



# STUDENT WINGMAN GUIDELINES

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## STUDENT WINGMAN COMMITMENT

An ASA Student Wingman is between the age of 14 through full-time senior in College.

An ASA Student Wingman commits to:

1. Attend a minimum of 1 ASA group run a month (mid March - mid November)
2. Participate in 2-3 races a year with ASA
3. Fundraise \$150 (\$75 if running for one season) for The Wingman Program by December 15th (see tips and opportunities below)
4. Keep track of their time spent at Group Runs and races for ASA staff to sign off on all hours for service learning requirements.

ASA commits to providing every Student Wingman 3 free races a year: the ASA RunFest (spring) and two others of your choice assigned through the Wish List process for the Summer (1) and Fall (1) seasons.

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## YEAR AT A GLANCE

January	Wingman Program Registration Opens
February	Wingman Program Registration Open
March	Group Runs & Racing info released Group Runs & Racing start
April	Group Runs & Racing start Wish List (summer) ASA RunFest
May-Nov	Group Runs & Racing continue
July	Wish List (fall)
October	ASA Bash
December	Group Runs & Racing come to a close

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## DISABILITY INSIGHTS

We realize that being an ASA Wingman is many people's first experience connecting with and empowering a person living with a disability. ASA has created an overview of the different disabilities you may encounter in our program as well as insights into how to interact with a person with a disability. Our goal is to ease your

fears and equip you to be the best Wingman you can be for our Athletes living with disabilities. To view a more comprehensive document looking at the disabilities you may encounter - [click here](#).

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## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

As a Wingman with ASA, you will have access to confidential information about ASA Athletes. Do not share sensitive information (addresses, health information, donation information) with anyone.

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## **GROUP RUNS**

- **FREQUENCY:** offered 2-3 times a month in each community (typically 2 week nights & 1 weekend)
  - **TIME OF DAY:** different in each community - week night runs occur before dark, weekend runs typically occur in the morning
  - **SIGN UP PROCESS:**
    - 1 week prior to group run date - sign up on Sign Up Genius site (linked on ASA website)
    - 2 days prior - cancel via the Sign Up Genius if you can no longer attend
    - It is important to use the Sign Up Genius as this is how weather or any other cancelations will be communicated
    - Follow directions on the Sign Up Genius if you need to cancel at the last minute
  - **TYPICAL GROUP RUN:** 1 hour
    - Arrive to group run 15 minutes prior to start time
    - Check in with Group Run Manager
    - Greet fellow ASA Wingmen and Athletes while Captains build the joggers
    - Await Group Run Manager direction to assign teams for the run
    - Connect with teammates
    - RUN
    - Say goodbye to teammates and depart
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## **RACING**

- **FREQUENCY:** ASA attends 7-10 races per month on average throughout our ASA Communities
- **SIGN UP PROCESS:**
  - Check the ASA Race Calendar on the ASA Website to see which races we are participating in
  - Pick the races that interest you and fit your schedule
  - Email the Coordinator(s) for those races to receive registration instructions
  - Upon receiving your registration confirmation from the race, forward to the Coordinator
  - The Coordinator will then add you to the race within ASA to be paired to a Wingman Team
- **RACE DOC:** This is the document emailed to every Wingman Team participant prior to a race
  - 1 week prior to race day - you will receive a document providing race day contact information, parking information, and all pertinent race information for ASA
  - This document will contain your Wingman Team assignment - the Captain in charge of your team, the Athlete for your team, and the other Wingmen on the team
  - A few days before race day - your Captain will email the Wingman team and introduce themselves and provide any other information about the Athlete they need to share

- RACE DAY: Follow the directions in the race doc
  - ATHLETE PROFILES: Every ASA Athlete has an Athlete Profile that is placed in their jogger during Group Runs and Races for the Wingman Team to reference. This profile provides information about the Athlete - their likes/dislikes, their disabilities, and parent contact information. The Captain (an experienced and background checked Wingman for at least 1 year) assigned to lead the Wingman Team communicates with the Athlete's parent/caregiver prior to arrival and knows the Athlete's history.
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## **RULES OF THE ROAD**

- Each team will consist of 1 Athlete, 1 Captain, and 1-3 Wingmen.
  - All members of the team will stay together throughout the run.
  - The group's pace is based on the slowest Wingman.
  - All Wingmen should share the responsibility of pushing the Athlete's jogger as needed to complete the event safely.
  - Wingmen interact with ASA Athletes but are not responsible for the direct care of any ASA Athlete.
  - Wingmen share pushing the jogger in races and group runs.
  - Focus on running in a straight line. Avoid unnecessary turning or stopping. Do not "pinch" the corners on turns. Maintain a safe consistent path always.
  - In heavy runner traffic, guiding Wingmen (those not pushing) should focus on safety of the team by guiding a path for the jogger. They should run on the sides of the jogger, 3-5 feet from the front wheel and remain there except during rotation.
  - Each team Captain must carry a cell phone, keep their ringer on LOUD and have the phone number of the Onsite Manager and their Athlete's parent/guardian.
  - No headphones are allowed while running.
  - Dress and act in an appropriate manner at all times. Please wear you ASA shirt, proper athletic apparel and sunscreen if necessary.
  - As soon as you cross the finish line, or finish your group run, try not to disrupt the flow of other finishers. Clear the area safely and timely.
  - Do not use water stops and/or relay check points. Have guiding Wingmen secure water/Gatorade as necessary for the team. If a stop is required please coordinate beforehand the time and place as to not disrupt the flow of other participants, either before or after the actual water stop area.
  - Do not "tailgate". Runners frequently stop spontaneously. Be alert for this to happen. Do not push your way around other race participants or ask them to move aside.
  - Report any emergencies to the appropriate authorities after first taking immediate action to ensure the health and safety of the participants.
  - Abstain from transporting, storing, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and/or illegal substances when responsible for the safety and well-being of Athletes. Athletes Serving Athletes prohibits consumption of alcohol and tobacco during events (24 hours a day) by participants and by anyone with Athlete responsibilities at an Athletes Serving Athletes event. Consumption of alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal substances shall not be permitted at any Athletes Serving Athletes competition venue or training site.
  - Do not engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship, including, but not limited to, any sexual contact or sexual relationship with Athletes, volunteers, or other participants of Athletes Serving Athletes.
  - Follow the established rules and guidelines of Athletes Serving Athletes and/or any parties involved with Athletes Serving Athletes.
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## **FUNDRAISING**

Part of your commitment as an ASA Wingman is to fundraise \$150 annually. After December 15th, any remaining funds less than your \$150 commitment will be charged to your credit card on file. For Wingmen that raise above and beyond the commitment, there are incentives offered throughout the year.

- Share your fundraising page on your birthday
- Share your personal experience at a race or training
- Personalize your fundraising page with a photo and your ASA story
- Copy and paste your fundraising page link on social media
- Host a fundraising night at a local restaurant
- Invite family and friends to RunFest - all funds raised on your RunFest page count towards your WM fundraising goal!
- Volunteer at an ASA Water Stop or Expo Booth to receive fundraising credits
- Please don't start a Facebook Fundraiser. We are unable to track Facebook donations and apply credit to you. Instead, please copy and paste your WM Fundraising Page link directly into a post to share.
- For a complete list of Fundraising opportunities (including Water Stops and Expo Support) please click [HERE](#)

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**Thank you for joining us and we look forward to a wonderful running season with you. Together We Finish!**