



Return-to-Activities FAQs

Be sure to read through all the Return-to-Activities protocols on our website linked [here](#). If your question is still not answered in the FAQ below, please contact rta@sowa.org for more information.

Coaches Training

What training will be required for coaches this summer season?

Coaches are required to attend a live virtual training session on Safety Protocols. Sport Specific trainings will also be offered but are not required. Coaches will also need to update all Class A certifications (if forms have expired and/or it's been longer than 3 years), which includes a background check and the Protective Behaviors training.

What are the dates available to register for the 'Safety Protocols' training and 'Sport Specific Training'?

You can register for the trainings listed below using this [link](#):

- June 10th – Safety Protocols Training #1 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- June 17th – Safety Protocols Training #2 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- June 24th – Safety Protocols Training #3 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- July 1st – Safety Protocols Trainings #4 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- July 8th – Safety Protocols Training #5 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- July 13th – Sport Practice Training (Bocce, Golf, Tennis) 6:00 – 7:00pm
- July 15th – Sport Practice Training (Athletics, Cycling) 6:00 – 7:00pm

What if I cannot attend any of the trainings listed above?

Coaches must attend one of the trainings listed above. If you are unable to attend due to time/date constraints, please contact Riley Stockton at rstockton@sowa.org for modification opportunities.

What steps can coaches anticipate will need to be completed to coach for summer season?

Staff will be tracking coaches through this process with reminders and support on what needs to be completed. Here are the steps that coaches need to complete below:

1. Submit Pre-Registration by May 28th
2. Register and complete for one of the 'SOWA Return to Activities Training'. The training dates are listed below. Deadline for this is July 8th (last training date available).

3. Submit complete finals registration with all roster information (medical forms and waivers) by July 1.
4. Once coach completes all steps above, the PPE/Safety Kit will be mailed to coaches address that was provided during registration.

Are all coaches on the roster required to take the training?

All coaches and safety squad members will be required to take the 'Safety Protocol' training.

What if coaches cannot attend any of the 2 sports specific training dates provided?

Unlike the SOWA Safety Protocols meeting, the Sport-Specific training will be recorded and shared out with registered coaches. The sport specific training is not required for participation. These training are designed to help coaches better understand how to run a practice with these new protocols. We will also have these sport specific guidelines available to print.

Are Parks and Recreation Programs expected to do the same training as community coaches?

Yes. All coaches are required to take the same training provided by Special Olympics Washington.

Will there be a post-training check in opportunity for coaches to get any additional questions answered?

Coaches and/or participants can reach out as often as is needed with any additional questions that come up. Please reach out to Riley Stockton at rstockton@sowa.org.