



Coach - Flag Football Hometown: Chatham, IL

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

I have been involved with Special Olympics going on close to 10 years. First as a volunteer and coach and now as staff. I coached golf, flag football, and basketball. I volunteered at Polar Plunge, Spring Games, and other Region H events.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

I have had a variety of jobs in different fields. I feel now working for Special Olympics, I have found my long-term career.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

Right now, my biggest obstacle is losing weight and getting back into shape.

4. What makes you most proud?

I am proud that I have had many different life experiences. I like that I am able to bring those experiences to my career at Special Olympics.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?

I was lucky to be able to play college and semi-pro football, and then coach at the middle school and high school levels. I also served in the U.S. Army for 12 years, and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I enjoy being outdoors, camping, boating, and traveling. I am currently an IHSA referee and Boy Scout Assistant Scoutmaster.



7. Who do you admire most and why?

I admire my close friends the most. We all grew up together in an unconventional setting. This brought a unique series of obstacles and challenges and all of them have been able to adapt, overcome, and succeed in life.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

I am honored to be chosen and very excited to be able to coach athletes again. I just look forward to the experience, and the chance to meet people and athletes from programs across the country.

9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know the athletes and coaches.

10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?

This is my first opportunity.

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?

Yes, I am employed with Special Olympics Illinois. I am the Assistant Director of Region H.

12. Are you currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?

No, I'm not a student.

