





# **Coaches Update**

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Every day, our athletes inspire people everywhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential.



## Swimming Coaches Training School

Mandatory training for all head and assistant swimming coahces who will be coaching during the 2018 swim season. Training School will be held on March 22nd, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at CCRI Flanagan Campus in Lincoln. Please be sure to bring a notebook, pen/pencil and be prepared to get into the water. You must register by March 9th to Casie Rhodes, Director of Sports and Training at <u>casie@specialolympicsri.org</u> or call (401) 349-4900. <u>Click here for training school flyer.</u>



## Track and Field Training School

Mandatory training for all head and assistant coaches will will be coaching during the 2018 track and field season. Training school will be held on March 8th, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at North Kingstown High School. Please be sure to bring a notebook, pen/pencil and dress comfortably. You must register by February 23rd to Casie Rhodes at <u>casie@specialolympicsri.org</u> or call (401) 349-4900.

Click here for training school flyer.



## UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS:

**February 17th -** Traditional Basketball Tournament at Providence College

**February 17th** - Basketball Skills Competition at Providence Country Day

**February 20th & 22nd** - Coaches Conference at the SORI Office. *RSVP was due by January 30th.* 

### **Medical Forms:**

- All medical forms for athletes who will be participating in the upcoming Spring Sports Season must be completed by *February 1st.*
- Athletes who are new to SORI and would like to participate this Spring must submit medical and release forms by *March 15th.*
- If you have any questions regarding athlete medicals or need an updated listing for your team, please contact Louise Miller at <u>louise@specialolympicsri.org</u>

### Class A Volunteer Forms:

- Class A volunteers forms for volunteers who will be helping out during the Spring Sports Season are due March 1st.
- New Class A volunteers must complete both the online Protective Behaviors and General Orientation Training Courses.
- Volunteers who are <u>renewing</u> their Class A status must also complete the online Protective Behaviors Training.
- If you have questions or need updated volunteer lists for your team, contact Louise Miller at <u>louise@specialolympicsri.org</u>

## Minor Volunteers (Under 18):

- Minor volunteers must complete a Class A Form <u>and</u> a Minor Reference Form. A Social Security number does not have to be filled in on the Class A form because we do not run background checks on minors.
- Minors <u>do not</u> have to take the online Protective Behaviors and General Orientation Training Courses.

## Faxing Forms to the SORI Office:

 Please be sure to include a <u>cover</u> <u>sheet</u> when faxing forms to the office and indicate the number of pages that are being faxed. Call or email the person that you are faxing information to so that they will know that the fax is coming. Very often at this time of year our fax machine is so busy that it jams or is unreliable.

Many thanks to all of the coaches who have been working hard to get their medical and volunteer paperwork in on time. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all of us at Special Olympics Rhode Island.

