

CODE OF CONDUCT



The Code of Conduct was established to address unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior displayed by a coach, volunteer, or athlete during a SOPA training or competition event. Special Olympics is committed to the highest ideals of sports and expects all athletes to honor sportsmanship 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

- ✚ 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, sectionals, and competitions;
- ✚ I will not "hold back" in preliminaries just to get into an easier heat.

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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 obey all laws and Special Olympics rules.

I understand if I do not obey the Special Olympics Code of Conduct, I will be subject to a range of consequences by my Program up to and including not being allowed to participate in training and competition.

Code of Conduct Violations

If a Special Olympics athlete violates any part of the code of conduct, Special Olympics may impose disciplinary actions.