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Special Olympics North America’s Coaching Program Accredited
One of only 29 accredited programs nationwide

The United States Center for Coaching Excellence (USCCE) announces that the Special Olympics Coach Education System at Special Olympics North America has successfully accredited their program under the USCCE’s National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE). Special Olympics North America joins only 29 other NCACE accredited programs in the United States establishing itself as a leader in the United States in the preparation of coaches.

Through this accreditation process, NCACE ensures that the Special Olympics Coach Education System adheres to the characteristics of excellence as prescribed by SHAPE America’s National Standards for Sport Coaches. These standards feature eight domains of coaching responsibilities and within them, 40 standards and subsequent benchmarks representing the body of knowledge associated with each coaching responsibility and provide concrete examples of actions and orientations that constitute coaching competence. Thus, its coaching education system plays a key role in helping to prepare coaches who can provide quality sport experiences for their athletes.

About Special Olympics North America
Special Olympics is an international organization that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting inclusion and acceptance, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred athletes to nearly 5 million athletes, providing year-round sports training, athletic competition and other related programs. Special Olympics events now takes place every day, changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy and friendship. Special Olympics North America serves countries on the North America continent. For more information, visit Special Olympics at www.specialolympics.org.

About the United States Center for Coaching Excellence and the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education
The United States Center for Coaching Excellence is the premier authority on coaching education in the United States, providing coaching education programming support and
accreditation of program through NCACE. NCACE offers accreditation and national recognition to sport organizations and institutions responsible for the preparation of coaches at any and all levels of sport. The rigorous review process ensures alignment with SHAPE America’s National Standards for Sport Coaches, and that coaches are trained to effectively meet the unique developmental needs of every athlete. Through forward-thinking leadership and our team of expert reviewers, the USCCE is uniquely positioned to provide the highest quality, empirically-based guidance for the creation, implementation and evaluation of coaching education programs.

For more information, visit NCACE http://www.qualitycoachingeducation.org or the USCCE http://www.uscoachexcellence.org/

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