



Marc Mercadante began his affiliation with Special Olympics as a volunteer for Special Olympics New York in 1979. He joined the staff as Sectional Director in 1984 and became Director of Sports Competition in 1989.

He joined Special Olympics Connecticut in 1996 and has served as Volunteer Coordinator, Director of Coaches Training and Volunteer Services, Eastern Regional Director, and most recently, Senior Director of Sports and Local Programs.

Career highlights include serving as a World Games Delegation Leader (Connecticut-1995, North Carolina-1999 and Ireland-2013) and Head of Delegation for Dream Ride Australia; supervising volunteer training, coaches training and competition management; cultivating Special Olympics CT's relationship with its sister program - Special Olympics St. Kitts and Nevis; supporting 75 local programs and participating in sports as a Unified Partner and Coach.

Marc received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cortland State, NY and hails from Amsterdam, New York.

Fun Facts:

Favorite sports memory: At the 1987 International Games at Notre Dame, watching an athlete I used to coach, Kevin McCann, win a gold medal in the 1600M race. His father and brother were both Notre Dame alumns.

Sports hero: Jose Altuve – nobody thought he could play Major League Baseball

What does inclusion mean to you? Treating our athletes with respect as both athletes and individuals in our community.