



Safety Squad Volunteer Description

- **Volunteer Role**
 - At practices, teams must have a team family member or another program coach acting in this role.
 - Safety Squad will act in a support role to teams to ensure that the proper protocols are in place to return to activities.
 - After being matched with a team, SOWA Staff will connect Safety Squad volunteers to the Special Olympics Coach and athletes to become acquainted.
 - Coaches will send the Safety Check-In checklists to Safety Squad members at the end of each in-person practice. Liaisons are responsible for tracking the checklists and reporting to SOWA.
 - Safety Squad members will check in athletes and coaches at each event using a no-contact thermometer.
 - Safety Squad members submit brief forms for each member at an event for proper tracking.
 - During competition, the volunteer will ensure that there is social distancing.
 - Safety Squad volunteers will assist with disinfecting equipment after use.
 - Communicate with Special Olympics Washington any challenges teams are facing, any needs they have, and report back any questions.
 - **A background check is required to be a Return to Activities Team Liaison, 18+**
- **If you are already a Class A certified volunteer.**
 - Register <https://sowa-volunteerapp-site.my-trs.com/>
 - **If you are a returning coach or Unified Partner, please connect with your existing program.**
 - Ensure your WSP background check and protective behaviors training are up to date.
 - Review return to play resources.
- **If you are applying as a new Class A certified volunteer.**
 - Register at <https://sowa-volunteerapp-site.my-trs.com/>
 - Complete your WSP background check.
<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/promoorder/2ea089c3-b3c9-486a-a7ba-186b6510f607>
 - Complete your protective behaviors training:
<https://www.specialolympics.org/protective-behaviors>
- **Please note that availability is subject to team involvement. Volunteers will only be assigned once a team has applied for in-person events.**



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Step by Step Procedures

Arrival at Practice/Competition:

- Safety Squad Volunteers will arrive at the practice a minimum of 20 minutes early and set-up the check-in station and signage.
- Check in should take place in a safe location, near or in the parking lot.
- All participants will check in with the Safety Squad Volunteer and be asked the necessary questions and have their temperature taken.
- If the participant answers YES to any question and/or their temperature is 100.4 F or higher, they will receive the handout for "individuals that did not pass check-in", with further instructions and MUST be isolated from the group (i.e., sent home).
- If an individual (coach, volunteer, Unified partner or athlete) is not on the approved roster, please give them the handout for "Participants NOT on Roster". They are not permitted to attend practice until they follow the steps on the handout and register appropriately.
- Complete COVID-19 monitoring form and return to the SOWA office within 48 hours.

During Practice/Competition:

- Safety Squad Volunteers will be asked to help athletes maintain social distancing rules.
- Safety Squad Volunteers will be asked to assist athletes in wearing their mask correctly.
- Safety Squad Volunteers will assist with disinfecting equipment after use.
- Volunteers will work with coaches to inform SOWA if any safety measures cannot be met during practice. Safety of athletes and volunteers is most important, and an athlete will be asked to leave the practice if they repeatedly fail to follow safety measures.

Important Reminders

- All participants in attendance should adhere to social distancing rules (6ft).
- Everyone should have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and must wear their mask throughout practice, including arrival and departure. SOWA will provide additional in the PPE Toolkit PPE.
- If participants are unable to adhere to the safety measures, they will be asked to leave the practice.