***2026 USA Games Coach Nomination Form for Georgia***

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| **Coach Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Coach Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Coach Cell Number** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Coach Email Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **SOGA Agency Affiliation** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Date of Birth** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

***Sport Nomination (select via dropdown)***

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| **Event** | Choose an item. |

***Coach Nomination Requirements:***

***For nominations to be valid, the Coach must have the following qualifications/certifications complete and in good standing with Special Olympics Georgia:***

* ***Active background screening, protective behaviors training, coach code of conduct form and the concussion training completed and on file with Special Olympics Georgia.***
* ***Active certification in the Principle of Coaches course and Coaching Special Olympics Athletes course with Special Olympics Georgia.***
* ***Active sports certification in the sport in which you are applying for at the 2026 USA Games.***
* ***At least 1 or more years of active coaching experience with Special Olympics Georgia in the sport in which you are applying for at the 2026 USA Games.***

***2026 USA Games Event Listing:***

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| Sport | Events |
| Athletics – Cat. 2 | 100 M Run, 200 M Run, 400 M Run, 4x100 M Relay, 4x400 M Relay, Shot Put, Long Jump, Mini Jav. |
| Artistic Gymnastics | Level 1 & Level 2 – Females only |
| Golf | Unified Team Level 3 (1 Male Athlete & 1 Male Unified Partner) |
| Basketball | Unified Team (5 Athletes & 5 Unified Partners) Coed/Mixed acceptable |
| Softball | Unified Team (8 Athletes & 7 Unified Partners) Coed/Mixed acceptable |
| Competitive Cheer | 15 Athletes - Coed/Mixed acceptable |
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(Please continue to the Questions/Answers page)

***Question & Answer Section:***

1. ***What makes this Coach stand out from other Coaches, warranting this nomination?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Is this Coach willing to commit to an intensive training program for 1 year?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Is the Coach willing and able to travel away from home with unfamiliar people for up to a 10-day period?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Will this Coach commit to Coaching at the 2026 USA Games, even if there are no Athletes from their local program selected to participate?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Does the Coach demonstrate good sportsmanship during the competition as well as after the competition regardless of placing 1st or 8th?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Does the Coach possess the physical stamina associated with 5 days of competition as well as a rigorous daily schedule required during national competition?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Has this Coach ever attended a USA or World Games before? If yes, what year and what location?***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Describe in detail the overall training schedule this Coach follows on a year-round basis and during the months prior to a competition.***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***In one sentence, summarize why the Selection Team should pick this Coach as a part of Team Georgia.***

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. ***Attach two (2) supporting letters/documents/articles from coaches, supervisors, pastors, teachers, friends, co-workers, newspapers, etc. (NO MORE THAN 2 DOCUMENTS ALLOWED)***

***Nomination Submitted by:***

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| **Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Cell Phone:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **E-Mail Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

***Please complete all nominations via your computer, save and email to***

***Liz Smith by the March 28, 2025 Deadline***

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