

# Brock Niagara Penguins

**Volunteer Description: Do not send this sheet in with application**

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The Volunteer Description was put into place to insure that all Brock Niagara Penguin Athletes can participate in their sports in a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment. In addition, volunteers have the right to a safe working environment and a positive volunteering opportunity.

The objective of the Brock Niagara Penguins is to provide a sports experience that is fun and safe for athletes with physical disabilities. Volunteers play an important role in helping assist athletes to obtain their personal goals. In addition, the program provides an opportunity for social interaction among athletes as well as development of healthy leisure choices.

*Please note that the following requirements are subject to change depending on the program and/or need of the athlete. Penguins reserves the right to accept or deny volunteers at their discretion.*

## **Qualifications:**

- ✓ 16 years of age or older
- ✓ No criminal background
- ✓ Flexible
- ✓ Able to follow directions independently
- ✓ Good initiative
- ✓ Good verbal communication skills
- ✓ Willing to learn and ask questions
- ✓ Mature and responsible
- ✓ Energetic & Reliable

## **Requirements:**

- ✓ Able to commit for a minimum of one full session (Fall / Winter)
- ✓ Work with athletes aged 6 plus who may present physical or behavioural challenges (ie. running, hitting, kicking, inappropriate language)
- ✓ Work alongside athletes to encourage and help to participate in program
- ✓ Follow directions according to Penguins coaching staff
- ✓ Initiate play and/or activities with client when needed
- ✓ Keep all information confidential
- ✓ Ask questions when unsure
- ✓ Report to coaching staff any concerns

*Brock Niagara Penguins provides a hands-on orientation to all volunteers during the first 3 weeks of programs.*

*Please note that volunteers will never be left alone with athletes and will never be asked to provide any personal care.*

*Cell phones are not permitted to be out at any program.*

*All volunteers are required to come on time and prepared.*