



NVWG Officials “Mentorship” Application

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) is supported by a talented and experienced group of “Officials” that officiate and support the 19 athletic events making up the NVWG. A select group of “experts” in each event are assigned as the “Head Official” for coordinating all aspects of that event. The rest have experience in wheelchair sports, recreation therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or other rehabilitation profession.

We are looking for (2) VA Rehabilitation Therapists or PVA Chapter Sports Chairs to get involved in a “mentorship program” with the NVWG to learn about adaptive sports and help develop more opportunities for Veterans in their home communities. This opportunity at minimum would be one year and may be extended.

Program:

- 1) On-site training and supervision in each of the assigned events.
- 2) Expenses for travel, lodging and meals during the week will be provided.
- 3) Mentorship during the experience and assistance to developing a sports and recreation program at home VA or PVA Chapter following the NVWG.

*** If you are currently coaching a team, during the week of the Games you would not be allowed to function in that role. We want to avoid any conflicts.

Qualifications:

- 1) At minimum of 2 years’ attending the Games as a coach or asst. coach is mandatory. The familiarity with the NVWG will assist with the experience.
- 2) VA Rehabilitation Therapist (RT, PT, OT, etc) or PVA Chapter Sports Director that is committed to developing adaptive sports opportunities at their home VA Medical Center or PVA Chapter.
- 3) Interest and knowledge of sports and recreation.

Application Process:

- 1) Endorsement of your participation by your VA supervisor or PVA Chapter President.
- 2) Brief Summary of your background in sports and recreation.
- 3) Paragraph or two of why you want this experience and what you’ll do with the experience following the NVWG.

Please return applications by May 1, 2014 to

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