

Awards – Volunteers will assist with the preparation and distribution of medals and ribbons, as well as staging athletes. They will work at a competition venue, on the days of competition. This position may require extensive walking.

Ceremonies – Volunteers will assist in various aspects of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, such as greeters, ushers and staging.

Delegation Services – Volunteers will assist teams/delegations in various tasks at one of the following locations: Delegation Welcome Center, Airport, or select venues throughout the Games environment.

Food Services – Volunteers will help with the distribution of meals, boxed lunches, snacks, and beverages. Venues will include dining halls, athlete lounges, and other lounges at competition and non-competition venues. This job requires the ability to lift heavy objects and walk long distances.

Family Services – Volunteers will provide information and direction to the families of athletes. Tasks may include working at family lounges or family information desks. A strong knowledge of Lincoln, NE and the surrounding area is helpful.

General/Administration – Volunteers will assist in general/administrative roles throughout the games. Tasks would include answering phones, filing paperwork, photocopying.

Information Services – Volunteers will provide information and direction to spectators and possibly volunteers. These volunteers will assist in the operation of information service desks that provide information on the Games. Also, a strong knowledge of Lincoln, NE and the surrounding area is helpful.

Healthy Athletes – This program offers all athletes the opportunity to be screened by professional dentists, audiologists, optometrists, and podiatrists. Additionally, athletes will be educated on general health and nutrition. General volunteers do not have to be specialists, and will assist professionals with screenings and general administration supporting each discipline.

Logistics – Volunteers will be responsible for setting up and breaking down all competition and non-competition venues. Please note that heavy lifting and extensive walking is required.

Media Services – Qualified volunteers will be involved with working directly with the media at the Main Press Center, competition and non-competition venues sub-centers, supervising mixed zones, press tribunes, and media work areas, as well as assisting with the dissemination of Games-time information.

Medical – Volunteers will provide basic first aid to various individuals. In some instances, may serve as a first responder. May also assist with the “hydration team,” ensuring athletes keep hydrated.

Special Olympics Town – Volunteers will participate in the execution of different entertainment events for athletes.

Special Events – Volunteers will assist in the execution of various special events, such as receptions.

Sports – Volunteers will assist with a variety of sport specific positions in one of the fourteen sports: Aquatics (Devaney Sports Center, UNL Campus), Basketball (Lincoln East High School, Lincoln Southeast High School and Lincoln Southwest High School), Bocce (Cook Pavilion), Bowling (Sun Valley Lanes), Flag Football (Fleming Fields), Golf (Mahoney Golf Course and Highland Golf Course), Gymnastics (Devaney Sports Center, UNL Campus), Motor Activities Training Program (Coliseum, UNL Campus), Powerlifting (Kimball Hall, UNL Campus) Soccer (Abbott Sports Complex), Softball (Fleming Fields), Tennis (Abbott Sports Complex), Track and Field (Ed Weir Track Stadium, UNL Campus), and Volleyball (Abbott Sports Complex). Some positions require the ability to perform the sport; a background in the sport is also preferred. Please remember to list Sports Background under the skills section of the volunteer Application. Areas within all sports include:

Athlete Services – Coordinates all services related to the Athletes while at the competition venue, including Athlete Lounge and Locker Room, athlete entertainment and any sports related clinics and exhibitions.

Competition Administration – Addresses all the administrative needs of sports/competition, including providing a means of communication to all teams/coaches via the Sports Information Desk. Includes managing the sports operations office, paper flow, telephones, radio communications, and light computer work.

Field of Play – Provides services to ensure that the Field of Play is safe for competition, and all sports equipment needs are adequate for competition. Also assists in staging athletes for competition.

Timing, Scoring and Results – Responsible for the proper recording, posting and dissemination of competition scores/results, includes the use of various scoring systems.

Officials Services – Coordinates all services related to the officials, including the Officials Lounge and Locker room. Also assists with any administrative duties related to Sports Officials.

Transportation – Volunteers will be responsible for staffing transportation delivery points and assist with the movement of athletes to venues upon arrival. This position requires extensive walking and standing outside.

Technology – Volunteers will assist with basic troubleshooting at competition and non-competition venues. Helpdesk type experience is preferred.

Volunteer Services – Volunteers will assist with the check-in and check-out of all volunteers. This position may include assisting with check-in, showing volunteers to their assigned area, or helping in other areas.