

Athlete and Unified Partner 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:

A. SPORTSMANSHIP

1. I will practice good sportsmanship.
2. I will act in ways that bring respect to me, my coaches, my team, and Special Olympics.
3. I will not use inappropriate or offensive language, including swearing or insulting other individuals, in any form of communication.
4. I will not fight with other athletes, coaches, volunteers, or staff.
5. I will appreciate the full and active participation of talented individuals with diverse characteristics such as race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, type of disability, and marital status, as well as differences in personality, talents, experiences, education, and cultural and socio-economic background.

B. TRAINING AND COMPETITION

1. I will train regularly.
2. I will learn and follow the rules of my sport.
3. I will listen to my coaches and the officials and ask questions when I do not understand.
4. I will always try my best during training, divisioning, and competitions.
5. I will not "hold back" in preliminary competition just to get into an easier final competition division.

C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS

1. I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others.
2. I will tell Special Olympics leaders immediately if I experience behavior or abuse from another team member or volunteer.
3. I understand all telephone and electronic communications between me and any other member of Special Olympics must be appropriate and respectful, including texting and social media.
4. I understand that any social media connections I make with delegation members on my personal social media accounts are my choice and I am completely responsible for all such communications and who I choose to friend/follow on social media.
5. I will not smoke in non-smoking areas, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs at Special Olympics events.
6. I will not take drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
7. I will obey all laws and Special Olympics and National Federation/Governing Body rules for my sport(s).

I understand that if I do not obey this Code of Conduct my Program or a Games Organizing Committee may not allow me to participate.

Printed Name

Signature

Date