



Special Olympics Oklahoma Volunteer Code of Conduct

Fulfill the responsibility of your assignment:

- Carry out all aspects of your assignment.
- Perform your duties as instructed and follow the chain of command at your assigned venue.
- Notify the venue director if you cannot complete an assignment.

Set an example for the athletes:

- Refrain from smoking, consuming alcohol, or using profanity when acting as a volunteer.
- Be discreet in your personal relationships with athletes and avoid any behavior which may misunderstood or misinterpreted.

Demonstrate good sportsmanship:

- Support the decisions of referees, judges, and committees, and use proper dissent processes.
- Be respectful during the ceremonies and help athletes be the same.
- Praise the athletes for their effort and encourage them to be happy for the success of other athletes.

Be continually vigilant and cognizant of the safety of the athlete:

- Never leave an athlete unchaperoned.
- Report anything you observe, either in the physical environment or an individual's behavior which you feel may cause potential harm.

Be loyal to your commitment and to Special Olympics:

- Look for constructive ways to overcome obstacles.
- Be sure to arrive on-time and stay for the entire time committed.
- Be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things.
- Become an active participant by extending your involvement to other roles of leadership and training.
- Delight in the change that your involvement makes in the life of someone you know and in the lives of those you never meet.

Thank you for volunteering with Special Olympics Oklahoma and providing more opportunities to individuals with intellectual disabilities!