

Understanding the Sport Specific Volunteer (SSV) Programme for Rio 2016™

An opportunity to be a part of one of the biggest events in the world!

Out of the 70 thousand volunteers that will participate in the Rio 2016™ Olympic and Paralympic Games, we will have a group of approximately seven thousand people who will be distinguished from the rest by their specific knowledge of a sport. They are the Sport Specific Volunteers (SSVs).

We are looking for people with specific knowledge of rowing to work as volunteers at the Olympic and Paralympic Rowing events. These people may be athletes, ex-athletes, umpires, coaches, administrators and even family of rowers - anyone who has a good understanding of the workings of a rowing event.

To be eligible to be a volunteer, all candidates must:

- Confirm their availability to work for at least 10 days during the Games; these may be consecutive or not. Candidates that are available for more than 10 days should indicate this when they register;
- Guarantee availability for the selection process as well as training;
- Confirm availability to work at the Test Event, the 2015 World Rowing Junior Championships, taking place in August 2015. Participation in the Test Event will be instrumental in the preparation and training for the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- Have a minimum education level of Elementary School;
- Have access to the internet (for online training);
- Be at least 18 years of age in 2016. There is no upper age limit.

It is not necessary to work at both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games; volunteers can work at one or the other, or both.

All volunteers will receive:

- Free public transport within the metropolitan area of Rio de Janeiro
- Meals at the venue on the days worked
- A complete uniform
- An online English course at the appropriate level (basic, intermediate or advanced)
- Training appropriate to the assigned role
- A certificate of participation

Volunteers will not receive:

- Financial or other support for travel to Rio de Janeiro
- Visa support for foreigners
- Accommodation
- A certificate to support a request for leave from work
- Any form of payment

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Key milestones in the Volunteer Programme:

2014:

- Registration on the official site of the Rio 2016 Volunteer Programme - this must be done in August and September 2014.
- All Rowing SSV candidates will receive a sport code that should be submitted during the registration process. This will identify them as “rowing experts”. The code will be distributed during June or July 2014.

2015:

- Start of the selection process
- Start of training
- Test Event: World Rowing Junior Championships, 6-9 August. Volunteers should be available from 2 - 11 August.

2016:

- Offer letters sent
- Completion of training
- Task allocation and scheduling

Other information:

- The Rio 2016™ Organising Committee will assign tasks and schedules as appropriate to each volunteer.
- The allocation of roles is the responsibility of Rio 2016™ and volunteers may not request to change their role.
- It will not be possible to register as a volunteer after the close of the registration period at the end of September.
- Being a volunteer is not a free ticket to watch the competition. Volunteers will be expected to display a professional attitude at all times.
- For those functions in which volunteers are in direct contact with the competitors and other members of the teams, volunteers may not ask for autographs, photographs with athletes, gifts or do anything else that might interfere with the concentration or privacy of the athletes - both before and during competition.
- Any type of commercial activity is expressly forbidden.

Questions?

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