

# Volunteer FAQ's



## **As a volunteer what might I be doing?**

55 Plus Peace Region Games are all about just that...Games! We have everything from Card Games, Photography, and 8-Ball Pool. Once we match your response with a Coordinator you can speak with them about the roles available. Every role that is filled is helping to make this event a success!

Volunteering may occur prior to, during or after the Games. There are a wide variety of roles and opportunities within these two types of roles: Committee, and Sport/Facility Volunteers.

*Committee Roles* require individuals to assist the committee coordinator in the planning and implementation of the committee portfolio. Ex: collecting paper volunteer sign up forms and compiling the information or help draft role descriptions for a sport volunteer.

*Sport/Facility Volunteers* require individuals to direct questions and assist in helping the sport run smoothly at your location. Ex: Prep the area prior to a match, communicate results or event tear down.

## **Who can volunteer?**

Anyone can volunteer! Anyone between 12 to 16 years must have a responsible adult volunteer along with them. If you are volunteering with a structured organization for youth, we will ask that you follow your organizations' guidelines for supervisory ratios.

## **I have limited mobility, can I volunteer?**

Yes!! Absolutely you can! We have volunteer roles available for everyone.

## **Can I volunteer with my friends or family?**

Absolutely! Please communicate your request with the coordinator that contacts you.

## **Which community will I volunteer in?**

When you fill out the volunteer form you will see that each sport has a community listed with it so you will know which sport is occurring in each community.

## **Are there certain skills or training that I need in order to volunteer?**

Some roles may require specific training, which will be provided to you prior to the Games. Ex: Learning sport specific scoring.

## **What is the time commitment of volunteering?**

Most roles will have shifts based around the Game play and as such, schedules will vary. Be sure to communicate with your Coordinator your availability.

## **Can I just show up to volunteer or do I need to sign up ahead of time?**

Since the games are spread over many communities and have specific needs, we will be planning our schedules in advance. We need volunteers to sign up ahead of time to ensure we make the games a success. Once you fill out the volunteer form a coordinator will work with you to train you for the role you will be filling and schedule you according to the games' timelines.

**Will I need to provide a Background Check to volunteer?**

Some volunteers may be required to provide a Vulnerable Sector / Criminal Record check if they are assisting with Medical and Safety.

**Do I need to submit an application?**

We don't have an application, but we do have an easy form that potential volunteers can fill out to make joining us official. This form helps us collect the information we need to organize all our volunteers to make the event fun for you and successful for all our communities and participants. Once we receive the form, we have the appropriate Committee Coordinator contact you. Groups will fill out the Group Volunteer Form.

**What do I wear while I am volunteering?**

Every volunteer will be provided with a T-shirt and an ID lanyard to wear during the games. The lanyard must be visible at all times. In addition to the T-shirt and lanyard, we ask that volunteers wear "neat and clean" bottoms and appropriate footwear specific to the venue they are volunteering in, keeping in mind that some activities will be outdoors. Ball caps/additional clothing should be free of profanity or explicit materials.

**My organization is volunteering – can we wear our uniforms?**

You are welcome to wear pants/shoes/caps/scarves etc. that are unique to your group along with the T-shirt and lanyard as your top so long as it is suitable for the role you are filling. Some activities will be outdoors; please keep in mind that uniforms may get dirty and that bulky uniforms may hinder the role you are performing. The volunteer T-shirt and lanyard must always be visible to distinguish volunteers from spectators.

**Do I still volunteer if the weather is poor?**

Yes, the Games run rain or shine, please try to be prepared for all types of weather by bringing sunscreen, hats, umbrellas, and rain gear!

**Will volunteers be provided with food?**

Yes, the details around receiving a food voucher are still being formed but you may receive a voucher to use at the food vendor present at your sport/activity. You are welcome to bring a bagged lunch or additional snacks but there will be no refrigeration available.

**What COVID Protocols will I need to follow?**

COVID protocols change frequently. Once we get closer to the date and the government has communicated to Albertans the current standards, we will update this section.

**If I have further questions about my volunteer experience, who can I talk to?**

Please send an email to [55plusgames@peaceriver.ca](mailto:55plusgames@peaceriver.ca) with your inquiry and contact information.