbox"/> Concussion Awareness Training | |

LEVEL 1 - CERTIFIED COACH

Core coaching knowledge

TRADITIONAL

- ☐ All Sport Assistant requirements
- ☐ Coaching Special Olympics Athletes online course via Human Kinetics Coach Education or in-person training conducted by a Program approved trainer

UNIFIED SPORTS

- ☐ All Sport Assistant requirements
- ☐ Coaching Unified Sports online course via NFHS or in-person training conducted by a Program approved trainer

LEVEL 2- CERTIFIED COACH

Sport-specific knowledge

TRADITIONAL

- ☐ All Level 1 requirements
- ☐ Sports specific course online for those sports where online courses have been developed or in person sport specific training

UNIFIED SPORTS

- ☐ All Level 1 requirements
- ☐ Sports specific course online for those sports where online courses have been developed or in person sport specific training

LEVEL 3 - CERTIFIED COACH

Advanced coaching knowledge

- ☐ All Level 2 requirements
- ☐ Principles of Coaching Course online via WVU or in-person training conducted by a Program approved trainer

*NOTES:

- Level 2 is required of Head Coaches attending USA National Games in the specific sport being coached.
- Level 3 is required of Head Coaches attending World Games.