



LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

VOLUNTEERING

London 2012 will depend on up to 70,000 volunteers to make sure the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games run smoothly and successfully. Volunteers will carry out a range of essential tasks, from spectator services to language services and medical care.

London 2012 will recruit volunteers from across the UK. The recruitment process will be transparent, open and fair. The London 2012 goal is to select applicants who meet the required criteria and who will bring passion, enthusiasm and energy to the Games.

In order to assist London 2012 with their recruitment, British Rowing would like to gauge the interest and skills of those volunteers within the rowing community who may be interested in volunteering in a sport specific role at the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. If you are interested, please complete the attached form.

You will be able to apply for a volunteer role with London 2012 regardless of whether you complete this form.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

All volunteers will have to go through a London 2012 recruitment process which will involve completing an application form, attending selection event(s) and accepting an offer. All volunteers will be expected to attend training events that will give them the knowledge they need to carry out their role, even if they are experienced in their own sport.

The London 2012 online application process for volunteers is expected to commence in the summer of 2010. Further information on the London 2012 criteria will be available at this time.

TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

There will be two kinds of Games volunteer – generalist and specialist;

- **Generalist volunteers** will not need any special skills or qualifications and will receive full training. They might be given roles in areas such as event services, uniform distribution and Village operations.
- **Specialist volunteers** will have specific existing skills or qualifications that are needed for them to complete the role – for example, sport or medical training. The specialist volunteers working within the Sport Competition team will be known as Sport Specific Volunteers (SSVs).

An important distinction which is drawn by the International Olympic Committee (and by which London 2012 have to abide) is that between National Technical Officials (NTOs) and Sport Specific Volunteers (SSVs), National Technical Officials may be loosely defined as those who apply the rules or have a role in judging a competition. They will form part of the Games Family, rather than the workforce and will follow a different recruitment, accreditation and uniform process to specialist and generalist volunteers.

SPORT SPECIFIC VOLUNTEERS

Sport Specific Volunteers are specialist volunteers that will work within the Sport Competition team.

The Sport Specific Volunteer positions for Rowing may include roles such as;

- Marshalling the crews on water
- Driving motorboats
- Maintaining motorboats
- Assisting with Control Commission duties
- Managing the boat racking area
- Managing the athlete facilities in the boathouse area
- Providing information to teams through the Sport Information Centre
- Assisting the International Federation



CRITERIA

In addition to meeting the London 2012 criteria, British Rowing would expect Sport Specific Volunteers to meet the following criteria in order to be considered;

Essential

- Experience at previous Olympics, World Rowing Championships or equivalent
- Need to be available for the test event, 2011 World Junior Rowing Championships
- Team player
- An understanding of and commitment to the Olympic ideals

Desirable

- Experience of working with athletes with a disability
- Language skills
- Customer service experience

NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

In addition to the Sport Specific Volunteers there will be a number of Technical Officials appointed to each Sport.

The National Technical Officials will form part of the Games Family, rather than the workforce and will follow a different recruitment, accreditation and uniform process to specialist and generalist volunteers.

The National Technical Officials for Rowing will support the International Technical Officials (Jury).

The National Technical Official positions for Rowing may include roles such as;

- Technical Aligner
- Responsibility for the Start area during competition
- Boat Weighing
- Athlete Weighing
- Umpire Catamaran drivers

NTO positions are LOCOG appointments, which will be defined and approved by FISA.

CRITERIA

In addition to meeting the London 2012 criteria, British Rowing would expect National Technical Officials to meet the following criteria in order to be considered;

Essential

- National multi-lane or FISA umpire qualified
- Experience at previous Olympics, World Champs or equivalent
- Need to be available for the test event
- Team player

Desirable

- Experience of working with athletes with a disability
- Boat driver qualifications
- Language skills
- Customer service experience