

## **Roles of BC Games Coaching Staff**

The BC Games Society values the commitment that coaches make to the Games – from selection and training of athletes/teams, to helping the athletes (and their parents) understand the BC Games and what they can expect, to supervising and coaching throughout the Games. Without the commitment of the coaches, the Games would not happen. Thank you for your time, energy, and dedication to your sport.



There are two roles for coaching staff for the Games – Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches.

### **General Principles for All Coaches**

- **Numbers of Coaches:** All sports are assigned one Head Coach and designated number of Assistant Coaches. Every zone with athletes attending the Games must have a Head Coach. Refer to the Technical Package for each sport for details.
- **Adult Supervisors:** If Assistant Coaches do not have any NCCP training, they are registered as Adult Supervisors. Adult Supervisors are all other adults with the zone team who are not Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches (e.g. those fulfilling the role of team manager, trainer, guide, or coaches without any NCCP training, etc.). The total number of adults for each zone must fit within the allocation detailed in the Technical Package. The reason for distinguishing between Assistant Coaches and Adult Supervisors is to ensure information about your coaches provided to other sport agencies is clear on who is a coach (or on a coach training path) versus someone who is acting ONLY in a supervisory capacity.

### **Responsibilities of Coaches**

- In addition to helping lead and guide their athletes to perform at their best at the Games, coaches are responsible for supervising them and ensuring their safety and well-being throughout their Games experience.
- Travelling on Games transportation to the Games with their athletes (if travelling on Games transportation).
- Staying in Games accommodation with the team.
- Supervising their athletes throughout the Games.
- All coaches and adult supervisors are responsible for the actions of their athletes. To that end, all BC Games coaches are expected to uphold and support the BC Games General Rules, Sport-specific Rules outlined in the Technical Packages, the BC Games Participant Code of Conduct, and the policies, rules, and codes of conduct established for their sport.

### **BC Games Head Coaches**

- Head Coaches are the leaders of *the zone team* (or sport team for sports for athletes with a disability).
- Head Coaches train and support their athletes in preparation for the competition at the BC Games.
- Head Coaches work with their Zone Representative and/or PSO to ensure all registration, travel details, etc. are completed and received for each athlete.
- Head Coaches are responsible to their respective Provincial Sport Organization.
- Unless otherwise specified in the technical package, all Head Coaches must be NCCP Competition Introduction certified (or the equivalent) prior to participating in the Games.
- Prior to the Games, Head Coaches will be sent information as outlined in the Head Coach Communication Plan document. Head Coaches are encouraged to share information with the other members of their zone coaching staff, their athletes, and the parents/family of the athletes, as appropriate and to help them prepare for the Games.
- Head Coaches are a zone team's main contact for the BC Games Society once registration is complete and in particular at the Games.
- Each sport may have added expectations/responsibilities of their Head Coaches. Head Coaches should discuss their role with the Provincial Advisor and be in touch with him/her throughout the process.

### **BC Games Assistant Coaches**

- Unless otherwise specified in the technical package, all Assistant Coaches must be certified in the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions module prior to participating in the BC Games.
- Assistant Coaches provide:
  - support to their team's Head Coach in training and Games preparations
  - support to their team's athletes in preparation for the competition at the Games
- Each sport may have added expectations/responsibilities of their Assistant Coaches. Assistant Coaches should discuss their role with the Head Coach throughout the process.