

Special Olympics Athlete's Code of Conduct

Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sport and expects all athletes to honor sports and Special Olympics. All Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners agree to the following code:

Sportsmanship

- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team, and Special Olympics.
- I will not use bad language.
- I will not swear or insult other persons.
- I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers, or staff.

Training and Competition

- I will train regularly.
- I will learn and follow the rules of my sport.
- I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask questions when I do not understand.
- I will always try my best during training, divisioning, and competitions.
- I will not "hold back" in preliminary competition just to get into an easier finals competition division.
- I will not miss more than 2 practices unless approved by the Head of Delegation(s).
- I will commit and follow through with the sport I choose.

Responsibility for My Actions

- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others.
- I will not smoke in non-smoking areas.
- I will not drink alcohol or use illegal drugs at Special Olympics events.
- I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
- I will not make threats of any physical violence.
- I will obey all laws and Special Olympics rules, the International Federation and the National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport(s).

If I do not abide by these set rules and conduct the following can and will happen;

Warning One – Meet with Head of Delegations and/or Sports Coach also suspend from 2 practices.

Warning Two – Meet with Head of Delegations, Sports Coaches and Area Coordinator

Warning Three – Suspend from Special Olympics Teams until further notice. (Head of Delegation approval.)

Head of Delegation may suspend you from any and all Special Olympics events without a warning. This action can only be done by the Head of Delegation.

I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences by my Program and/or SOUT up to and including not being allowed to participate.

Athlete Signature

Date