

BC WINTER GAMES ZONE COACH JOB DESCRIPTION



ROLE OF THE ZONE COACH:

Coaches play a critical role in the personal as well as athletic development of their athletes. Athletes attending the BC Winter Games have entered their next level of development, a stepping stone for some individuals on their way to higher levels of competition. The Zone Coach will work in cooperation with the team manager and athletes to prepare the zone team in achieving the best possible performance at the BC Winter Games. BCWBS also views the Coach position as a key step for coaches interested in accessing higher levels of coach development.

LEVEL OF COMPETITION:

- Athletes must turn 13 – 21 years of age in 2008 to be eligible to participate (athletes born January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1995). In addition, up to 2 new or developmental athletes per zone can be 22 years of age or older.
- Each team will be composed of 8 players (both male and female athletes are eligible)
- Hoop height is 10 ft for the games and a size 7 ball will be used.

MINIMUM COACHING REQUIREMENTS:

- All zone coaches must have achieved full NCCP Level 2 coaching certification in wheelchair basketball at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games.
- Previous wheelchair basketball coaching experience is required. This includes experience in the instruction, training and preparation of athletes, as well as game and competition experience.
- Coaches must also complete the BCWBS coaching code of conduct and a criminal record check prior to commencing the coach position
- Please also note that the coach and manager positions must have a gender split (1 male/1 female per zone).

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Conducting a zone try-out camp by November 1, 2007.
- Clearly communicating selection criteria to all eligible zone athletes in the selection process (sample criteria is available from BCWBS to assist with formalization of selections).
- Selecting an 8 player zone team to represent their zone at the BC Winter Games February 21-24th, 2008 in Kimberley/Cranbrook.
- Conducting training camps or practices as determined feasible by the coaching staff and budget restrictions.
- Working closely with the Zone Rep and Manager to ensure all critical timelines are met in preparation for the 2008 BC Games.

In addition to regular coaching duties, coaches are expected to travel with their athletes on Games Transportation and stay with them in a supervisory capacity in Games accommodation. Travel will take place between Wednesday evening February 20th with a return late Sunday evening February 24th or early Monday morning. This is a volunteer based position however all expenses related to transportation, meals and accommodation in the school district are covered in your coaching role.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

A coach application form is available from BCWBS for each BC Winter Games zone team. Applications for this position are accepted and approved by the BCWBS program committee.