Special Olympics New Mexico
Certification Progression - Coach/Unified Partner/Chaperon

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While some volunteers may choose to remain a Sport Assistant/Unified Partner/Chaperone, 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.

ASSISTANT COACH/UNIFIED PARTNER/ CHAPERON

(Entry Level Requirements)

- Class A Form/Complete Background Check (Good Deed Code 210ad4u)
- Special Olympics General Orientation
- Protective Behaviors Training
- Concussion Course (Sport Assistants and Unified Partners)

LEVEL 1 – CERTIFIED COACH

(Core Coaching Knowledge)

Traditional Special Olympics

- All Assistant Coach requirements
- Sport Specific Course - Online or through a multip-sport training or a National Governing Body training
- Coaching Special Olympic Athletes - Online course via Human Kinetics Coach Education or in person training conducted by a Program approved trainer.

Unified Sports

- All Assistant Coach requirements
- Coaching Unified Sports – Online course via NFHS or in person training conducted by a Program approved trainer
- Sport Specific Course - Online or through a multi-sport or Governing Body training

* **NOTE:** Level required for Head Coaches attending USA National Games in the specific sport being coached

LEVEL 2 – CERTIFIED COACH*

(Advanced Coaching Knowledge)

- All Level 1 requirements
- Principles of Coaching Course – Online via WVU or in person training conducted by a Program approved trainer

*** **NOTE:** Level required of Head Coaches attending World Games.*