

ATHLETE AND VOLUNTEER POLICY
ON REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Special Olympics
Oklahoma



Special Olympics Oklahoma (SOOK) desires to provide a safe environment for participants at all SOOK events.

Any SOOK volunteer or athlete with (1) a conviction for a crime of violence, (2) a history of violent, abusive, or disruptive behavior, or (3) any allegation or conviction of an offense that qualifies for registration on any Sex Offender Registry, will be immediately suspended from participation or attendance at any SOOK event. Upon further investigation, SOOK reserves the right to permanently bar the volunteer or athlete from participation or attendance at any SOOK event.

In the event that a volunteer or athlete is suspended or expelled under this Policy, the athlete (including the athlete's guardian) or volunteer will receive written notice of the suspension or expulsion from SOOK. The subject athlete or volunteer may appeal the decision to suspend or expel to the Board of Directors of SOOK, and the notice of appeal should be submitted in writing to the SOOK President & CEO within ten (10) days of receipt of notice of suspension or expulsion. However, any person who is required by state or federal law to register with any Sex Offender Registry is permanently barred from participating as an athlete or volunteer in any SOOK activity.

In the event that the athlete or volunteer was at one time listed on any Sex Offender Registry, but was later removed from said Registry, the details of the underlying allegations will be reviewed by SOOK and any restrictions on that individual's future participation in SOOK activities will be determined on a case by case basis.