

***Special
Olympics***
Oklahoma



COACHES CERTIFICATION AND ONLINE TRAINING

HOW TO BECOME A SOOK COACH

1. Volunteer application – Background check – every 3 years
2. Protective Behaviors Training - every 3 years

Class A volunteer – VA and PB with background check qualifies an individual for Class A Volunteer status. Class A Volunteer status is prerequisite to becoming a coach.

3. General Orientation - [complete one time only](#) – online
4. Concussion Awareness Training ([online](#)) – every 3 years
5. Attend a Sports Specific skills class – every 4 years

ON-LINE RECERTIFICATION

- Certification is sport specific.
- Certified SOOK Coaches must recertify every 4 years.
- Coaches may recertify in a variety of ways
 - Principles of coaching – renews all sports specific training for 4 more years
 - SOI online or attend a Principles of Coaching course, usually offered one time per year.
 - Coaching Unified Sports – renews all sports specific training for 4 more years
 - Complete online course through National Federation of High Schools Learn program
 - On-Line sport specific recertification
 - SOOK recertification's are sport specific and completed on our website.
 - <http://www.sook.org/athletics-recertification.html>

SONA COURSES

- Coaching Special Olympics Athletes
 - Available through SONA – with cost
- Coaching Unified Sports
 - Available through NFHS - free
- Principles of Coaching
 - Available through SONA – with cost

SHARING OF IDEAS

- How does your state offer Volunteer applications and Protective behaviors?
- How does your state offer skill specific training?
- Does your state offer on-line training?
- Does your state offer on-line recertification?
- What are your certification requirements?